

June 2012



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Coming up—Wine Tasting and Membership BBQ Potluck

President's Report

Spring has finally peeked out from the clouds and we are all looking forward to good weather for the summer. Although summer doesn't officially start until later in June, we all know that it begins with the Memorial Day weekend, and this year we have a big weekend planned. Based on inquiries and requests, the marina will be chock full. The folks from Des Moines will be at the marina starting on the Wednesday before as well as Day Island Yacht Club, and Fox Island Yacht Club on Friday and Saturday. After that we will be getting ready for the big dance, which is headed up by Doug Lewis. Wally Johnson will be bartending and Peg Bingham and crew will be serving up good food. Fingertips will be playing their eclectic mix of rock, R&B, and soul, along with some good old dance tunes to get the blood pumping. Contact Doug Lewis to help set up, tear down, and help with the myriad of things we need to do to pull off a successful dance.

Thanks to Pat Muchmore and crew for the first wine tasting event. Much was learned and we look forward to the rest of the series this summer. Opening day was a success, although I must say that the regatta festivities were over by the time my crew and I got back to the marina. A good time was had by all. I want to commend Lynn Carr for the good job he is doing as dockmaster and many thanks to Nancy Carr for all her help, not just with the newsletter, but hat etc. sales and all around help. We are still looking for Board members for the all important slots of Secretary and Events, which will be filled at the next general membership meeting. Thanks to Sharon Gearhart for the excellent job she has done as the Buildings and Grounds board member. A big thanks to Tim Heitzman for all he has done, especially the graphics and his work on the upcoming Croquet Tournament. Last, thanks to Doug Sylvers and crew for the excellent work on pulling off another successful dock breakfast on opening day. Be sure to check this issue out for more information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

The LIC Historian (Lynn Larson) is doing a great job putting together the archives for more recent years. However, she is in need of newsletters, meeting agendas, and pictures of events past. Please check your computers and files for things that she can use. Many thanks to Eloise Colbert for her excellent work supporting Lynn by inventorying all of the LIC filing cabinets, which makes for much easier access and locating of historical information.

Geoff Baillie, President
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Dock
Breakfast



**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Anderson, "CC" Williams, Randy Babich, Jan Prichard, Sharon Gearhart

CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Sharon Gearhart

GUESTS: Claudia and Dale Loy

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Kurt Anderson, Vice President. New member Andrew Dyer introduced himself and received a round of applause.

Gayle Brewer introduced Dale and Claudia Loy from Sunnycrest who showed us a number of plants that have only just become available to gardeners: azaleas that can take full sun and will bloom more than once a season; many new fuchsias; a hardy pachysandra; new hydrangeas that bloom on old and new wood; a sterile butterfly "bush" that is actually a ground cover; and many other interesting new plants. They also told us about fertilizers that are better for the soil than Miracle Grow. Dale and Claudia have owned Sunnycrest for 30 years and are not only full of helpful gardening information but very active volunteers in the community.

SECRETARY: Jan Prichard, Secretary, asked for approval of April's meeting minutes. A motion for approval was made and passed. She also announced that Evergreen Elementary 5th graders had made us a poster and written letters thanking us for helping to sponsor their Nature Camp.

TREASURER: The property taxes were paid in April and the IRS Form 990 tax return was filed on time. If any Board or Club member wants to review the tax return, please give Francie Carr a call. Contributions of \$100 each have been made to Evergreen Elementary School for the 5th grade Nature Camps and the Children's Home Society for their summer Camp.

MEMBERSHIP: "CC" Williams, Membership Chair, reported that we have 155 members. She thanked Connie Wick and Eloise Colbert for being our hostesses for the evening.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Sharon Gearhart, Building and Grounds Chair, reported that everything on the "wish list" got done at the Saturday clean up in April, including all the upholstery on the blue chairs, cleaning up the sound room, washing all the windows and chipping a lot of wood from fallen branches. She thanked Gayle Brewer, Dave Wick and Denny Prichard for digging up all the dirt and rocks from the installation of the new gray water system and replacing it with garden soil, and also thanked Shirley Brewer and Jan Prichard for planting the flower beds. Gayle and Denny also spent another day installing new plumbing for the outside water system that will not freeze in the winter. Sharon also mentioned that some killdeer are nesting in the field and that we won't be mowing that section until the chicks have flown. She will put up some barriers/notices at the site to warn people away. Memorial weekend the dog trial people will be parking at the far end of the field. Sharon also thanked Kurt and Christine Anderson for taking on the project of removing the ivy from the trees behind the clubhouse. They will be working on it a couple hours a week. She is still working on replacing the gutters on the south side of the building. Sharon asked for a volunteer to fix the few blue chairs that are broken.

Members who are receiving the newsletter by both mail and email (or on the website) are being asked to let Nancy know if they don't really use the mailed copy, so she can save the postage and printing costs.

Sharon will be gone from May 29th to June 13th.

MARINA COMMITTEE: Randy Babich, Marina Chair, reported that the committee has been discussing the need for a survey to establish the "useful life" all parts of the marina. Such a survey can be quite expensive, but there is a need to demonstrate to the DNR that we are developing a real plan to upgrade our facility to meet the DNR requirements when our lease comes up in 2017. Harry Faas will be meeting with Wendell Stroud from Marine Floats to discuss approaches to developing a working plan for the marina. The committee passed a motion to charge up front for winter moorage so as to avoid the problem of collecting delinquent payments. Some boats are being shifted around on the dock to maximize moorage income. The first wine tasting will be this coming Saturday. Part of the dinghy dock is sinking and Randy has donated two ten foot bars of coated Styrofoam to fix the problem, pending getting a diver to help situate the Styrofoam under the dock.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2012

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There was a discussion of the possibility of removing the boathouses from the marina, a recommendation that the Marina Committee has made to the Board because of the need to upgrade the dock facilities and meet the DNR regulations regarding shade. Boathouse owners are naturally concerned and wish to be a part of the discussion and their investment be taken into consideration. The Board has had no discussions regarding the committee's recommendation.

EVENTS: Carolyn Wiley reported that the Events Committee has been meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and has so far been attended by Doug Lewis, Peg Bingham, Jan Prichard, Connie Hildahl, Tim Heitzman and herself. The Brother Sun concert was very well attended and did well as a fundraiser for the Mustard Seed. Edie Morgan sent us a "Thank You" letter on behalf of the Mustard Seed and a check for \$200 to help defray the cost of cleanup. The Dock Breakfast run by Doug Sylvers went very well. There were 66 guests, 63 members, and 14 members who have so far not renewed. Doug Lewis is in charge of the Memorial Day Dance and has tickets for sale for \$12. The committee agreed they would like to put on "Beyond the Borders" next year with our without the financial help of Two Waters Arts Alliance. Trunk or Treat and Kids and Christmas are two other community events the committee recommended be continued. An emphasis will be placed on getting sponsorships and grants for these events. More events like the Pancake Breakfast and the Dock Breakfast were also recommended.

Doug Lewis announced that we will be having a moment to honor our veterans at the beginning of the Memorial Day Dance, and Sharon Gearhart has donated flags from all the service branches that will be displayed.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kurt announced that the first of the power boat outings will be held Tuesday, 9 a.m., July 24th and they will be motoring over to Steilacoom for breakfast. Members who would like to catch a ride should call Kurt. Sail boats are also welcome and should just start out 45 minutes early.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vicki Biggs, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that they are still looking for members willing to be nominated for Secretary and Events Chair. They have a nominee for Vice President and for Building and Grounds Chair.

OLD BUSINESS: Long Range Planning and the By Laws Revision will be taken up again at our July meeting. Members are urged to consider the long range planning ideas listed on the website at www.longbranchimprovementclub.org and come to the July meeting with recommendations.

Pat Muchmore encouraged everyone to come to the winetasting on Saturday from 4 to 6 and to bring neighbors and friends.

Carolyn commented it would be great to have an LIC team at the Croquet Tournament. We have new T-shirts as uniforms for events.

Bert Saywers announced that member Larry Bohnstedt passed away recently. He had joined at the croquet tournament last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dock Breakfast Sailing Regatta

Jan Prichard
Secretary





Tribute to our troops at the Memorial Dance, May 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

Wed, June 6—Marina Committee Meeting, LIC Clubhouse 7:00 pm

Tue, June 12 —Events Planning, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Thu, June 14 —Flag Day

Sun, Jun 17 —Father's Day

Sat, Jun 16—Filucy Bay Wine Tastings, LIC Marina, 4:00—6:00 pm

Wed, Jun 20 —General Meeting, BBQ Pot Luck, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Wed, June 20—Summer Solstice (longest day of the year)

Wed, July 4—Independence Day

Sat, July 7 —KP Historical Society Historic Cruise from LIC Marina

Sat, July 14—KeyFest Community Fair at Volunteer Park

Wed, July 18—General Membership 'Dessert' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 7:00 pm

Sat, July 21—Filucy Bay Wine Tastings, LIC Marina, 4:00—6:00 pm

Member ads are now in the Classifieds section on the last page.

SUMMER FUN AT LONGBRANCH MARINA

Filucy Bay Wine Tastings



TO BENEFIT LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Saturday afternoons 4 to 6 pm

May 19 🕒 June 16 🕒 July 21

August 11 🕒 September 22

LIC Marina Pavilion 5213 KP Hwy S

(253)884-5137 www.longbranchimprovementclub.org

The Sunshine Lady did not get any requests in May.

I will be happy to acknowledge people who are ill or have lost loved ones, representing friendships and good wishes from the LIC.

Vicki Biggs 884-4468.

or e-mail Vickibiggs@centurytel.net

Marina Wine Tasting

We had our first of five Wine Tastings on Saturday, May 19th from 4pm to 6pm. Jeff Minch from the Blend Wine Shop in Key Center provided two different white wines and two different red wines. We had approximately 40 plus people join us and some of the boaters who were going to leave decided to join in and leave later. Everyone seemed to have a good time socializing, sipping, trying the different cheeses and crackers we offered and generally enjoying the beauty of our Filucy Bay, the Marina and Mt. Rainier.

We offered two different prices for the tasting, depending on how much wine you wanted to taste, as well as offered a full glass of wine. Jeff and I met a few days after the Event and mutually decided it would be better to offer one price instead of two; some people found it confusing. To make it easier for everyone, he and I decided to just charge \$6.00 for four tastings. I have suggested that to the Marina Committee for their opinion and the plan is to move forward with that price. It will make it much easier on everyone and add to the enjoyment of the entire Event.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Theresa Gano for serving the cheese and crackers, Barb Floyd for being a back up for Theresa and making sure we had enough glasses, etc., for the servings, Sharon Gearhart for covering as a Food Booth Operator which meant she made sure we had all our legal paper work from the County to cover the Event, a proper hand washing station, etc. Of course, Peg Bingham and Carolyn Wiley deserve our gratitude for making sure we had the proper paper work from the County as well.

Please join us for our next Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, June 16th from 4 to 6pm at the Marina. Bring your friends, family and neighbors for an enjoyable way to spend some time drinking in the beauty of our Maina and its setting as well as a taste that meets your pleasure!! We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Muchmore

Marina Committee Member

LIC Boaters Outings

The first LIC boaters outing for this summer will be on the morning of Tuesday July 24. We will meet at the LIC Marina at 0900 and then head over to Steilacoom for breakfast. Both powerboats and sailboats are welcome. If there is even a slight possibility that you would like to participate in this event, please contact Kurt Anderson via email or phone, so that we can get a rough idea of how many people might be participating. That way we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.

Remember, even if your boat is kept on a trailer at your home, or if you have a mooring at a different location, you are still invited. Also, if you do not own a boat, but would like to come along, contact Kurt, as there may be some open seats.

Kurt Anderson
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LIC Events Committee

Tuesday, June 12. @ 7:00
All welcome!

Agenda:
Report / Debrief: & Evaluate
Memorial Day Dance

Status Reports & assignments (Summer):
Croquet Tournament
Labor Day Dance.

Fall/Winter Family programs (funding)*
Trunk or Treat
Kids & Christmas

Fiber Arts –Up Date
Cheryl Samuel Workshops August 13-15 &
August 17-19
Glennis Dolce --Workshop
Fiber Arts Show

Continue work on long-range plan/prioritizing
Decisions will affect 2013 Budget &
Schedule

Carolyn Wiley

Scholarship Report

Lynn Larson, Karen Barrow, and Barbara Copley met at Peninsula High School on March 14, to review 18 Scholarship Notebooks created by senior high school students in the LIC area. This was a difficult year to choose; there were a number of highly deserving kids who needed help. We settled on Ramona Mikelson and Evalyn George, the best of the best. Ramona Mikelson has a 3.976 GPA and aspires to be a film director. She has participated in the Knowledge Bowl, was an Evergreen Mentor, and accumulated 282 community service hours, while working at a job in the summers. Evalyn George has a 3.929 GPA, is an AP Scholar of Distinction, and plans to be a doctor. She has set very high standards for herself, excelling in dressage and polo cross West Coast championships, finishing in first and second places in both riding and horse management. She also managed 192 hours of community service, partly by participating as a volunteer for Backpacks for Kids. Each young woman will receive a \$1500 scholarship. Thanks to everyone who has donated to the scholarship program. It really helps.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Larson

Dock Breakfast

The 2012 LIC Opening Day Dock Breakfast was another rousing success. This function's tradition of good spirit emanates from the loyal group of jolly breakfast makers who return year after year to make it happen. They thoroughly enjoy preparing breakfast and entertaining guests (and each other) with their antics.

Special thanks to Dave and Donna Delk who, for more than a decade, have provided the beautiful floral decorations that grace the tables in this event.

Doug Silvers

Building and Grounds Chatroom June 2012:

This month's report will be somewhat brief. I want to thank Gayle Brewer, Dave Wick and Denny Prichard for removing the rocky dirt from the north side flower beds and replacing it with new top soil. Also Gayle and Denny put in a new freeze resistant, lockable faucet as we had someone pulling up to the building with a plastic container that filled the back of their pickup and used our water to fill it. This had been going on for some time apparently but I think the problem is solved. There is a combination lock on the water faucet so if you need to use the water call me or Gayle Brewer for the combination. Also deserving of thanks are Shirley Brewer and Jan Prichard for filling the north beds with new bedding plants. The rhodies in the front of the building are particularly beautiful this year thanks to Shirley Brewer pruning them back. Bill Lloyd once again gets a huge thank you for mowing the field and Doug Lewis did a spectacular job of power washing the south side patio, bench and buttresses on the building. It is amazing how good they look after a bath. Some of the original color actually shows. I would like to thank whoever planted the new tree near the road where the two trees were removed. I don't know who you are but you do and kudos to you for the gift. I still need someone who might have ideas on how to repair the blue chairs so that we can get them back in circulation and get rid of any that are beyond repair. Spring is upon us finally and I will continue to need help with the mowing and weed eating to keep the grounds looking good. If you do want to mow please let me know. We are trying to coordinate so that someone who is planning on mowing doesn't get out mowed before they can get there. Lastly, a reminder that I will be gone from May 29-June 7, 2012. If you have questions or problems I can be reached on my cell phone at 360-701-3678. Until next month thank you all.

Sharon

Dockmaster Report

May was a very busy month for the marina. We had three boats join us for the dock breakfast—and served about 150 people. There were about 9 sail boats in the sailing regatta. Pat Thompson was the first boat through the starting line and Gene Brown was the first boat at the finish line.

The first winetasting was enjoyed by members, friends and a couple of visiting boaters.

Memorial weekend started early and ended late. Boats started coming in Wednesday and kept coming and coming an coming. On Saturday we had 62 boats representing Des Moines Yacht Club, Fox Island Yacht Club, Day Island Yacht Club along with some boats that just came to enjoy the fun. Day Island Yacht Club anchored out of the marina as we were really full. Many of the boaters went to the dance and commented on how much they enjoyed the dance and the weekend.

One interesting site was the dingy dock—it was triple and quadruple parked!! We had big and little boats everywhere!

Lynn Carr



Marina, Memorial
Day Weekend



Memorial Dance
Saturday, May 26



All photographs in
newsletter courtesy
of Lynn Carr

Many thanks to all of our members who attended and assisted with our Memorial weekend dance. This was my first attempt at being an event chairman and fortunately everyone rallied around me and came to my rescue! From promotion, tickets sales, set up and staffing the event, everything went smoothly thanks to the efforts of our members who worked hard to make the dance a success. The courtesy and friendliness of our membership staff really shined through. We had many positive comments from our guests.

A special thanks to our kitchen crew and Lynn Carr at the Marina. The addition of food service was well received, and Lynn did a great job promoting ticket sales at the dock.

Doug Lewis

Thank you ———

Bob Robinson - Power washed the pavilion before the dock breakfast.

A.J Million and Tom Kelley - Painted the gate

Lynn Carr - Made a rack for the dock carts.

Michael Xu - Opened his boat house for the dinghy dock overflow Memorial Weekend.

Kurt and Christine Anderson— Continue to perform 'ivy eradication'.

FUTURE LIC EVENTS

5th Annual Fiber Arts: Threads Through Time October 6.

On May 22, invitations to participate in the 2012 Fiber Arts Show were issued to approximately 75 fiber artists. Within 4 days 14 artists had responded. Check out the facebook album to get a preview of the range of work that will be on exhibit and for sale.

Glennis Dolce/Shibori Girl--the featured artist--will teach a 2-day class on shibori dyeing and be on hand to exhibit her own work on Saturday. Save your pennies! Visit Glennis's web page for a preview of the visual treats she will bring to the show.

For registration information about the Shibori Dyeing workshop with Glennis Dolce, contact Jan Buday (253) 884-3959.

There may still be space in Cheryl Samuel's Ravenstail workshop August 13-15, check with Jan Buday. (253) 884-3959.

Carolyn Wiley



2012 FIBER ARTS AT LIC

Fiber Arts Threads through Time

EXHIBITS DEMONSTRATIONS VENDORS
FOURTH ANNUAL FIBER ARTS SHOW
ARTISTIC TO UTILITARIAN
TRADITIONAL TO MODERN

Featured Artist
GLENNIS DOLCE SHIBORI GIRL STUDIO

FREE ADMISSION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 6 10am to 4pm

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THIRD ANNUAL LONGBRANCH COMMUNITY

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Sunday July 22
Noon to 6:30
LIC Field

Prizes for best theme, spirit, costumes, strokes, scores.
Food, drink & *friendly* judges

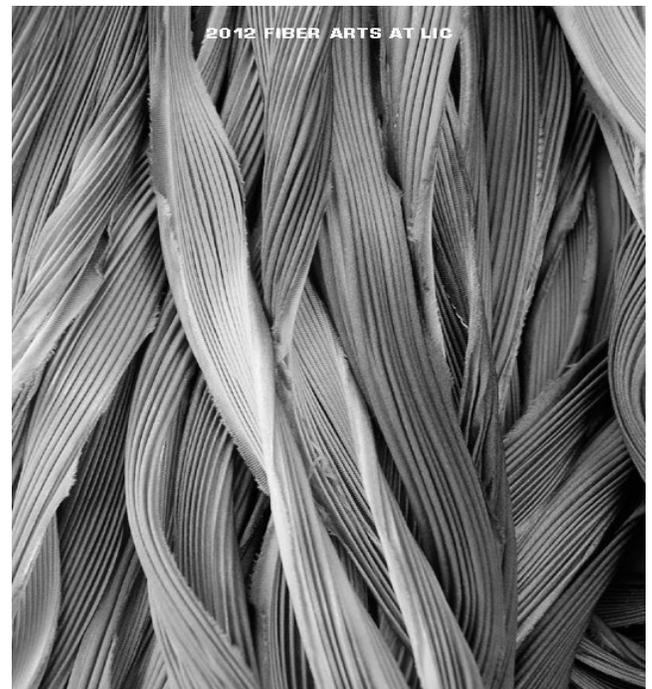
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4-person team \$60 to benefit Key Peninsula Civic Center



Spectators welcome, please bring Food Bank donations.

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Glennis Dolce
Shibori Girl Studio
Oct 3-4 Shibori dyeing techniques



LIC Membership Report

**Mark your
calendars for the June General
Membership BBQ and Potluck Meeting,
Wed., June 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

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