



THE CENTER NEWS

A Monthly Publication of Shipley Center - January 2026

Shipley Center

Presents

A Winter's Eve Art Soiree

*Join us for a social evening
of art and libations.*

Friday, January 23, 2026 4:30-7:00

*Art sale proceeds go to our new
building fund!*



ICY/SNOWY WEATHER POLICY: SAFETY FIRST!

If Sequim school district is closed, Shipley Center is closed. See sequimschools.org.

If Sequim school district has "Late Start", Shipley Center *may* be closed.

Please call the office to confirm. 360-683-6806



SAVE THE DATE!

Mardi Gras

IS COMING TO SHIPLEY CENTER

Please join us for a special luncheon and entertainment.

Friday, February 20, 2026 at 1230:

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, February 3.



TRIPS & TOURS

Debbie Patterson, Trips & Tours Coordinator

Office hours: 9 to 1 Monday-Friday



Shipley Center Trips: 360-683-5883

trips@shipleycenter.org

New! Collette Tours:

Sunny Portugal Discovery: Departing 8/16/2026

Southern Charm Holiday: Departing 12/7/2026

Spotlight on New York City: Departing 12/24/2026

Also still open: Discover Australia's Outback and New Zealand's South Island.

Stop by the office to to check out the tours with: **Premier World Discovery**

April: Holland Windmills, Waterways & Tulips

May: Music Cities-New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

July: Alpine Swiss Villages and Rails

October: Japan

October: Croatia

October: Wonders of the Blue Danube

See Green Insert for Local Trips! 360-683-5883. Office hours: 9:00-1:00 Monday-Friday.

Safe Travels, Debbie



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We are open
Monday-Thursday
9am to 2pm
Dine in or take out!

Leo's Café with Chef Kathryn Kitts

Please note our new schedule!

'A Little Café with a Lotta' Love'

Serving breakfast and lunch, Leo's Café is open 9:00 until 2:00, Monday through Thursday.
We look forward to serving you!

Come in and check out our 2026 Menu!

Our New Menu will continue having your favorites, though streamlined to make the café more efficient and the service even more amazing than it is currently.

(If you can even imagine that!)

We appreciate in advance, the loving hours of dedicated service that our volunteers will provide to make your experience at Leo's Café a pleasant one in 2026!

See you in January.

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Submissions may be sent to: newsletter@shipleycenter.org. All submissions are subject to editing.

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Community Announcements

Worried about a loved one?

Shipley Center's Healthy U presents

Alicia Campion

Administrator of Ridgeline Homecare Cooperative

"When should we become concerned whether a loved one or friend can care for themselves, and if concerned, what should we do?"

Alicia will speak about ADLs (Activities of Daily Life, and IADLs (Instrumental Activities of Daily Life) and how to get assistance for those in need.

Thursday, January 15, at 10:00 in our Front Room

WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

*****THE FORUM*****

KSQM Radio Station 91.5 FM

Wednesday, January 14

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

"Make Changes That Last"

Speaker: Barb Paschal, Retired Physical Therapist

The January meeting of the

Sequim Diabetes Support Group

will be held at Shipley Center in the Art Room

Wednesday, January 7, 10am-11am.

A general meeting with very helpful information, the event is open to the public and free.

Any contributions are given to

Shipley Center for the use of the space.

Next month's meeting is February 4, 2026.

Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County

In-person Grief Support Group

January 9 – February 6

2:00-4:00 in the VHOCC conference room

829 E. 8th St. Port Angeles

The group offers a place for participants to share with others their feelings and experiences with grief; gain a clearer understanding of the mourning process; and learn coping skills and strategies for dealing with the emotional pain of loss. Confidentiality is essential to foster openness, trust and acceptance.

Attendance is free, but registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 360-452-1511 or email reception@vhocc.org.

Whole Food Plant-Based Support Group

NEW TIME!

Meets at 11:30pm

on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

See you January 8.

It's never too late to get healthier and happier! Find out the secret to calming inflammation, reducing stress, eating better, and sleeping better without added expense or supplements.

Join our pot luck.

Pot Luck starts at 11:30pm.

Don't know what to bring? No worries.

Call Alanna: 360-912-2067

Members \$2. Non Members \$4.



GRIEF AND WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Led by Debbie McIntyre

TUESDAYS AT 2:00

In the Shipley Center Art Room

Obria Medical Clinics

Free adult wellness exams, including a comprehensive history, including medication, supplement, and lab reviews.

There is NO CHARGE to patients for this service.*

Make your appointment and receive recommendations to promote your personal wellness.

360-452-3300

Insurances may be billed.



MICHAEL SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Be Savvy and Safe in 2026!

Beginning a new year is a good time to begin thinking about some new ways to protect yourself.

A woman recently came into my office with her donation check and said she might as well bring it in as mail it. She showed me the letter from *The Seniors Center*. It looked legitimate, and told of the "desperate need" for funds, asking her to "rush your emergency \$35 donation." She thought it would help her senior center, *Shipley Center*. But no, donations to *The Seniors Center, in Washington DC*, do not help any local senior centers!

You should have received a legitimate fundraising letter from me in December with a green return address on the envelope, a green reply card, and a blue insert with suggestions for various giving ideas. If you have not had a chance to respond to the December letter, please do so, whenever you are able to, any time this year

Other scams going around are calls or emails that you have "inherited" a large amount of money, but have to send thousands of dollars to pay "attorney fees" or "customs fees" to get the crate of money to your house from afar. Do not fall for this!

WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS!

An article from the *National Council on Aging* lists other scams to be aware of. They sound pretty scary and can cost a LOT of money if we fall for them.

Some ways to protect yourself:

- Don't give personal information over the phone to anyone who calls you posing as a Medicare representative. If you provide enough information, they can submit false claims to Medicare and get paid thousands of dollars.
- Don't buy prescription drugs over the internet, as fake or even harmful substances have been sent to consumers.
- Don't agree to pay debts of a deceased family member without consulting an attorney. You may not be required to pay them, or they may not be legitimate debts at all, created just to scam you at a vulnerable time in your life.
- Don't ever send money or give your credit card info out online or over the phone to claim an inheritance, sweepstakes, lottery prize, or any other funds they say are coming your way. If you are a legitimate winner or heir, you will not have to pay anything.
- Donate only to groups or charities you know and trust.
- If you are uncertain about the legitimacy of a charitable organization, call your local Better Business Bureau or your local Chamber of Commerce
- If someone calls you claiming to be a grandchild in trouble in a foreign country, needing money wired or paid by credit card to rescue them, it is a scam 99.99% of the time. If you are worried, get the return phone number and then call your children or grandchildren's regular phone number you have on file and check up on them. They are most likely doing just fine, and will enjoy an unexpected call from you!
- Beware of phone calls supposedly from "the IRS" threatening you with being arrested for back taxes, or from "the Sheriff's office" for not coming in for jury duty or paying for traffic or parking tickets. A representative will offer to help you pay the penalties, or "settle this matter" via credit card. Hang up!

One way that *Shipley Center* has helped in the past is by posting "Fraud Alerts" on our Facebook page. Let us know if someone has tried to scam or deceive you, and we can publish the information to help others. *Like* our Facebook page to make sure you get our "Fraud Alerts," and tell your friends to *like* us also at facebook.com/ShipleyCenter.

Finally, before spending money or giving out personal info, "Call a Friend." It can be any other adult, relative or friend, adult grandchild or church friend, and run the situation by them and see if they agree it is "legit" before sending any funds or giving out any information!

Here's to a Happy New Year of smart, savvy financial decisions!

Michael

THE Albert Haller FOUNDATION

Est. 1992

Albert Haller, successful logging entrepreneur and philanthropist, left a legacy that has been supporting community causes in Clallam County for over 30 years.

The Albert Haller Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization, would appreciate your contributions and estate gifts to continue this important work. Please go to www.alberthallerfoundation.org to learn more.

You may also contact Alan Millet, attorney, at 360-683-1119

"Shipley Center is grateful to the Albert Haller Foundation for their \$60,500 in grants to help us renovate our new location!"

Interested in joining others to address global hunger while you play? Please go online to check out the UN World Food Program's "Freerice" game. Call the office if you'd like to play the game and discuss it with others. Linda Plenert will lead this group.



START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT SHIPLEY CENTER



Have you been longing to learn French?

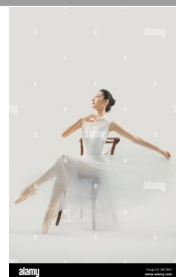
Well, wait no more!

Join Susan Zarit for conversational French and French culture. Students of all levels are welcome.

Fridays at 2:30 in our Art Room
Please call the office to express your interest in this opportunity. 360-683-6806
This group begins in January, 2026.

Chair Ballet

Join Bayley Johnson to relive childhood dreams and build strength and grace. This 55-minute class is adapted for those with mobility and balance issues. We will begin each class in a chair and advance to simple steps. You will leave feeling poised and empowered.



Mondays at 9:00 in our Front Room.
Please call the office to express your interest!

360-683-6806

PLAYING IT SAFE!

Personal Safety Training with JOHN WESSELL
Thursdays at 1:30 in our Front Room

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Michael Birr
James Bishop
Laura Bolles-Kocan
Pierre Bustanoby
& Melinda Dewey

Catharine Foxlee
& R Heath Foxlee
Chris Gutmacher
Victoria Hurlock
Charles Hux-Brown
& Patti Hux-Brown
Jeff Krecklow
& Kathleen Krecklow

Melody McKim
Linda Owen
Tracey Rice
Helen Rice
Carlyn Rice
& Charles Rice
Kristine Rose-Walsh

Fran Sanford
& Jeri Sanford
Kathleen Scott
Kenneth Sweeney
Teresa Thorson
Jeanne Underwood
Chris White
& Molly White



In Loving Memory



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Helping us Build

Vicki Boyer
Becky Skilling
Karen Rose
Deb Stoltenberg
Sally Welborn



Special Gifts

Donation to our New Building fund
by Ruth Messing
In Loving Memory of
Laura Anderson-known for her "Attenshun!"
Finger whistle in Tai Ji,
and for having the last seat in the back row at
Balance Class.
And in Memory of Dottie Robertson

Donation for the
Care and Moving of our Piano
by Becky Skilling
In Loving Memory of her husband,
Lynn Skilling.
Anonymous Donation to our Building Fund
In Memory of Lois Kay Vance

"IL Carosello Italiano"
An Interactive and engaging
class on daily conversations
while speaking Italian.
Thursdays 2:30-4:00
in the Art Room.



Spanish Class meets
Thursdays 9:30-11:00
in the Art Room.



Interested in Readers Theatre?

Join Ted Brown for
table reads (no memorizing)
of plays, old and new.
Reading stories, poems, and other
writing from participants adds to the fun!
Mondays at 12:00 in the Front Room.

Would you like to play POKER?

Please call the office at
360-683-6806, if you are
interested in joining
this activity!
Fridays at 11:30
in the Classroom.



Mahjong

New to Mahjong?

Call Diane Whitaker to arrange for
lessons: 360-775-6150

Ready to play Mahjong? Join in
every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00
in the Classroom.



EUCHRE
Every Thursday
10:00-12:00 in the Classroom
Just show up for
fun and laughter!

Cribbage

Led by David Squier

Tuesdays 11:00 to 1:00
In the Front Room



Bridge

Wednesdays 12:00-3:30
In our Front Room
Call Earl Karich: 360-582-7917
2nd & 4th Saturdays
6:30-9:00
Call Diana Smith: 360-775-5126

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Join us every Thursday in the Classroom at 1:00!

PINOCHLE

Led by Vicki Kingsolver
Tuesdays at 1:00 in the Classroom



Games start
at 12:15 on Thursdays.

Come early to purchase your cards.
Members \$1/Non-members \$2.
Bingo Cards are just 50 cents each.
15 games, and we also have a Potluck.
BIG Money on the last Blackout.
Play Responsibly!

MEXICAN TRAIN

Mondays at 10:00 in the Classroom
Just show up and have fun with us!
360-683-6806



Hand
and
Foot

HAND AND FOOT
Fridays
9:00-11:00
in the Classroom



FOR SHIPLEY CENTER MEMBERS ONLY! Computer Clinic on Mondays, 1 to 3pm.

Help with computers, tablets, smartphones and general technology questions. **PC and Mac.**
Donations made in the office to Shipley Center in appreciation for computer help are welcomed.



Hula

Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30

In the Dance Hall

Members \$3, Non-members \$6
Please call Sandi Lazzaro for information
360-809-3390

Chair Qi Gong

For Balance, Flexibility &
Mindful Focus

This gently guided Qi Gong group will focus its attention more to those with limited mobility, balance, and concentration challenges.

**FRIDAYS AT 9:30 IN OUR
FRONT ROOM**

Led by Richard Chabot



Line Dancing on Fridays!

10:30 to 12:15—High Beginners
12:30 to 2:00—Beginners
2:15 to 3:30—Basic Beginners



Come join Beth Glick for
ZUMBA GOLD

Mondays and Fridays at 11:00
Wednesdays at 11:15



The gentle art of TAI JI
led by

Steve Arstad and Scotty Wells

10:00 on Tuesdays in the Main Room

Easy Stretching with Keoki

This is a full-body stretch followed by guided relaxation.

This floor activity requires a yoga mat.
A blanket is also recommended.

Mondays at 2:30 in the Front Room

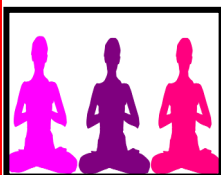


TAI CHI CHUAN

Join Richard Chabot for this
classic practice.

Wednesdays at 10:00

In our Main Room



Have YOU tried YOGA?

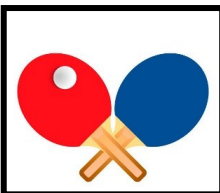
EZ Yoga

Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30

\$3 Members \$6 Non-members

Ping Pong

NEW TIME: Tuesdays 12:00-1:30
Wednesdays/Thursdays 3:30-5:00
Sundays 1:30-3:00
All levels of skill welcome!



PERSONAL SAFETY-SELF DEFENSE

Join John Wessell for this important work.

John adapts the techniques for persons of all abilities.
This is ongoing training and you may start at any time.

No need to sign up. Just show up for
this engaging class.

Thursdays at 1:30 in our Front Room

John has been studying and teaching
martial arts and self defense for
many decades.



Ukelele Play and Sing
Mondays 1:00-3:00
In the Main Room

Fiber Arts

Tuesdays in our Front Room at 9:30

Fridays in the Art Room at 9:30



BASIC MEDITATION CLASS via ZOOM!

Friday Mornings at 9:30

A basic guided meditation class led by Jean Kipper.

Sponsored by *Dungeness Courte Memory Care*.

No class fee is required.

For more information call
360-683-6806



JANUARY 2026-WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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FRI

Please join us on Friday, January 23 for our Art Soiree.



We will spend a lovely social evening
and support Shipley Center with our purchases of
donated art. All art-sale proceeds go to our
“New Building Fund!”

Come see what we have.
Especially check out the intriguing pieces by Beverly Doolittle.
Framed art begins at \$10 and unframed pieces at \$5.

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9:00-Balance Class
9:00-Chair Ballet
9:00-Water Media
Drop-in
10:00-Mexican Train
11:00-Zumba Gold
12:00-Readers
Theatre
1:00-Ukulele
1:00-Computer Clinic
2:30-Easy Stretch

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9:30-Fiber Arts
10:00-Meet and Paint
10:00-SHIBA
10:00-Tai Ji
11:00-Cribbage
12:00-Ping Pong
1:00-N.O.W.
1:00-Pinochle
2:00-Grief and
Wellness Group
2:00-Hula

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9:00-Balance Class
10:00-Diabetes Support
Group
10:00-Exercise is Fun
10:00-Tai Chi Chuan
11:15-Zumba Gold
12:00-Bridge
1:00-Mahjong
1:30-EZ Yoga
3:30-Ping Pong

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9:30-Sewing
9:30-Spanish Class
10:00-Euchre
11:30-Whole Foods
Plant Based Group
12:15-Bingo
1:00-Scrabble
1:30-Personal Safety
2:30- IL Carosello
Italiano I
3:30-Ping Pong

9 Leo's is Closed

9:00-Balance Class
9:00-Hand and Foot
9:30-Chair Qi Gong
9:30-Fiber Arts
9:30-Meditation (Zoom)
10:30-Line Dance
(High-Beginner)
11:00-Zumba Gold
11:30-Poker
12:30-Line Dance
(Beginner)
1:30-EZ Yoga
2:15-Line Dance
(Basic Beginner)
2:30-French Class

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9:00-Balance Class
9:00-Chair Ballet
9:00-Water Media
Drop-in
10:00-Mexican Train
11:00-Zumba Gold
12:00-Readers
Theatre
1:00-Ukulele
1:00-Computer Clinic
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1:00-Pinochle
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Wellness Group
2:00-Hula

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10:00-Exercise is Fun
10:00-Investing Class
10:00-Tai Chi Chuan
11:15-Zumba Gold
12:00-Bridge
1:00-Mahjong
1:30-EZ Yoga
3:30-Ping Pong


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January 2026-WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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**COME
PAINT
WITH US!**

MONDAYS
9:00-12:00
Water Media
Drop-in
In the Art Room

TUESDAYS
10:00-12:00
Meet and Paint
In the Art Room

TUESDAYS
1:00-4:00
North Olympic
Watercolorists
In the Front Room

The next Line Dance Social will be Saturday, January 24, 2026, 3:30-6:00



SUNDAYS

PING PONG

1:30-3:00

STRAIT WHEELERS

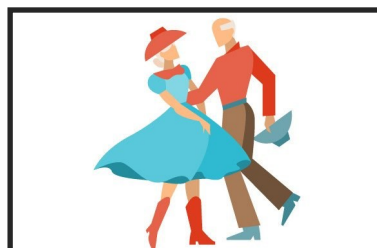
Square Dancing

Now meeting 4:00-5:30

Three Fridays a month

For more information

Call Janolyn at 360-670-5547



SATURDAYS

BRIDGE

2ND and 4TH

Saturdays

6:30-9:00



Spotlight on Diana and Gary Smith & The Albert Haller Foundation

We welcome the new year with a rather different kind of article, this month featuring two long-time Sequim residents and their relationship with the Albert Haller family, and later, the Foundation.

For this interview, I spent almost two hours at Diana and Gary's beautiful 86-year-old home up Taylor Cutoff Road. This was a home Albert Haller built in 1940, and lived in until 1992, when the Smiths bought it. They have obviously brought amenities up to date, but the interior still retains its historic charm. A trout pond, surrounded by trees, is the view from the back verandah.



Diana Smith was born in Oroville, CA, the youngest of five. The family moved to Paradise, CA—yes, *that* Paradise decimated in the 2018 Camp fire—then, to the Seattle area, where she graduated from Kent-Meridian High School.

An interesting note during their time in Paradise was that, in 1962, Diana won the Miss Golden Nugget crown for the annual Golden Nugget Days (the third year for that event). For several years after that, she returned to be part of the parade, on a float with past queens. The last time, 2014, she wore an elegant Victorian gown she had designed and sewn herself. Later, she was a Marilyn Monroe impersonator for the "Let Me Entertain You" show during Sequim's Irrigation Festival!

Diana is an accomplished seamstress! Half the basement of their home is her sewing room! She began simply, creating placemats, napkins, and basket liners. Then, a friend asked her if she'd be interested in sewing outfits for American Girl dolls. YES! And now, Diana has been sewing and selling her wares at the Tacoma Home and Gift Show for thirty years! She loves having once-little-girls who bought clothes for their dolls, now grown-up, bringing *their* little girls to buy clothes for their beloved American Girl dolls. After this year's show, Diana will retire and then sell only online.

Both she and her husband are avid bridge players, and Diana has headed up the Saturday night Bridge group at Shipley Center for the past ten years.

Gary Smith, born in Stony Point, NY, was raised in Rockland County, thirty miles north of New York City. After graduating from Clarkstown Jr/Sr High School at age 17, Gary enlisted in the US Navy. After boot camp at Great Lakes (Chicago area), it was off to Pensacola, FL, to Communications Tech and Radio Direction-Finding Schools. Stationed in Guam for two years, Gary became very proficient at free diving and spear fishing; also tracking Russian submarines, with top-secret crypto clearance.

From Guam, Gary was shipped to a Direction-Finding base on the Lummi Indian Reservation, north of Bellingham, WA. On days off, he and a fellow Naval buddy would travel to Seattle. There, his buddy introduced Gary to a girl he had previously dated, Diana Shannon. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married. With a twinkle in her eye, Diana says, "I graduated in June, met Gary in August, and we were married in January!" With a gleam in his eye, Gary drolly states, "I guess we hit it off, as we celebrate 62 years of marriage this month!"

Together as a Family! Two years and two children—Darren and Shonda—later, Gary was discharged from the Navy and the family moved back to his NY hometown. Gary worked three jobs, just to make ends meet, when a former classmate, a Clarkstown Police officer, told him the town was looking to hire ten more officers and he should take the test.

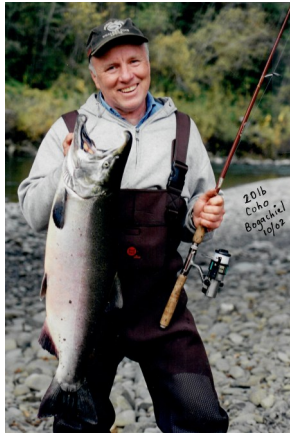
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Gary took the Civil Service test, the first person ever to ace it with 100%! Obviously hired, he was involved in many capacities: SWAT and SCUBA teams, Police Academy Defensive Tactical Instructor, and a helicopter pilot, retiring as a Patrol Sergeant in 1986.

During this time, Diana was a stay-at-home Mom and, when her children were older, became very successful in selling real estate. She, too, retired with Gary in 1986, and it was off to the Olympic Peninsula to pursue an outdoor life of camping, fishing, and hunting!

Hallers and Smiths: Starting in Forks, Gary found “the perfect home” that met the couple’s outdoor dreams; but being isolated, 14 miles from the highway, Diana told him in no uncertain terms that “he could live there, but he’d have to visit her elsewhere.” They decided they’d better get a book with more information about the Peninsula and work from there. Sequim looked promising, so they agreed, “Let’s just buy a place there and see how it goes.” What an auspicious decision *that* was!



The couple bought a piece of property on the Dungeness River from now-widowed Albert Haller, and had a house built there. With their mutual love of hunting and fishing, it wasn’t long before Albert and Gary struck up a close friendship. As Albert’s health deteriorated, Diana would assist him with doctor visits and medications. Gary would help Albert with home and yard work. When he went into assisted living, Albert agreed to sell his home to Gary and Diana.

Before Albert passed away in 1992, he set up a charitable foundation and asked Gary if he would be on the Board of Directors administering the funds. At the first meeting of the five-member Board, Gary was elected President, a position he has held to this day.

Albert Haller was the quintessential example of the rags-to-riches story! The tenth of 13 children, he attended the Dungeness School only until the fourth grade, when he was told by his father to get to work. He hung out at logging camps, prevalent on the Peninsula at the time, taking whatever jobs they would give him. Saving every penny he could, Albert was able to buy his own logging truck.

Starting with that one truck, he formed a successful logging company and began buying up land. Albert became the largest independent landowner in Clallam County. Turning to land development, he was “working on the Dungeness Heights development at the time of his death in 1992 at age 88.”

The Albert Haller Foundation was based on Albert’s generous spirit, developing a deep commitment to helping others in their community. The non-profit was founded “to be operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes whose activities most closely correspond with my (Albert’s) intention as to furthering the welfare of the citizens of Clallam County.” This is divided into three categories: Education, Charitable Organizations, and Capital Projects. It gives several scholarships each year to Clallam County students, and supports organizations that feed and help the poor. Shipley Center’s Building Fund has been the recipient of \$65,000 from the Foundation for renovating the JCPenney building, which will honor Albert’s memory with the *Haller Conference Room*.

The need is always great. The Foundation is continually seeking additional funds to grow its principal so it can provide even more to the citizens of Clallam County in perpetuity.

To learn more about Albert’s life, his legacy, and how you can support his dream, you can access the website at www.alberthallerfoundation.org. “The tree is gone, but the seeds remain and grow.”



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



1	Lavonne Mueller	9	Lyle Rockey	16	Joyce Newport	23	Jack Brent
2	Sue Collins		Rose Sebastian		Diane Stephens		Randi Cooper
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	Cecilia Herbelin		Cindy Templeton	17	George Alkire		Mare Harrington
	Mary Ann Howell		Vernon Weed		Susan Park		Michele Menia
	Deborah Jett	10	Joseph Dalton		Douglas Rayburn		William Mitchell
	Brian Pulk		Sophia Engkvist	18	Janet Albrich		Madelaine Yannaccone
	Larry Van den Berg		Claudia Konker		Ernylee Chamlee	24	Ellen Arnbrister
3	Joan Cotta		Brianne McCarthy		Joseph Esteves		Rosalie Di Maggio
	Becky Schaefer		Neil Ramplley		Annie Hogenboom		Ellen Kaminsky
4	Frances Bishop		Dianne Teasley		Peggy Lee		Gary Minch
	JoAnna Caro	11	Bob Wiens		Donna Lodge		Cheri Wasous
	Suzy Thomson		Kathleen Arends		Susana Page		Timothy Wheeler
	Ed Urbanski		Chas Bridge		Timothy Paschal	25	Laraine Gau
5	Ronald Gregory		Kris Bridge		Sharon Ross		Don Ho
	Beverly Pluth		Brian Callicott		Leonard Stadtmiller		Camille Wood
6	Steve Johnson		Ramon Gama		Paul Williams	26	Terri Gilbert
	Eckart Mildenstein		Patti Hux-Brown	19	Margaret Cox		Marcus Gear
	Steve Pearson		Shirley Ledbetter		Deb Dillard		Ron Lane
	Arline Walker		Ethan Powers		Connie Drysdale		Michelle Moss
	Dianne Whitaker	12	Rich Snow		Mark Ewell		Luigi Nicoloso
7	Peggy Cohen	13	Ken Foster		William Lindberg		Tim Putnam
	Nancy Dahll		Ted Awana		Jason Smith		David Squier
	Roberta Dahm		Steven Carlson		Marian Wilson		Patricia Strickland
	Lynn Ford		Julie Clifford	20	Amy Jo Bolon		Beth Walker
	John McBride	14	Linda Myers		Robert Herbelin	27	Annie Grasteit
	Myrna Molinar		Julie Colvin		Victoria Hurlock		Betty Hughes
	Greg Sensiba		Deborah Kahn		Christie Madsen		Jan Johannessen
	Herb Scherbinske		Hornke		Dawna McCaffrey		Barbara Paschal
	Melissa Vemi		RayDelle Kistler		Kathy Myher		Vicki Richards
	Lila Duncan		Barbara Neswald		Melvin Perricone		Jacquelyn Sorensen
8	Maria Ackerman		Rose Prestipino		Claudia Brown		Gail Sumpter
	George Christensen	15	Dave Yarnchak	21	Janet Flatley		Mary Bess
	Nina Everitt		Arline Dailey		Cathy Grove	28	Susan Blenk
	Eri Hirata		Lois Gruendl		Cheryle Bigelow		Cathy Hinz
	Kim Kitts		Denyse Lockard	22	Mary Givens		Randy Skoglund
	Kay Meehan		Joanna Pinick		Gretchen Harms	29	Heidi Eggebroten
	Florence Missiaen	16	Avinash Verma		Duane Jensen		Eveylyn Hobbs
	Kristine Olsen		Mildred Vogan		Joyce Lamure		George Lanham
9	Roberta Cooper		Linda Campbell		Laura Oberg		Shirley Long
	Kay Ann Giefer		Carol Ann Clay		Dolores Young		Dorothy Phillips
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	LaRue Robirts		Ellen Finch
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	Mary Syme		Catherine Mix
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Thank you for supporting Shipley Center.

A Sad but Fond Farewell

We are unfortunately saying goodbye this month to Barb Paschal (beloved Healthy-U leader) after 20+ years of volunteer service at Shipley Center.



Reba, Barb, and Michael

The power of Barb's leadership is seen in her "Exercise is Fun" students as they continue their group self-led.

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Singles Breakfast Gatherings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Call Bobbie Dahm at 360-477-0019 for information and to sign up for either Tuesday. On the second Tuesday, we meet at a chosen restaurant. On the fourth Tuesday, we meet at Leo's Café at 9:00.

Singles Lunch Gatherings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Robert Drews at 360-670-9008 to sign up.

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January - February 2026

Wow! It's January 2026! This month has some food and drink days to celebrate! In addition to being the New Year's Day celebration, January 1st is also National Bloody Mary Day. Others include January 3rd, National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day (yum!); January 4th, National Spaghetti Day; January 17th, National Hot Tea Day (my personal favorite); and January 19th, National Popcorn Day! Celebrate!

I am looking forward to planning many interesting and exciting trips this year, working with our travel agencies for excursions in the US and abroad. Keep watching the Green Sheets in your monthly newsletter for all the adventures planned throughout the year.

Clearwater Casino, Tuesday, January 20 - It's time once again to gather on the Shipley fun bus with friends for some gaming, lunch, and socializing with Debra as our driver! We must have at least 12 travelers for this trip to happen, so call your friends! We leave the casino at 2:30 to head home.

Departs 9:00am to 3:30pm

\$15 per person

Gig Harbor Shopping and Lunch, Wednesday, January 21 - Eric and Donna are your driver/hosts and will show you the Gig Harbor Uptown shopping center. It has a lot of outlet stores—as well as *Marshalls*—and of course, we'll be hitting the January sales! Then treat yourself to lunch (on your own) at one of the several great restaurants. Please sign up as soon as possible; payment must be made at least a week before this trip. We will give you a list of stores when you sign up.

Departs 8:45am Est. Return 5:00pm

\$40 for M /\$45 NM

Lemay Auto Museum, Tacoma, Wednesday, January 28 - For all you car enthusiasts out there—America's Car Museum(ACM) spotlights America's love affair with the automobile. Featuring a nine-acre campus – with a four-story museum as the centerpiece – ACM is one of the world's largest auto museums and attractions. This building opened in 2012 and currently features over 300 cars from various collectors! The *Shinka (Evolution) Japanese Auto*, *Route 66*, and *Lucky's Garage* are just a few of the exhibits being showcased. Enjoy lunch on your own in their café. This will be a "self-guided" tour, so you can see what you want, at your own pace. Eric will be driving the Shipley bus, but we need at least 15 people to make it happen, so call your friends!!

Departs 8:30am to approx. 4:30pm

\$72/M\$77/NM

Wolf Haven Sanctuary, Sunday, February 1 – Wolf Haven is an internationally recognized wolf sanctuary located in Tenino WA. They have rescued and provided a lifetime home for over 300 displaced, captive-born animals since 1982. Many of these wolves and wolfdogs come from private ownership, zoos, and roadside attractions, and have been taken in and given shelter and care by the staff at the sanctuary. This guided tour involves some walking through the sanctuary; it also includes a video at the Visitor Center. We will be stopping at a nearby restaurant for lunch after the tour. Linda will be your driver.

Departs 8:00am to approx. 5:00pm

\$68/M\$73/NM

PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY PROMPTLY

Bloedel Reserve, Bainbridge Island, Saturday, February 7 – Quiet, peaceful, lush, and green. Enjoy this beautiful reserve in winter. Wonderful opportunities to spot birds and wildlife. They have a wonderful gift shop, too! We will stop in Poulsbo for lunch and maybe another 30 minutes of shopping (There are a few bakeries there!).

Please note: Payment will be due at least two weeks before the trip.

Departs 9:00am to approx. 5:00pm

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Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Saturday, February 21 – I am taking names now – Please note: Payment for your ticket will be due February 1st. We will have more info by that date.

Coming in March: Dinner and Theatre: Port Angeles Community Players: *The Play that Goes Wrong* -- Cost and times will be in February's newsletter. Please call or e-mail now if interested!

Regional trips planned for 2026:

Portland, Oregon, featuring a river cruise

Harrison Hot Springs, BC

Seaside, Oregon, featuring a train ride

The Shipley Center is now working not only with **Premier Travel** and **Collette Tours**, but with **Mayflower Cruises & Tours** as well. For new trips coming in the New Year, see page 2 in the Shipley Newsletter.

Please see Debbie in Trips for information on any Shipley adventures

****** SPECIAL EDITION OF TRIPS NOTES ******

Some of you may have noticed that the Trips Department has been open sporadically over the past few months. Well, I was on a trip.

This trip started with a slip (on my kitchen floor). This was the first week in November. They sent a limo (ambulance) and, when I arrived at my destination (OMC), they took many photos of me (X-rays and more). After my spa treatment (knee surgery), I spent a few nights in a room with a beautiful view of the ocean. All my meals were included!

My next destination was Sequim: a private room with a view of a lovely courtyard, and AGAIN, all my meals included! Many friends have stopped by with festive decorations for my room! I even go to the gym every day, except weekends! (My physical AND occupational therapists have been wonderful!)

By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope to be back working in my office at Shipley Center. However, my hours might be a bit irregular. If you would like to sign up for a trip, please **call my office: 360-683-5883 and leave a message, or send me an email: trips@shipleycenter.org**

See you on the Shipley Bus!

Debbie

"January is the perfect time to reflect on where you've been and where you are going."
-Anonymous