



# THE GCA GRAPEVINE

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**MONTH AT A GLANCE**

*The Port and Fire Commissions are meeting in person with a remote option via Zoom – please visit their websites or contact them directly for the information. The Grapeview School Board Meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the School Library or with a Zoom option – please check their website.*

- Aug 14 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Aug 20 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Aug 23 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM
- Aug 27 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Sept 5 GCA Study Session 10:30AM; ZOOM MEETING
- Sept 13 GCA Fall Tailgate Party (Rauschert Field 5:30PM)**



**From Our President’s Desk!!**

**WE DID IT!! GCA Rocks!! Our Community Rocks!! Mother Nature Rocks!! Fair Harbor Marina / Kelly and Cindy Granger Rock!! The Port of Grapeview Rocks!! We are so BLESSED to be a part of this amazing community. That is the Grapeview Community Association. When we put our minds and bodies to it we can do anything!!**

**This year we again showed what we are all about. Putting on an amazing "Old Fashion Community Celebration For All Ages" at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Grapeview Water and Art Festival this past July 27<sup>th</sup>. The work of over 190 volunteers really paid off. The weather was perfect, and the smiles said it all... My thanks go to you all. Nice Work Everyone- I’m so proud to say "I Live In Grapeview and I belong to the Grapeview Community Association!"**

Respectfully, Jim Hanson





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**Before we get to the Festival...  
Celebrating Summer at Rauschert Field!!**

Who loves Hot Dogs and Ice-cream!!! I do! I do!

The really fun evening event was decorated in festive red, white and blue! We lucked out with the weather not being too hot. Miss Annie Bell was the grill master cooking up around 130 hot dogs! The members brought a smorgasbord of salads and sides for everyone to enjoy. Ice cream cones were served afterwards. Leslie Nuttman introduced the scholarship families and recipients to everyone. They were so grateful for the GCA donations. A Big Thanks to **Margie & Bob Doremus & Mike & Linda Fish** for their generosity for allowing us to use their property so we could gather once more! We surely appreciated it! A special Thanks for all the volunteers that helped make the Hot Dog Roast possible. The men and women that volunteered their time, helped make a wonderful evening for the members and scholarship families.



A big thank you to the many volunteers who came to setup the field that morning - it's extra work and we are so grateful for all the help! Tear down was even harder as we had to do it the next day on a Saturday. The "guys" pulled through: Phil Stewart, Ed White, Mike Creighton, Val Paulson, Mike Fish and Larry Grumme, -thank you all!





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## WHAT'S NEXT?? OUR ANNUAL FALL TAILGATE PARTY

Are you missing GCA in August??? Traditionally we take the month of August off (as we're all exhausted from the Water & Art Festival) but have no fear – we will RETURN on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for the all-fun FALL KICKOFF Tailgate Party!** We are once again blessed to be able to use Bob & Marge Doremus's property on Rauschert Road (field next to Mike & Linda Fish's). We will start at 5:30pm and it's a **"bring everything, and pack it out" event.** Go all out and decorate your vehicle, as we circle the fire pit, play outdoor games and share favorite "tailgating" food. Look for more details in next month's newsletter but mark the date and get your football food thinking hat on for this fun night. If you have an out-door game you'd like to bring, please do so (rumor has it someone's bringing a **Husky Corn Hole Game... do I hear "GO COUGS"?**). If you have questions – please call Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040) or Carla Rieker (253-350-9109)

**Set up will be at 10am on Friday morning at the field. All hands are welcomed, NEEDED, and appreciated! We have tents, tables, and chairs to set up, so we need muscle!**

### DO YOU OWN A GCA COOKBOOK?

**If you do – this is for you! We have some corrections to a few recipes:**

Page 218 - Fig & Almond Tart - include "add butter" before Pulse until mixture resembles course meal.

Page 221 - Paper Bag Apple Pie - should be 8 tbsp (1 stick) butter in ingredients

Page 257 – Should read Grape Puree (not Grape Pulp). Instructions should say "Put through a food mill to make puree"

Page 263 - Green Tomato Bacon Jam - add 1 Cup Sugar to ingredients





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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!**

Welcome to our Newest Members! We're so glad you're a part of GCA!

Art & Ann Whitson

Marcia Hopkins

Cindy & Casey Breeze



The good news is that most of our members have renewed their dues, but a few remain unpaid, and we've sent out another reminder letter. Renewing is easy... just click on the [2024 Membership Form](#). Complete the form, print it out and mail along with your payment to:

Grapeview Community Association  
P. O. Box 355  
Grapeview, WA 98546

You can also [pay your renewal online with your credit card](#), and let us know of any changes to the directory information. **THERE IS NO FEE to pay online.** There IS an option to donate to Zeffy (the company who makes this function possible). **When the donation amount comes up, click on "OTHER" and put AN OPTIONAL DONATION AMOUNT in that space.** Simply [click here](#) right now to make that payment!

Thank you for your continued support and participation. Dan Peel, Membership Co-Chair

**Are these your keys??? FOUND AT THE WATER & ART FESTIVAL!!**

If they are yours, please contact Marlee Campbell at 703-850-8424 or [reply to this newsletter](#) and we will get them back to you!



**DRUM ROLL..... THE NEXT PAGES ARE DEDICATED TO OUR FABULOUS, FANTASTIC, FUN WATER & ART FESTIVAL!! PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!**



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## Highlights of the 29<sup>th</sup> Grapeview Water & Art Festival, Chair, Marlee(Margaret) Campbell “ANOTHER AWESOME YEAR”

Thanks to the creative planning, dedication, generosity, and hard work of the Festival Advisory Committee, the additional 180+ volunteers, and our generous co-sponsors and community partners together, we succeeded once again in achieving our goals of hosting “*an old fashion community celebration for all ages and raising money to give back to the community*”.

Our biggest challenge this year, as always, is how to thank everyone who made this year’s Festival possible. While it would take too much space to list the names of all the wonderful folks who lent a hand, below are highlights of the various venues and the chairs and teams for each. Appreciation to co-sponsors and community partners along with photos follow.

### SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Publicity:** was over the top with the addition of a revised poster and first-time article in Fjord magazine and video by Explore Hood Canal (Jim Hanson, Chair & Team).
- **Art and Crafts:** the number of carefully curated artists increased, and the resulting mix was as talented and popular, as ever, and eager to return (Julie & Mike Creighton, Co-Chairs & Team).
- **Logistics:** Setup and Take-Down operations were recalibrated and tirelessly executed by a great team, and chief responsibility for planning and coordinating this critically component of the Festival was successfully transferred from the longstanding chairs -- thank you Kent Hillesland & Mike Fish -- to Ed White, Chair & Team.
- **Parking:** went much smoother this year due to continued skilled coordination, Mason Transit providing 394 rides with two donated buses and drivers, and use of the Port of Grapeview gravel parking lot for all the artists (Lance Harpel, Chair & Team).
- **Ticket Sales:** was well coordinated and also went more smoothly this year aided in part by paper menus for reference and three cash and one charge station (Christine Bal, Chair & Team).
- **Pavilion:** was beautifully decorated with gorgeous floral arrangements by the Beachcombers Garden Club and superbly resourced & provisioned (Michele Hecht, Chair & Team).
- **Food Court:** a combination of talented chefs and deft management, served up a delicious menu, with several items selling out before closing (Bonnie Townsley, Chair & Team).





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- **Children's Activities:** art crafts and wooden boatbuilding were a big hit, featuring a new *Fish Painting* task sponsored by The Salmon Center in Belfair, and netting \$364 in tips from appreciative parents (Dianne Hanson & David Mueller, Co-Chairs & Teams).
- **Fishing Derby:** drew it's loyal following of aspiring anglers, all of whom received prizes. (Debbie & John Black, Co-Chairs & Team).
- **Gardening Table:** morphed this year into an 'all ages' venue giving away almost 300 plants and seed packets and attracting lots of interest and questions (Macky McClung, Chair & Team).
- **Hole-in-One Golf:** drew dozens of hopeful players of all ages and experience levels with first prize of a round of golf for 4 at Lakeland Village and second prize dinner for 2 at The Boat House (Edward Johnson, Chair & Team).
- **Commemorative Posters:** the charming 2024 poster is by artist Hilarie Radowick of Gig Harbor and several framed and unframed versions are still available. If interested, please contact art mavens. Mary Baker & Phil Stewart Phil at: [psesq@hotmail.com](mailto:psesq@hotmail.com).
- **Promotional Products:** this year's T-shirt and sweatshirt 'whale' design was widely popular and made a record by selling out at Noon (Mary Larson, designer, & team).
- **Additional Recognition: Music, Security, Trash Removal, and Restrooms** – all these additional critical operations were well-run, coordinated, and without incident -- thank goodness (Phil Stewart, Glenn Carlson, Maarten van Dijk, and Sandi Carlson, respective Chairs.)

**APPRECIATION:** Finally, we owe our deep appreciation and a big "thank you" to our co-sponsors and many community partners without whom the Grapeview Water & Art Festival would simply not be possible. Starting with our two official co-sponsors, **Kelly & Cindy Granger, owners of Fair Harbor Marina**, who provided the perfect venue for the festival; and the **Port of Grapeview Commissioners**, who allowed us to use their restroom facilities and provided the space for a bigger and better area for the Children's Activities and recently added Gardening Table. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the numerous local businesses and Mason County government organizations for their generous support. (NOTE: The community partners were all named in our publicity ads and in a poster at the festival itself).





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