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Greetings to all Shaw Islanders

Crisp days, cooler nights and apples ready to press are all signs that fall has arrived. And time for your Shaw Inc. Fall Membership Newsletter to arrive in your mailbox.

Our Community Building has been the center of a wide variety of activities this year. There have been musical events that included the Orcas a Cappella Singers, the Lopez Singers and Lopez Sound. Jack Lynch's Sinfonia and Gigi Allaway's ballet group provided two musical events. A piano concert by Silvard Kool filled the building with sound and most recently the Shifty Sailors from Whidbey had the audience tapping their toes. The 4th of July activities included a parade, games at the park, hot dogs, raffles for adults and children, a live auction, a potato salad and baked bean contest, a BBQ, a ball game, ice cream cones and lots of fun. Island Stage Left once again wove their magic with a production of "The Comedy of Errors". The Library held a gala New Year's Eve dinner and auction as well as their annual meeting in the building. There have been basket making, painting, papier-mâché, weaving, ballet, yoga and tai chi classes. There have been 4-H demonstrations, EMS/Fire meetings, Pre-school classes, and Wednesday Lunch and Church services. The list grows each year.

A newly painted interior of the building brightens the rooms, and the new rain gutters keep us dry. Our thanks to John Bogert for the installation of solar lighting for the flagpole. We are nearing completion of the County requirements to bring our water system into Class B compliance. Many thanks to Roman Miller, who undertook the task of replacing our leaking kerosene tank. A wind vane made and donated by John Campbell, a model of the schooner The Camano, was arranged for by Cheri Christensen to carry out part of the original building design, and now graces the roof. A wonderful new sound system to honor Phil Deane's many contributions to our community has made listening to programs a pleasure. The system was conceived by Alex MacLeod, and installed by Paul Gingerich, Jason Vance and Matt Miller. A Shaw Island Directory was printed this year and distributed to Shaw Inc. members. It has been a busy year.

This mailing brings two items that need your attention by **December 15, 2007**:

1. The ballot for the 2008 proposed slate of Shaw Islanders Inc. board members and budget.
2. Please complete and return the membership form to keep our records current. Your continued financial support with annual dues and contributions enables the Board to support projects and activities that make our community a wonderful place for young and old.

There are many people to thank who have helped on projects and been willing to lend a hand when asked—on behalf of your Shaw Inc. Board, thank you.

Janice Ekstrom, President, Shaw Islanders Inc.