

May 31, 2006

Dear Islanders,

Our Community Building is, as always, humming with a variety of activities. From yoga classes, weaving workshops, literature classes, 4-H meetings, EMS training, and Sunday worship service to the monthly Community Lunch the building is serving our needs. I want to personally thank all our neighbors who give their time in the planning and follow-through for these and the many other events that make our Island such a great place to live.

The Fourth of July is just around the corner and plans are now being made for a grand celebration. Your Shaw Inc Board has a variety of events planned that we hope will include “something for everyone”. In the regular cycle of fund-raising for our organization, this would be the year for our REALLY BIG live auction. However the Island had two live auctions in the last year so we are planning a less arduous day and hope to still raise the funds that are needed. There will be lots of fun for you, your families and friends.

The following events are planned for Saturday, July 1 through Monday July 3. However, some changes may occur, so please do check the kiosk for current news. And don't forget to visit: www.shawislanders.org, our community web site. Ray Glaze does a splendid job of keeping information current and the finalized schedule will be posted there.

Saturday July 1

Silent Auction and Fantastic Raffles 10am-2pm Lola Deane is in charge of gathering items for the silent auction and raffle. If you have items that you would like to contribute, please call her at: 468-3351

BBQ starts at 11am Chad Swanson will head up this event, please contact him if you would like to flip burgers, chop onions or generally help.

Fish Pond, for young fisher boys and girls 10 am-12pm Kay Miller will bait the hooks—call her if you have small items for catch and release.

Swap Meet 10am-12pm Jody Schmidt is the organizer. Load up the bed of your pickup, the trunk of the car or fix up a booth and follow Jody's parking grid in the parking area by the Community building to sell those items you no longer need. Everyone is responsible for selling and cleaning up their spot. Ten per cent of gross income goes to Shaw Inc. If weather is chancy the meet will move to the Fire Hall. Call Jody at 468-3715 or Doris Oliver at 468-2348 with questions.

Dance 8pm
Details are still being worked out. Watch the kiosk or the web site.

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Sunday July 2

Parade **11am staging; start at 12 noon.** Ed Luttrell will, once again, be giving the marching orders. Awards will be announced at the County Park immediately after the parade.

Picnic **After parade**

Make a picnic for your family to enjoy at the Park or bring it to the ball game!

Ball Game—Play Ball! **2pm at the Nicholas Field.** Del and Laurie Laursen will organize this event with Sharon Wootton “umpping”----this is always fun for players and spectators. Please, **NO SMOKING** since the fields are dry, stay within the designated play area and leave no litter. Bring sunscreen, drinks and good cheering voices.

Monday July 3

Regatta **stages at 11am-- starts at 12 noon.** This event will be held at the Lengyels’ dock in front of the big red house at the head of Blind Bay. Ice cream will be served to participants and spectators. Lifejackets required for all participants and for children on the dock.

That is the agenda as of this date, but please do check the kiosk and our website for changes.

Our budget for this year is \$24,500 of which \$7,000 remains to be raised. There are three events planned: the 4th of July, July Garden Tour, and a Fall Festival. The 4th of July ordinarily raises the majority of our funds and we hope for \$5,600 then. If we manage to make our budget goal with the first two events, then the Fall Festival will be a party just for fun. If you are unable to join us for the 4th but would like to contribute to the ongoing building expenses Willie Williams, our treasurer, will be happy to add your donation to the amount we raise.

Other dates to mark on your calendar are the return of **Stage Left**, a talented group of actors from Friday Harbor. They will present “**The Merchant of Venice**” on **Friday July 21**. Please join us on the “green” at the Community Building for theater under the stars.

Also, mark your calendars for a **Shaw Garden Tour. July 23 from 12 noon to 3pm.** This is the second fund-raising event planned for Shaw Islanders Inc. Four gardens are on the tour: Ray Stedman’s meticulously cared for raised vegetable garden, Lorei and Jerry Molitor’s two enclosed gardens and a natural wooded area, Gwen Yansen’s beautifully mature flower beds and Lola Deane’s walled garden. Several “master gardeners” will be on hand to answer questions. The admission price is \$15.00 with an option to purchase a sack lunch for \$20.00. Tickets, as well as more details, will be available on the 4th of July. Willie Williams is handling ticket sales—468 3742.

See you on the fourth!

Janice Ekstrom, President of Shaw Islanders, Inc.