

May 19, 2004

Dear Fellow Islanders,

Sigh. Mother Helen Jean has left and sometime this month the other Franciscans should be leaving. On Sunday I met with them and presented the gifts and cards from the community....the four framed Cameron prints, the Portland dinner gift certificate and the four individual \$300 gift certificates to Land's End. They were very touched and overwhelmed with the generosity of the islanders. They asked me to pass on their deep gratitude to all of you who contributed and asked how they could possibly thank everyone. I told them they had already thanked us in advance by giving us 27 years of wonderful service here.

They plan to be back in August for the dedication of the new ferry dock and the Reeve's all island BBQ and Barn Dance on Saturday the 7th.

Shaw Inc. may have received about a hundred dollars more than the combined \$1700 worth of gifts (we are still receiving and tallying). I told the Franciscans if there was any left over it would go into the medical fund. They were pleased with this idea. I hope this meets with everyone's approval.

The all-island photo session was a grand success and such fun! Even Fran Hilen made an appearance. We were sad that not everyone could be there. The nuns were working around a number of time constraints, and the chosen time conflicted with the annual OPALCO meeting, parent interviews for the new school superintendent and some Mother's Day plans. Still, we had a huge crowd and Kathi Melville did a superb job of photography in both color and black and white. Her framed 8x10 black and white is now hanging in the small meeting room at the Community Building. It will be titled Farewell to the Franciscans May 2004. Hopefully this photo shoot will be the beginning of an annual tradition.

To view the photos you can go to our website <http://www.shawislanders.org/> and click on "News" and then "Pictures from All-island Photo Shoot". Clicking on the small view will give you a larger view. On my computer at least, the image does not appear very clearly, but in the actual 8x10 picture, faces are very clear. There are also some other photos on the website taken by various people that day.

Incidentally, this website is well worth checking out. Monthly Shaw Inc minutes are posted and monthly calendars of events, as well as items of interest, news, other photos etc. Ray Glaze has done a fabulous job and cheerfully and promptly responds every time I send him something.

There are two ways to get the official photos if you would like one:

1) You may download them from the above website. I have not done this so am not sure of the quality. You can then print the photo yourself or put it on a computer-based service from which you can order prints. (Kodak's "Ofoto" <http://www.ofoto.com> was recommended)

2) "Finn's Photo" in Anacortes has the prints digitally saved so you can order them directly from there in the size and quantity you want. I have seen copies (8x10"s) and the pictures are wonderful. The black and white has a nice old fashioned look, and the color one is clear and vibrant.

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Remember to mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- 1) **All Community Lunch** at the Community Building with speaker Jed Lengyel speaking about his work creating video games Wednesday May 26th 11AM
- 2) Oregon's Catlin Gable School children present Gilbert and Sullivan's "**Pirates of Penzance**". A usually hilarious tongue-in-cheek light opera. Community Building Next Wednesday evening May 26 th
- 3) Shaw Inc brings professional **Russian opera singers** to perform at the Community Building with an all-island potluck following Saturday May 29 starting at 2PM Bring your own plates and utensils, please.

- 4) Shaw Inc **Market Day, Raffles, Barbecue and Island Art Exhibit** at the Community Building on Saturday July 3rd. Although most of the 4th of July activities are free, Market Day is Shaw Inc's primary fundraiser for the year to raise monies for our our building and the various island organizations and events we support. Stop by the Shaw Inc booth to update your directory information, buy a Coonie Cameron poster, make donations, or learn more about what we do.
- 5) **Dance your Socks Off** at the Community Building Saturday evening July 3rd
- 6) **Parade, Picnic and Baseball Game** Sunday July 4th
- 7) **Sail/Paddle/Row Regatta** from the Lengyel's dock on Blind Bay Monday July 5th This is the second year for this event. Last year it was great fun and a grand success.
- 8) Saturday July 24 The **Annual Library Meeting** at the Community Building
- 9) August 1st Shaw Inc brings to Shaw a group of professional actors to perform Shakespeare's "**Much Ado About Nothing**". It will be performed on the lawn of the Community Building .
- 10) All island **BBO and Barn Dance** at the Reeves. Saturday August 7. Also, rumors of a ferry dock dedication that day.

Other Shaw Inc news of note is important but less interesting. We have a great board that is vibrant and involved. Cy Field and I are in the grueling but necessary process of updating the Shaw data base. Willie Williams has been doing a fabulous job as treasurer. Our Washington State corporate status has been reinstated. We met yesterday with a property tax-exempt specialist to clarify rules on the allowed uses of our building. It was nice to learn that our uses are well within the guidelines and statutes regulating permitted uses. Our tax-exempt status was allowed to lapse last year but will be reinstated retroactively within the month. Hopefully the parking lot will receive grading and more gravel this summer. The volunteer landscaping crew is doing a great job at keeping the grounds beautiful. We are excited about the variety of Shaw Inc sponsored programs and education being offered this year. Generally, we are pleased with the organization's progress thus far this year. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about how Shaw Inc can better serve the community, please do not hesitate to contact me or a board member.

Sincerely,

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