

# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

January 2024 SCHOA “1<sup>st</sup>  
Quarter Newsletter”

Official Publication of the Sunset Cove HOA



# From the President



Hi all, now that 2023 is in the books I can say that we are looking forward to 2024. It's been an interesting year to say the least. Our Community and City has made huge strides getting things back on track after dealing with record inflation the last couple of years. Its good to see Washington Park bustling with campers, boaters and outdoor enthusiasts in general. Its also great to see local businesses thriving and reaping the benefits from recreational visitors and the local crowd. We also look forward to the projects we've got scheduled for 2024 that we anticipate will add to property values and the aesthetics of the community. As we continue throughout 2024 the SCHOA Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove.

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.

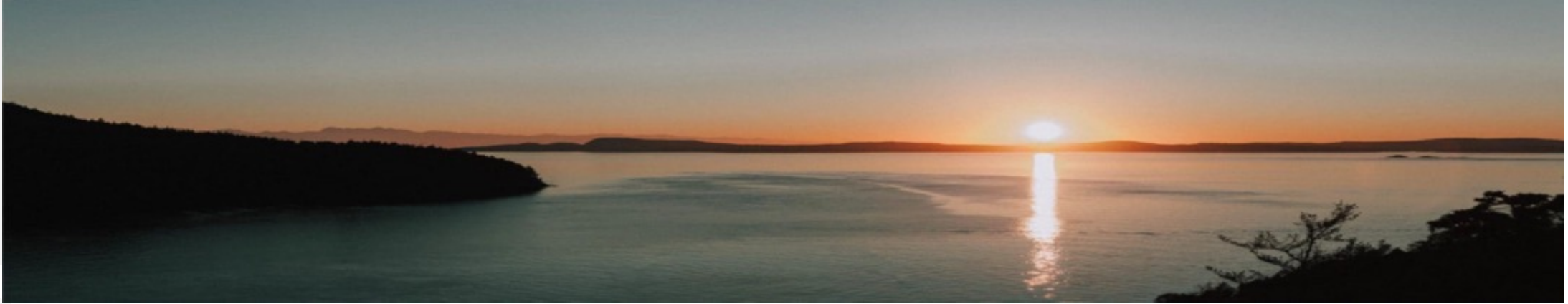
**Doug Berard**

**President, Sunset Cove Homeowners Association**

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

# About the SCHOA

## ***Sunset Cove 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**

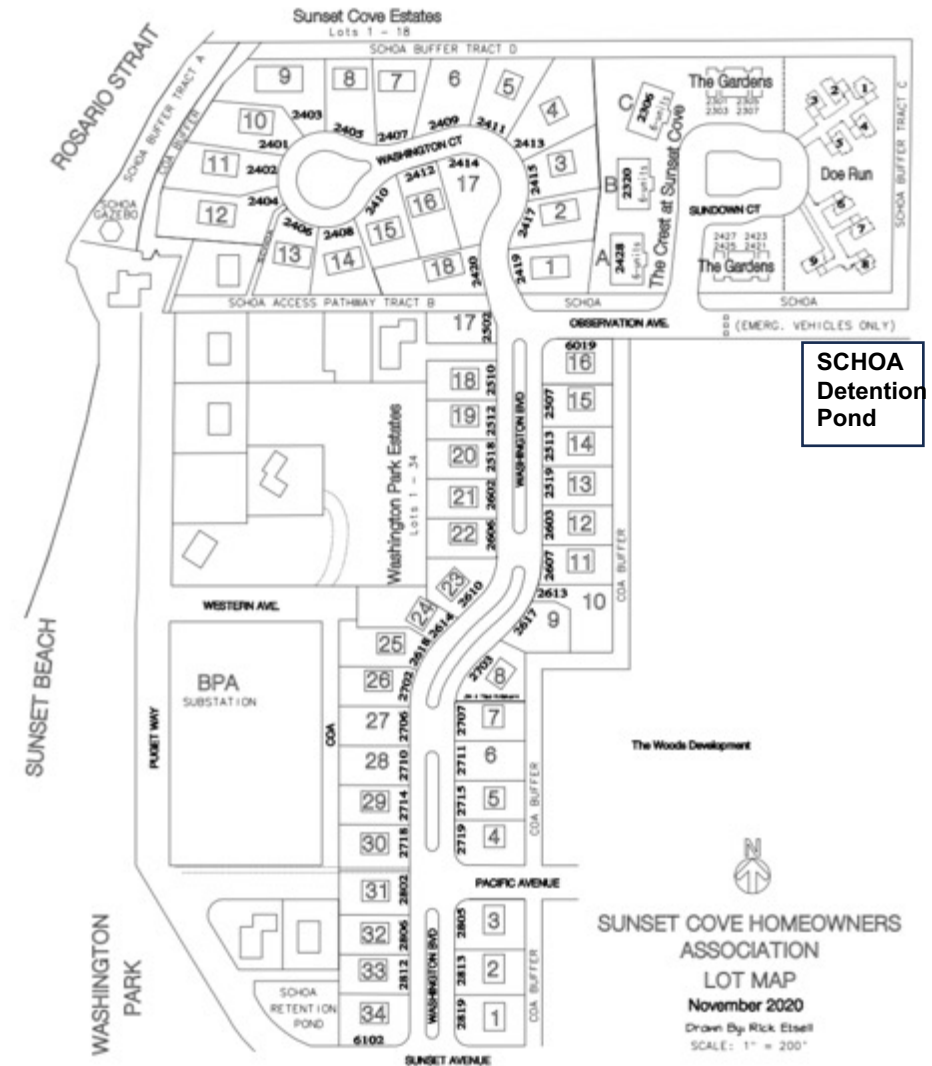


# City and Community Logistics

## Westend Anacortes



## Sunset Cove Neighborhood



# 2024 SCHOA Board

## 2024 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Vice President-Kathy Edmonds, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Secretary-Lori Campbell, Sunset Cove Estates
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/2024
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- ARC Committee Chair-Annie Hayes, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Landscape Committee Chair-Claire Colson, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board members

**Note:** Our new 2024 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.



## Current SCHOA Board Update(s)

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 HOA cannot function without volunteers. The 2025 Board nominations will present some unique challenges and opportunities. With 6 outgoing members from the 2024 Board we will be looking for new members for all positions. If you've never served, or have served and are interested in another term please reach out to the Board for more information.

Our 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**

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Time
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/23/2024	7pm PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	2/17/2024	9am PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	4/20/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	6/22/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	8/24/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	10/12/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	11/9/2024	9am PST
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/21/2025	7pm PST

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- Total assets on hand as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 are \$29,798.42. Working balance \$7,210.45, unallocated reserve balance \$22,587.97
- Our 5 year strategic plan addresses the timing of projects that would impact our reserve balance. Mailbox replacement remains a concern with an estimated cost of \$20k over the next 4-5 years
- The 2024 annual assessment has a due date of February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. The assessment mailing will go out after the 2024 annual meeting
- Dues were raised from \$300 to \$400 per annum to cover the increasing cost of services due to inflation and planned projects for 2024/25
- We have larger landscape projects completed, pending or under review this year which include buffer zone assessment, WA Court circle area refresh, WA Blvd street tree test
- SCHOA resident directories will be updated at the end of January and can be found under the password protected portion of the SCHOA website



# 2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

## Landscape Committee Update

- The Board is in the process of evaluating landscape maintenance companies for 2024. Our incumbent is Pro-Scapes who has submitted their bid; we are also looking at bids from Simply Yards and Choice Landscape
- 2023 Project Recap-The following projects were completed in 2023
  - WA BLVD median lighting
  - Observation Ave. & Sunset Ave. detention pond(s) cleanup
  - WA Court Circle refresh phase 1 cleanup. Phase 2 scheduled for Q1 2024
  - Western Washington Conservation District consultation and guidance program
  - DNR assistance program structure in place for Doe Run
  - Mailbox replacement WA Blvd-1 CBU replaced
  - "At Risk Trees" removed from WA BLVD
- 2024 Project Schedule
  - Street tree test WA Blvd-Working with Urban Forestry
  - WA Court Circle refresh phase 2-Working w/Dust to Beauty
  - Buffer zone assessment



## Landscape Committee Update cont'd

- 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 us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org).
- As the weather starts to warm up and your landscape becomes a priority the list of landscape maintenance companies below offer most, if not all of the services you'll need to maintain a well manicured yard and landscape

### Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies

Company	Contact	Contact #
Dust to Beauty	Javier Chavez	(360) 202-5943
Pro-Scapes	Office Contact-Diana	(360) 724-3220
Pro-Scapes	Field Contact-Jerod Barth	(360) 661-2044
Choice Landscape	Office	(360) 419-5785
Lawn Boy	Jennifer Aase	(360) 922-4254
Signature Tree Service	Rich Holman	(360) 941-8105
Olsen Tree Service	Office	(360) 941-3189

**Claire Colson**  
**Landscape Committee Chair**



# 2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



## Architectural Review Committee Update

- About the ARC Committee-Your ARC committee is comprised of neighborhood volunteers responsible for reviewing and approving plans for new home construction and plans for most exterior changes or additions to the homes in the community. The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
  - Lot #SCE 6 under construction
  - 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

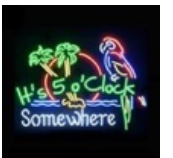


**Annie Hayes ARC Committee Chair**

## Publicity Committee Update

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes
  - 2024 anticipated publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter-January 2024
    - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2024
    - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2024
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2024
- Gatherings at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this past summer. We hope to see that continue during the Fall and Winter months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA
- Summer picnic-The Board is looking for volunteers to help schedule and organize an SCHOA picnic. It would typically follow the Labor Day weekend but dates and timing are open at this point. If you have an interest in assisting please reach out to the Board at [boarg@sunsetcove.org](mailto:boarg@sunsetcove.org)

**SCHOA Board**





# 2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



## Publicity Committee Update cont'd

### Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2023 Addition

On behalf of the Sunset Cove HOA Board of Directors and the other homeowners of Sunset Cove we welcome you to our Community. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you and your family, whether it be walking down the street, a hike at Washington Park or at one of the great local establishments downtown. Our community website [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) is a repository of information regarding Sunset Cove and the surrounding area. Upcoming activities and events, announcements, Board Meeting Minutes, directory of owners, CC@R's, by-laws and newsletters can all be found there. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this resource and get to know your community. The website provides ready answers to most of the questions new homeowners have.

Please join the Board in welcoming the following families that have moved to Sunset Cove in 2023: Janet & Robert McConnel, Jeff & Linda Hendricks, Pamela Doddridge, Mark & Murphy Phiipsen, Buck & Tina Evans, Bob & Joanne Rosain, Alex & Megan Fulwiler, Dan & Tracy Averill and Judy Card & Lori Bergen.

## Nominations Committee Formation

As our community ages the need arises to form a sanctioned committee to assist the SCHOA Board in the search for qualified Board Members to serve a 2-year term. In the recent past fewer owner/members have stepped up and volunteered their time and effort; simply put, the Board can't function without volunteers from the community. Alternatives to a functioning member driven Board:

- Structure the Board with fewer positions
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party management company
- Dissolution of the Board as we know it

None of the alternatives solve the need for a hands on, engaged member driven group that truly understands the needs of our community.

I'm please to announce the formation of our HOA's first Nominations Committee that will come together in 2024. The members include, Committee Chair Doug Berard, members at large Paul Allen, Kim Graf and Amy Schnabel. Please join me in welcoming Paul, Kim and Amy to the committee. The newly formed committee will be looking for volunteers to serve 2-year terms starting in January of 2025.

# 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

## Garden Resources



### Garden Resources and Techniques

[Hortsense](https://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/) is a compilation of fact sheets for managing common landscape and garden plant problems. <https://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/>

[Pestsense](http://pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/Home/PestsenseHome.aspx) fact sheets outline IPM strategies including cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical methods. <http://pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu/Home/PestsenseHome.aspx>

[Gardening in Washington State](http://gardening.wsu.edu/home/) is a collection of peer-reviewed gardening publications. <http://gardening.wsu.edu/home/>

[General Gardening](https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/general-gardening), WSU Extension provides a selection of downloadable gardening publications. <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/general-gardening>

The [USDA Hardiness Zone Map](https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/) is the standard by which gardeners can determine which plants are most likely to thrive at a location. <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>



# Neighborhood Updates



- As Winter continues, we are still dealing with waning daylight, black ice and less than desirable driving conditions. With 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 begin to increase later this winter and Spring it becomes increasingly important to stay on top of yard maintenance and storm damage from downed limbs, old yard debris and dead or dying plants. Mowing, pruning and debris removal from your yards 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; let's 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 the year when our daylight hours are shorter and the weather is a mixed bag of cold and rain. Residents still like to get out and walk pet's, hike and look for general exercise traversing the neighborhood.  
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 sidewalks and move it back onto the lot. Nails, screws, utility knife blades etc. should be discarded in the trash receptacles located on the lot. Thanks in advance for your help.
- Pets-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is your responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
- The mailbox locks have just been lubricated for the Fall and Winter seasons. 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 of Anacortes was out in August to cut back the brush in the fire access lane. Let's be mindful of this area keeping it free of pet waste. It is part of our community and HOA.
- Pickleball Courts-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 10 covered courts located at the Blackburn Pavilion in Mount Vernon, 2405 E College Way. Free and open to the public on a daily basis. Seven courts are reserved for members of the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club during morning and afternoon blocks of time. The courts are otherwise available on a first come first serve basis.
- 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 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.

# Winter/Spring Best Practices



## Spring Maintenance Checklist

- Inspect gutters for debris and damage
- Inspect exterior windows and doors for damage and wear
- Inspect roof and siding for damage
- Inspect underground sprinkler system and make ready for use
- Inspect decks/railings and clean and or refinish as needed
- Inspect for pest infestations
- Clean interior HVAC vents
- Change furnace filter(s)
- Change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- Clean lint trap from dryer vent
- Tune up power equipment: Change oil, spark plugs, sharpen blades and chains, remove old gas before starting
- Check garden hose connections, insert new washers if needed
- Rake up debris, moss and dead grass from lawns
- Remove dead plants from landscape
- Fertilize lawn
- Add mulch to garden beds and other landscaped areas

## Spring Maintenance Checklist-cont'd

- Prune trees, shrubs & grasses growing into your house or garage
- Remove frost covers from exterior hose bibs when temps allow
- Clean grill(s) and check propane connection
- Fill or replace propane tank(s)

## Spring Necessities

- Shovel, rake and hoe
- String trimmer
- Lawn mower or equivalent
- Gas can(s)
- Pruner(s), lopper(s)
- Garden trowel, handheld rake
- Garden gloves
- Handheld weeder
- Knee pads
- Garden hose and hose reel
- Wheelbarrow
- Sun hat
- Protective eyewear



# Winter/Spring Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



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

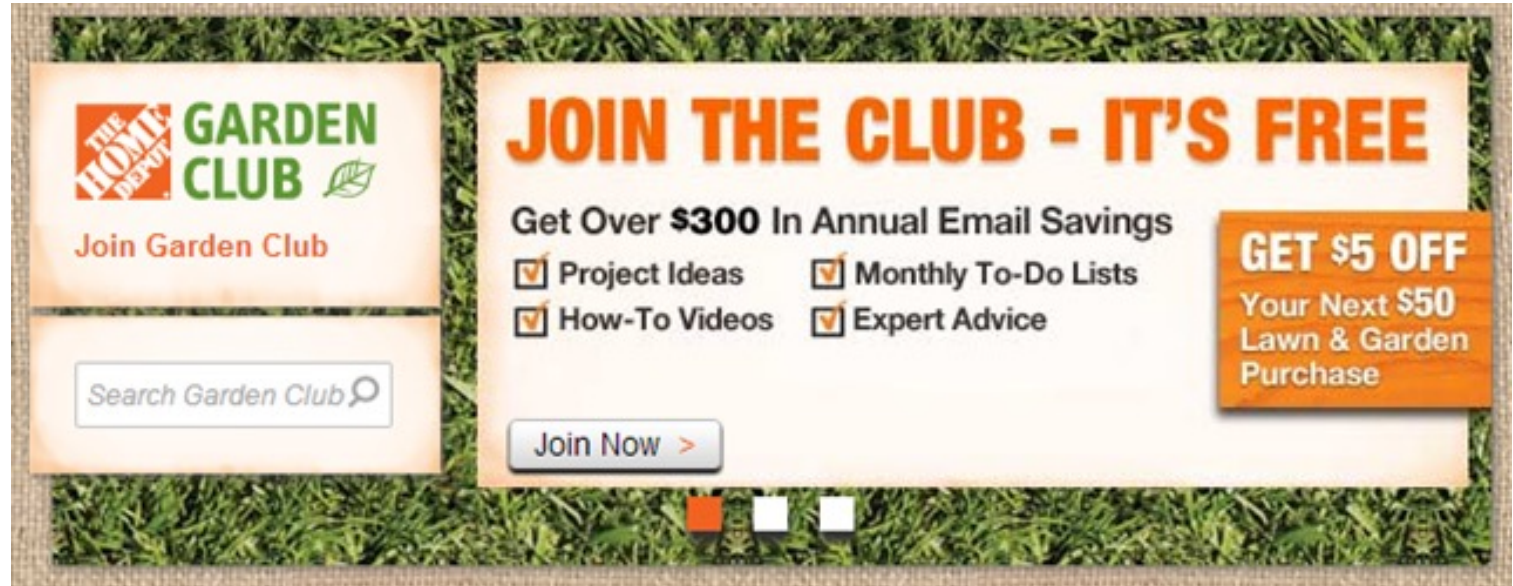
**NO** cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

## ➤ 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



# Home Depot Garden Club 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Planning



## Want to know what's ahead in your gardening year?

We've put together a quarterly calendar to help you plan. From seed starting in the dark days of winter to building raised beds in spring, picking flower bouquets in summer and vegetable harvests in early fall, we've got your gardening year set. The SCHOA newsletter production is committed to keeping you informed on a quarterly basis what happening in garden circles in the PNW.

### January



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## Take Advantage of the Time of Year and Plan Your Spring Goals

### Set Goals, Make Plans for Your Garden

Now is a great time to set goals and make plans for your garden. See your outdoor space in a whole new light and make bold changes where they need to be made. Get inspired for the upcoming gardening season with a plan for your garden that enables you to eat what you produce and reduce food waste while attracting pollinators as such birds, bees and butterflies.

### Add Houseplants for Color Indoors

Because gardening moves indoors during winter, add beautiful tropical houseplants with lots of color. Decorating with houseplants isn't hard to do and it helps create a zen-like atmosphere inside your home. Try easy-care plants such as pothos, snake plants, spider plants, heart leaf philodendrons and peace lilies. An added benefit: houseplants improve indoor air quality. What's not to love?

### Purchase New Garden Tools

For the new year, pamper your hands in the garden. Buy yourself a new pair of gardening gloves and make a resolution to keep your hands protected while digging in the dirt. While you're at it, treat yourself to new gardening tools that help make gardening easier. Many new tools provide ergonomic comfort and features that reduce strain and stress on your hands and back.

**For more info visit** - <https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/plan-the-year-with-the-home-depot-garden-club-calendar/9ba683603be9fa5395fab9051c959fc>



# Home Depot Garden Club 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Planning



## February



- Start tomato and other vegetable seeds in peat pots.
- Grow salad greens and herbs indoors with seed-starting trays.
- Apply pre-emergent to prevent weeds in lawns.

For more info visit - <https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/plan-the-year-with-the-home-depot-garden-club-calendar/9ba683603be9fa5395fab9051c959fc>

## March



- Build raised garden beds and cultivate vegetable garden beds.
- Perform a soil test in your garden and amend the soil with compost
- Plant spring-flowering shrubs like azaleas.
- Apply lawn fertilizer, repair and seed bare patches.



# 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.

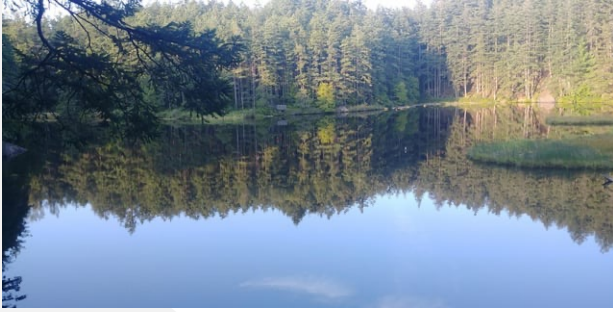
Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

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.



For more information visit - <https://anacortes.org/about-anacortes>

# Experience Anacortes-Little Cranberry Lake!



## Hiking Anacortes Community Forest Lands - Little Cranberry Lake

Set off for a hike in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL), a 2,800-acre preserve within the city limits of Anacortes.

These lands hold 20 miles of trails and are the beloved treasure of local residents. Originally a pond, the lake was dammed in the early 1900s. You'll actually cross over the dam at the north end of the lake on your hike. In 1921, a portion of the dam gave way, and the waters of the lake poured northward into the bay, temporarily trapping workers in shoreline canneries.

With ten different access points in the neighborhoods surrounding Little Cranberry Lake, this destination is a great option for people living in or visiting friends in Anacortes. The trailhead accessible via the graveled Cranberry Lake Road has room for 15 to 20 cars, and its proximity to benches and views of the lake make it a great option for picnickers.

A trailhead kiosk holds a trail map, but you can buy ACFL maps at the parks department, the Anacortes visitors center or at several local stores, and you definitely need one to navigate the network of trails that crisscross this park.

It is possible to do a 1.73 mile loop around the lake, but note that the trail on the east side of the lake is quite close to the water—in some places footing is tricky, and it may not be a great option for those with small children. However, there are plenty of lakeside spots near the north end of the lake that make great destinations for families and little explorers.

If it's a loop you want, and you're confident in your footing, follow Trail 100 over the spillway near the parking lot and past the deck, stopping to snap a picture of the lake from the wooden overlook. Continue on Trail 100 around a small inlet full of logs, then turn left and uphill onto Trail 103.

For more information visit - <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/little-cranberry-lake-anacortes-community-forest-lands#hike-full-description>



# Experience Anacortes-Little Cranberry Lake!



Switchback up and then traverse this trail for a half mile, passing through madronas and cedars along a ridgeline above the lake. Once there was a view of the lake here, but the trees have grown up enough that your first good views only come on your descent. Once you reach a junction, turn right, and at a “T” intersection at the lakeshore, turn left, following a bridge over a swampy area on Trail 132. This is the connection between Little Cranberry Lake and Big Beaver Pond.

Once over the bridge, the trail becomes slightly more rugged, dipping very near the lake at points and becoming more brushy than it has been so far. Hike along Trail 132 and then bear right onto Trail 101, which stays close to the west side of the lake. The quality of trail improves as you near the north end of the lake. Picnic opportunities abound here, with slabs of rock and moss providing good places to rest, recline and take in the views under bright madrone trees. After hiking a little more than a half-mile, find yourself back at the parking lot, and your car.

The trail is edged with salal and mixed second-growth forest. Small boggy islands in the lake contain distinctive wetland plants such as bog cranberry, bog laurel and Labrador tea. Keep an eye out for signs of beaver or river otter, and bring binoculars to identify waterfowl.

For more information visit - <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/little-cranberry-lake-anacortes-community-forest-lands#hike-full-description>



# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar January 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm ↻ Tuesday Trivia Night	3 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm ↻ Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	4 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm ↻ Open Mic Night	5	6 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm ↻ Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar January 2024

### ➤ Hi-lights

- Tuesday Trivia Night at the Brown Lantern 8pm-9pm. January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
- Live music at the Rockfish Grill every Wednesday and Saturday evenings in January
- Open Mic Night at the Brown Lantern 8:30pm 10pm. January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
- Winter Market at the Anacortes Farmers Market 9am-2pm January 13th

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s)

## Calendar February 2024



February 2024						
■ ALL ■ CHAMBER EVENTS ■ COMMUNITY EVENTS						
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### Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar February 2024

- Hi-lights
- Tuesday Trivia Night at the Brown Lantern 8pm-9pm. February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
  - Live music at the Rockfish Grill every Wednesday and Saturday evenings in February
  - Open Mic Night at the Brown Lantern 8:30pm 10pm. February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
  - Winter Market at the Anacortes Farmers Market 9am-2pm February 10th

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar March 2024



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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar March 2024

### ➤ Hi-lights

- Tuesday Trivia Night at the Brown Lantern 8pm-9pm. March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
- Live music at the Rockfish Grill every Wednesday and Saturday evenings in March
- Open Mic Night at the Brown Lantern 8:30pm 10pm. March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Winter Market at the Anacortes Farmers Market 9am-2pm March 9th
- Fidalgo Island Rotary Club Annual Auction and Agent 007 Casino Night at the Skyline Clubhouse 6-pm-10pm, March 16th

For more information visit - <https://anacortes.org/events>

# San Juan Islands



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## What To Do In The San Juan Islands

Every island offers you an abundance of choices—luckily, you can't go wrong when deciding what to do in the San Juans! The shorter your stay in the islands, the more important it is to plan ahead. Booking activities, lodging, and dining in advance will make your trip run smoothly and you'll be more likely to get your first picks. Most tour operators have generous cancellation policies in case you need to make changes. (Check with individual companies to be sure of their policies.)





# San Juan Islands-Things to do This Winter!



## Great Winter Hikes On 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.



For more information visit - <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/itineraries/best-hikes-in-the-san-juan-islands>

# San Juan Islands-Things to do This Winter!



## Great Winter Hikes On Lopez Island

### Shark Reef Sanctuary

Don't miss the Shark Reef Sanctuary on the west side of the island. A short 10-minute walk through a forest will lead to a rocky shoreline where you'll get views over the water and an almost certain seal (and perhaps sea lion, otter, or whale) sighting —just be sure to follow the path around to the left!

Begin your journey through a thick forest carpeted in salal. After a short descent, reach the rocky shoreline (elev. 20 feet) and turn south to reach the ledges along Cattle Pass. From here you can see the strong currents separating Lopez from San Juan Island. Directly in front of you in the channel are Deadman Island and a series of reefs and offshore rocks. At low tide, these areas teem with wildlife - eagles, cormorants, kingfishers, and oystercatchers dining on seafood, and seals basking on the warm rocks. Shark Reef Sanctuary is an excellent destination for children and adults seeking outdoor discovery.

Across the channel on San Juan Island, Mount Finlayson rises above Cattle Point Lighthouse in the foreground. Mount Dallas, the highest point on San Juan Island, can be seen in the distance. Looking south you'll find the Olympic Mountains looming over the Strait of Juan de Fuca and east to Iceberg Point.

One of Lopez Island's most popular hiking destinations, Shark Reef sanctuary was once a military post. Now the 39-acre sanctuary is a San Juan County Park.



### Hummel Lake Preserve

Located on the south end of Lopez Island's largest freshwater lake, 80-acre Hummel Lake Preserve boasts beautiful lakefront shoreline, a dock for fishing (but no swimming), and about two miles of trails through a second-growth forest that ends at Port Stanley Road. Enjoy quiet woodland roaming where you're more likely to run into deer than other hikers. Walk through a cedar grove, a mature Douglas fir forest, and watch for local birds as you experience Lopez's slower pace of life.

Fish species include largemouth bass, bluegill and planted rainbow trout.

### Upright Head Preserve

Upright Head Preserve is the northernmost point on Lopez Island and is an important landmark recognized by many who travel the state ferry system. This 26-acre property includes 2,023 feet of medium and high-bank waterfront on Harney and Upright Channels. A small rocky preserve, protected by the San Juan County Landbank, Upright Head is a perfect place to watch boat traffic and wait for a ferry.

The 1.2 mile roundtrip hike is an easy walk from the ferry lanes and gains only 300 feet of elevation. The trail starts on the west side of the ferry terminal road, on a gated road signed "Penny Lane." Along the trail you'll find look outs, educational signs, and a wooden platform perfect for a picnic. Protecting this land prevents development and secures otter habitat, old growth forest, and interesting geological features.

### Fisherman Bay Preserve

Fisherman Bay Preserve is a 29-acre property that includes open meadows, woodlands, wetlands, and approximately 1 mile of shoreline. A sandy spit marks the entrance to Fisherman Bay and is a beautiful place for a picnic.

On the way to the preserve, you'll pass Otis Perkins Day Park. Stop here for even more shoreline and beach to explore. As you follow the signs to the preserve, you'll drive through a residential neighborhood. Upon reaching the small parking lot for the preserve, you'll find an outhouse and educational panels.

The preserve offers about a mile of trails with only 20 feet of elevation gain. Pass through an old orchard, stone ruins of a Lopez homestead, and through meadows of wildflowers. Enjoy views of Orcas Island's Turtleback Mountain rising behind Shaw Island and wave to passing boats headed to Lopez Village.



# San Juan Islands-Things to do This Winter!



## Great Winter Hikes On San Juan Island

### Young Hill

If you want to wear hiking boots, experience some history, and see views that take your breath away, tackle Young Hill. Situated at the north end of the island, the 650-foot summit offers unmatched panoramas of San Juan, Canada's Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and beyond. Pick up the trailhead across the road from [English Camp](#), occupied by the British in 1860 and find traces of its history on Mount Young itself—watch for the 1860s Royal Marine Cemetery.

**Distance: 2.2 miles**  
**Elevation gain: 600 ft**

From the parking lot at English Camp, find the trail in the eastern corner of the lot and head southeast. At the first branch in the trail, stay right, and the trail will start climbing almost immediately. Cross San Juan Valley Road at 0.3 miles. and continue until you see a signed path leading to the English Camp cemetery. This piece of history is worth a stop as you ascend or descend Young Hill. A memorial to seven Royal Marines who died on the island in the 1860s, this cemetery is surrounded by gnarled Garry Oaks that are part of an ongoing restoration project.

After your side trip to the cemetery, head back to the main trail and continue climbing. You will reach your first viewpoint at 0.8 miles with an informative plaque naming some geographic features visible on a clear day. Keep climbing, and at 1.0 miles reach the summit, with spectacular views of the Salish Sea and surrounding islands. If you've brought lunch, settle down and enjoy some of the best views in the area. You have the world at your feet. You can also hike [from English Camp to Westcott Bay Shellfish Farm](#), through lush forests and along the water.



### Lime Kiln Point State Park

Also known as Whale Watch Park, [Lime Kiln Point State Park](#) is a 36-acre day-use park with an iconic lighthouse set on the west side of San Juan Island. You may see orca whales swimming through the kelp beds in the waters off Lime Kiln, looking for salmon, since this park is considered one of the best places in the world to view whales from land. The shoreline viewpoint is about a 300-yard walk from the parking lot, restrooms, and seasonal interpretive center.

**Distance: 2.2 miles**  
**Elevation gain: 265 ft**

The park, which features a richly diverse environment, includes the remnants and landscapes of a history filled with change, along the rocky shoreline and through the wooded uplands. Minke whales, porpoises, seals, sea lions, otters and bald eagles also cruise the shoreline. The lighthouse was built in 1919 and still serves as a navigational beacon for ships in the Haro Strait. Interpretive programs, an interpretive center with gift shop and lighthouse tours are available during the summer months.

### South Beach & American Camp

#### SOUTH BEACH AND AMERICAN CAMP

South Beach in American Camp National Historical Park is the longest public beach in the islands, with views over the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Olympic Mountains. All along this pristine two-mile pebble-and-sand beach, a wide swath of massive driftwood has washed up and been bleached in the sun for decades.

**Distance: 2.8 miles**  
**Elevation gain: 180 ft**

A wonderful place to take photos, enjoy a brisk walk for exercise, or a slow stroll for beachcombing, South Beach also has broad golden hills where eagles and hawks reel, rabbits forage and red foxes hunt at sunset, a historic "redoubt" or temporary fortification made during the Pig War conflict between the American and English troops from 1859 to 1871 – a standoff during which no shots were fired. Now, the only flames you'll see are the summer bonfires at sunset as locals and visitors gather to enjoy this stunning and special place.

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# 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](#)

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# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

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