



# THE CENTER NEWS

A Monthly Publication of Shipley Center - May 2026

## PUZZLE MAY-NIA FRIDAY, MAY 15 1:30-3:30

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**SHIPLEY CENTER PRESENTS  
ROBERT HAGEN**

## LIVE SUMMER CONCERT

**FRIDAY EVENING  
JUNE 12  
6:00**

**TICKETS ON SALE WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 FOR MEMBERS  
TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, MAY 29 FOR  
NONMEMBERS**



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AND  
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Debbie Patterson, Trips & Tours Coordinator

Office hours: 9 to 1 Monday-Friday



Shipley Center Trips: 360-683-5883

trips@shipleycenter.org

## Premier Travel Presentation May 27 at 4:30

North Carolina and the Outer Banks: September 2026

Bullet Train/Japan: October 2026

Sierra Nevada Rail Journey: December 2026

Fantastic Florida and the Keys: February 2027

Spain & Portugal: March 2027 and Treasures of Ireland: April 2027

Great Trains & Canyons: September 2027 and French Riviera: September 2027

## Collette Travel Presentation May 6 at 4:30pm

Australia's Outback and New Zealand's South Island: November 2026

Scotland: October 2026

Spotlight on Tuscany: October 2026

Christmas on the Danube: December 2027

Call Trips today to reserve your seat! 360-683-5883

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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!**

**It's unanimous:**

**ShIPLEY Center Volunteers Rock!**

On Friday, April 3, Shipley Center celebrated those who keep our Center humming along. Over 145 volunteers received invitations to be recognized at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon prepared by Chef Kathryn and her team. The luncheon was served by members of our Board of Directors. Attendees included folks who had volunteered at least 20 hours during 2025 with the highest hours\* being over 400. Many volunteers also received their 1 Year, 5 Year, and 10 Year pins.

We hope you will always think to thank our volunteers. They include:

- Activity Leaders
- Benefit Sale Workers
- Board Members
- Building Renovators
- Bus Drivers
- Café Workers
- Fiber Artists
- Front Office Volunteers
- Librarians and Card Specialists
- ShIPLEY Singers
- Tech and IT Support

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR SHIPLEY CENTER!**

Doing a little catching up, we honored 9 volunteers as the outstanding volunteers for the calendar quarters. Left to right are Eric and Donna Mullen, bus driver/assistant; Jerie Louie, Line Dance; Sandie Kiehl, Front Desk and Bingo; Elaine Churchill, Front Desk, Café, Poker, Ukelele; Jean Kipper, Meditation; Glenn Patterson, Events set up. Not pictured: Kathy King, decorator for the seasons.



Volunteers of the Quarters 2023-2026

And, our director, Michael Smith and Board President, Renee Millar, present Margaret Cox with her 20-year pin. Wow, Margaret.! That's a lot of love and dedication.

A big Thank You to Kathryn Kitts and her team for creating a lovely lunch to honor our volunteers.



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# Community Announcements



## Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County "What Matters at the End of Life" Barbara Karnes, RN

VHOCC's next installment in its Soul Care Speaker Series features Barbara Karnes. Karnes is the author of "Gone from My Sight: The Dying Experience" and many other end-of-life resources, and her articles have been featured in The NY Times, USA Today, Huffington Post, Thrive Global and The Washington Post, among others. It is scheduled online

**Wednesday, May 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

The workshop is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 360-452-1511 or email [office@vhocc.org](mailto:office@vhocc.org)

## Returning to Shipley Center



### Veterans Coffee Social

Please Join Assured Hospice for our Monthly Veterans Coffee Social Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 10:00 in the Library. Pastries and Coffee and good conversations.

See you May 7

921 Hammond St. Sequim WA. 98382

The April meeting of the **Sequim Diabetes Support Group** will be held at Shipley Center in the Art Room **Wednesday, May 6, 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 June 3, 2026.



## GRIEF AND WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Led by Debbie McIntyre  
TUESDAYS AT 2:00  
In the Shipley Center Art Room

All are welcome.

## WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS

\*\*\*\*\*THE FORUM\*\*\*\*\*

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM KSQM FM (91.5) Radio Station

May 13, 2026

"Getting Your Times Worth"  
Bertha D. Cooper

## Whole Foods Plant Based Potluck Group meets 2nd Thursday at 11:30 in our Front Room.

**Thursday, May 14**

All are welcome: beginners and seasoned plant-based-diet people. Curious about plant-based diets? Please join us. We are learning together!

Don't know what to bring? No worries. Showing up is the most important step.

Call Chuck 425-503-2929 or Wendy 360-463-6355 with any questions.



Personal help with your Medicare questions.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10:00 to 12:00. No charge. No appointment needed.

## VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE LOG YOUR HOURS!

We appreciate you and want to recognize your service to Shipley Center  
See Theresa in the Front Office regarding your hours.



MICHAEL SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## 55 Years of Fun and a Building Update

**Wish Us a Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Your senior center, Shipley Center, was founded 55 years ago, on May 27, 1971, as the “Senior Citizens Center of Sequim”. We could look at “the past” in detail sometime, but right now there’s a lot of “the present” going on, and even more “future” to focus on!

Were you aware that every May, a U.S. Government Agency, the USDA’s Administration for Community Living, tells us it is time to celebrate the inescapable truth that we all are aging?

“Celebrate aging?” Some might say, “You gotta be kidding!”

Well, I discovered that this May, the Older Americans Month theme is a laudable one: *Champion Your Health*. It explains that we should be focusing on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility, as “cornerstones of healthy aging.”

Well, that doesn’t sound so bad, does it?

A big part of *Championing Your Health* could be as simple as getting out and finding people and a place to connect. It’s that connected-ness with other people that helps us participate in activities like those at the Center, fulfilling our mission of providing **Friendship \* Recreation \* Education**.

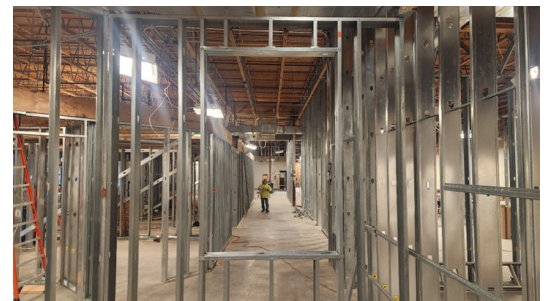
“Friendship” is first because having *others to enjoy things with* can enhance the recreational and educational benefits of all we do. So come on out and play!

Maybe you already have a lot of friends—that’s great! Bring them with you. Enjoy lunch in *Leo’s Café* together or take a class. It is up to you and your personality type, of course, but try to stretch yourself to find something new to do and someone new to meet now and then. (I even know of a few cases of true love being found here at the *Center*, so don’t rule out *that* possibility!)

**Monthly Building Update:** Speaking of love, you are going to love our new building! We are moving from 11,000 sq ft to 29,000 sq ft by renovating Sequim’s former JCPenney building into the new home for our senior center, Shipley Center.

This month, almost all the wall-framing is done which, for us visual learners, defines the spaces so we can actually see the sizes and shapes of the rooms. Having the metal studs in place allows for electrical wiring, plugs and switches to be installed. In addition, our new efficient LED lights will soon be up. All hot- and cold-water supply lines are being installed. Soon, a new energy-saving water heater will arrive. Not long after that, we’ll get our snazzy ADA-accessible drinking fountains . . . complete with bottle fillers! After all the “in-wall” items are inspected, a drywall installer has been lined up to get going on a Herculean task—lifting and installing an estimated 1000 sheets of 5/8ths-inch thick sheetrock! And last, but not least, we are beginning work on the construction and décor of our new *Leo’s Café* kitchen and dining areas, which will function well and look great.

We continue to be thankful that, up to now, our project has been injury-free, on schedule, and under budget. Please wish us continued success in all these aspects of this endeavor. To those philanthropists out there: Your one-time or monthly financial support is invested responsibly and is truly appreciated. We trust that generations to come will enjoy—and appreciate—what we are building together!



Looking down the west hallway from north to south. On the left will be reception area, program director’s office, restrooms, and a classroom. On the right, fiber arts, library, multi-use room, and art room.

**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](http://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!"*

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Lisa Anderson   | John Oaks            |
| Dana Casey      | Sue Oaks             |
| Linda Davis     | Diane Otti           |
| Robert Davis    | Isabelle Phipps      |
| Christine Dunn  | Gary Rone            |
| Mary Eklund     | Margie Rone          |
| Shannon Heisey  | Penny Ruby           |
| John Jennings   | Dee Salyer           |
| Paula Jennings  | Marcia Smiley        |
| Roger Johnson   | Ed Sofie             |
| Tammy Johnson   | William Stark        |
| Sandy Koch      | Cherie Stockwell     |
| Gary Laxson     | Richard Stockwell    |
| Kay Lewis       | Dian Svendsen        |
| Sharon Mannor   | Mark Svendsen        |
| David Martin    | Pamela Tanski        |
| Nancy Martin    | Geri Thomas          |
| Debbi McDermott | Kelly Thomsen-Archer |
| DJ Medlong      | Sheldon Villani      |
| Darlene Mullick | Tinamarie Villani    |
| Lorne Mullick   |                      |

**Become a Proud MGM Club Member!**

Together, our **M**embers **G**iving **M**onthly donors provide over \$1500 a month, or over \$18,000 per year, in support of Shipley Center's mission to serve seniors.

**You can join them in making a real difference in an affordable way!**

**How much?** Some donors decide to give \$30 per month, or a dollar a day. Gifts range from \$10 to \$250 per month.

Please let us know what amount works for you.

**How do I join?**

To join the "MGM Club" just call or visit with Executive Director Michael Smith or get an MGM Club enrollment card at the front desk.

**Your faithful support is truly appreciated.**

*In Loving Memory*

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|-------------|----------------|
| Etta Grall  | Randall Radock |
| Cathy Grove | Lyle Rockey    |
| Robert Nagy | David Spencer  |

*Special Gifts*

- Diane and Leon Lopez  
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Leland White
- Craig and Deborah Palmer  
in Memory of  
Randy Radock

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



**¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?**  
 Spanish Conversation meets Thursdays 9:30-11:00 in the Art Room.



**Interested in Readers Theatre?**  
 Join the Rainshadow Readers, reading plays, stories, poems and original writing from participants. Scripts are also rehearsed for presentations at local senior living communities. (No memorization required!) Mondays at 12:00 in the Front Room.



**Cours de Français**  
 with Susan Zarit  
**FRIDAYS AT 2:30**  
 In our Art Room



**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.

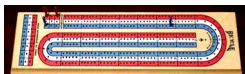


**EUCHRE**  
 Every Thursday 10:00-12:00 in the Classroom  
 Just show up for fun and laughter!



**Bridge**  
**Wednesdays 12:00-3:30**  
**In our Front Room**  
 Please call Earl Karich to express your interest: 360-582-7917  
**2nd & 4th Saturdays 6:30-9:00**  
 Please call Diana Smith: 360-775-5126

**Cribbage**  
 Led by David Squier  
**Tuesdays 11:00 to 1:00**  
 In the Front Room




**S C R A B B L E**  
 Join us every Thursday in the Classroom at 1:00!

**BINGO**  
 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!



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




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



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



**Ante up!**  
 Join the Shiple Center Poker Group  
**FRIDAYS at 11:30**  
 In the Classroom  
 There's room for you at the table!



### Hula Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30 In the Dance Hall

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



We have NEW activities.  
Please see page 18

Stop by and see the new bulletin board in our library displaying newsworthy events connected to Shipley Center and our members.

Line Dance on Fridays!  
Please see calendar  
for May Schedule.



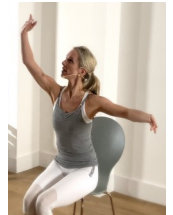
### Chair Ballet

Mondays at 9:00 in our Front Room

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



Come join Beth Glick for  
**ZUMBA GOLD**  
Mondays and Fridays at 11:00  
Wednesdays at 11:15

### 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 our Front Room



### Chair Qi Gong

For Balance, Flexibility & Mindful Focus

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

Led by Richard Chabot



### Have YOU tried YOGA?

EZ Yoga

Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30

\$3 Members \$6 Non-members



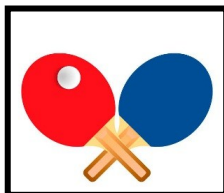
### The gentle art of TAI JI

led by  
Steve Arstad and Scotty Wells

10:00 on Tuesdays in the Main Room

### 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!



### TAI CHI CHUAN

Join Richard Chabot for this classic practice.

Wednesdays at 10:00

In our Main Room



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




# MAY 2026-WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
<div data-bbox="110 331 441 756" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHIPLEY CENTER</b> 1971-2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">55 Years in Service to Seniors!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This month we celebrate Shiple Center’s 55th Birthday!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You are invaluable to us! We hope your membership is invaluable to you. And, speaking of value, our membership fees will have a small increase this July.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single memberships will go up from \$50 to \$60. For two persons in the same household, fees will increase from \$85 to \$100.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You can save by paying your next annual membership fee by June 30, 2026. And, feel free to pay for multiple years at the current rate. What a deal!</p>				<p><b>1 LEO’S IS CLOSED</b></p> <p>9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Hand and Foot 9:30-Chair Qi Gong 9:30-Fiber Arts 9:30-Meditation (Zoom) 10:30-<b>NO</b> Line Dance (High Beginner) 11:00-<b>NO</b> Zumba Gold 11:30-Poker 12:30-Line Dance (Beginner 2) 1:30-EZ Yoga 2:15-<b>NO</b> Line Dance (Beginner 1) 2:30-<b>NO</b> French Class</p>
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<p><b>25</b>                        Memorial Day                      Remember and Honor                      Shipley Center is Closed.</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      9:30-Fiber Arts                      10:00-Meet and Paint                      10:00-Tai Ji                      11:00-Cribbage                      12:00-Ping Pong                      12:30-Book Club                      1:00-N.O.W.                      1:00-Pinochle                      2:00-Grief and Wellness Group                      2:00-Hula</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      9:00-Balance Class                      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</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      9:30-Spanish Conversation                      10:00-Euchre                      12:15-Bingo                      1:00-Scrabble                      2:30-IL Carosello Italiano                      2:30-Personal Safety                      3:30-Ping Pong</p>	<p><b>29 LEO'S IS CLOSED</b>                      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 2)                      1:30-EZ Yoga                      2:15-Line Dance (Beginner 1)                      2:30-French Class</p>


	<p><b>COME PAINT WITH US!</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAYS</b>                      9:00-12:00                      Water Media Drop-in                      In the Art Room</p>	<p><b>TUESDAYS</b>                      10:00-12:00                      Meet and Paint                      In the Art Room</p>	<p><b>TUESDAYS</b>                      1:00-4:00                      North Olympic Watercolorists                      In the Front Room</p>
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**The next Line Dance Social is Saturday, May 16th at 3:15.**



**SUNDAYS**  
  
**PING PONG**  
  
 1:30-3:00

**Accordion Social!**  
 Shipley Center 921 E. Hammond St.  
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 Saturdays  
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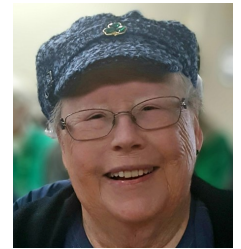


## Spotlight on Ruth Messing

By Margaret Cox

Sometimes it takes a risk to make a new friend! At one of the Shipley luncheons, a woman I knew only as a participant in my Balance Exercise class, came up to me and inquired, “I was wondering if you’d care to go with me for an early dinner sometime next week.” “Sure!” I replied enthusiastically. And, it is from that beginning—that risk—that Ruth Messing and I have now become good friends.

Over the years, Ruth has lived in so many places, been involved in such varied careers, it is impossible to document it all in one article. So, this will be just “a taste of Ruth”. You’ll have to ask her about “the full meal!”




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**Early Years:** The middle child of five, Ruth was born in Gilead, a farming village in the SE corner of Nebraska. While not on a farm (They did have a cow and chickens!), the kids enjoyed skinny dipping and ice-skating on a near-by cow pond. Ruth attended a two-room school house.

Until the family moved to Fairbury when she was thirteen, their home had no running water! Ruth graduated from High School at the age of sixteen, and the following Monday morning, reported for work at the local bank.

**Off to California!** Ruth’s oldest brother was living in San Diego. Wanting to spread her wings, Ruth drove alone, cross-country, and immediately went to work in a bank. After three years, an opportunity presented itself to be the Personal Secretarial Assistant to the owner of Golden Door and Rancho La Puerta Resorts. These were premier, exclusive health retreats for Hollywood celebrities and elite clientele. Ruth enjoyed meeting the many celebrities — including the Gabor sisters--Robert Young, and movie producers, while being in charge of purchasing for both resorts and “doing anything else her boss could think of!” She says of that time, “It was a cram course in business administration!”

**USIU:** Having taken correspondence courses in business writing, Ruth was hired by the nonprofit United States International University (USIU) in San Diego (now merged into Alliant International University). Her job of writing grant proposals took her many times to Washington, D.C. “knocking on doors” to secure funding for the University. While at USIU, Ruth was asked if she’d like to get her degree. Ruth recalls that that was “like asking a kid if they wanted candy! “YES!” She was able to study around her work schedule to earn a BA degree with a double major in Psychology and Business Administration, cum laude! Later, she earned an MA in Human Behavior with Honors at the National University, also in San Diego. Both degrees were obtained while working full-time.

**What’s Next?** After four years at USIU, Ruth became the Director of Public Relations for a North San Diego County public school district for another four years. There, she assisted with bond campaigns, a newsletter, and a whole page in the weekly newspaper. She took photos and wrote articles, also creating PR spots aired on the radio, becoming, over the years, an accomplished and published writer and photographer.

Next, Ruth would spend her longest time to date—ten years—at the Grossmont Regional Medical Center in La Mesa, CA, as Director of Communications. In her words, it “was my job to do anything nobody else wanted to do!” Ruth created spots for radio and TV, and was interviewed by TV stations during major crises, developed a fund-raising program, created newsletters for employees, doctors, and volunteers.

It was here that Ruth’s business life would be changed forever! One of her projects was to give lectures to organizations about Medicare, what it did and didn’t do. She teamed up with a friend, a licensed insurance agent. Together, they became popular team-speakers at civic organizations and RV resorts. In the late 1980s, she was one of the first people in the US to specialize in Long Term Care Insurance, becoming a successful licensed broker. She credits her success to the fact that she never considered herself a “salesperson,” but an educator.

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**Passion for RVing!** Ruth purchased her first RV (a modified van) in the late 1960's. She was an early investor in RVing Women (RVW), an international organization with 2000 members throughout the US. In 2000 she spent 60 days alone, traveling the NW and parts of western Canada. She was one of the first owners of a lot at the RVW acquired Pueblo RV Resort in Apache Junction, AZ, where she met her future partner, Mary "Jo" Cain.

**Coming to Sequim:** When the RVW owners assisted in developing the Discovery Bay RV Resort, east of Sequim in 1996, Ruth was again an early investor, owning two lots and two park models which they rented out. After living on Critter Country Trail at Diamond Point for three years, Jo's failing health had them move into town, into a home they had built in Emerald Highlands. After Jo passed away in 2021, Ruth moved into a smaller home in Solana, which she loves due to the wonderful neighbors . . . many of whom are participants in her Shipley Center classes!

Ruth developed a passion for jigsaw puzzles, having completed close to 300 of them since moving to Sequim! Just last month, she finished a 1000-piece puzzle, an amazingly difficult one of birds and flowers. Looking at the puzzle half-finished, I was struck by its beauty . . . and extreme difficulty! (See illustration) Personally, I would never have attempted such a project!



Until arthritis forced her to quit, Ruth loved creating driftwood art with the Olympic Driftwood Sculptors, under the direction of Tutttie Peetz.

**Shipley Involvement:** As you've no doubt noticed, Ruth gets very involved wherever she is. At Shipley, she regularly attends the Balance Exercise, Tai Chi, and Chair Qi Gong classes, and attends most of the social events. She is recognized for usually winning one of the free pies . . . once winning three (two of which she gave away)! She has taken a number of bus trips, particularly when she first came to Sequim. She and Jo used these as "fam trips," to familiarize themselves with the area and its possibilities. Later, they would go out and explore some of them on their own. She has become close friends with a lot of people here. Of Shipley Center, Ruth says, "It is so friendly, congenial, and helpful. Everyone gets along so well with each other!!"

**And, the New Building?** "I can't wait! I'm excited about Christmas dinner there!" So are we, Ruth . . . that certainly sets a deadline we are hopeful can be met!

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1	Patricia Brous	9	Patti DeVogler	17	Rita Wise	24	Thomas Minter
	Kevin Hanley		Shirlee Kaighn	18	Pam Bennett		Helen Rice
	Shirley Huntley		Ilonka Mackenzie		David Heiler	25	Nancy Southwick
	Yvonne Linnabary		Margaret Patterson		Tammy Johnson		Charlene Tracy
	Kim Mcbride		Debra Quinnell	19	John Stephens		Marina Tulley
2	Janet Ballagh		Denise Swift		Beverly Beighle		June Whitten
	Laura Bolles-Kocan	10	Peggy Hanson		Judith Johnson	26	Ellen Bax
3	Holly Brown		Helen Jones		John Lewis		John Dilley
	Judith Field		Diane Otti		Susan Lewis		Art Giumini
	Celia Fritz		Patrick Phillips		Kathy Nichols		John Hoag
	Roger Huntley		Juanita Sue Wells	20	Patricia Touchie		Jennelle Petit
	Linda Lowenstein		Barbara King	21	Ron Smith	27	Mary Church
	Carol Stults	11	Susan Kowitz		Julia Anderson		Sue Lohler
4	Merle Brown		Kristiana Nielsen		Barbara Becker		Elizabeth Page
	Susan Gilman		Carey Birkenfeld		Marilynn Carlton		Cynthia Peters
	Gloria Kennedy	12	Millie Harrell		Vicki Coughlin		Dianne Truett
	Glenda Landers		Jill Hay		Renwick Garypie		John Wilson
	Alice McCracken		Elaine Lorentzen		Sue Haus		Deni Young
	Sandra Melheim		Rick Seanor	22	Gary Smith	28	R E (Richard) Atteberry
	David Scully		Dawn Wachter		Julia Anderson		Debra Currier
	Nancy Sleeper		Colleen Lenihan		Judy Garling		Dorothy Frascati
5	Lynne Glasspool	13	Linda Tartaglino		Sandra Ihly		James Goldberg
6	Nancy Baer		Gina Brent		Doug Oakes		Mike Herwood
	Darlene Dohi	14	Susan Hoffman		Carol Wickersham		Theresa Nasmith
	Joan Eftekhari		Sharon Irish	23	Jo-Ann Costa		Marcia Radey
	Janis Legacy		Kathleen Letke		Patricia Durbin		Gary Syme
	Doug Reudink		Linda Owen		Cheryl Florentine	29	Julie Carlson
7	Cheryl Brown		Warren Pierce		Paris Anne Heart		Diana Cotton Drassal
	Richard Hove		Sara Baldwin		Sandra (Mahina) Lazzaro		Christol Creamer
	Charles Martin	15	Barbara Brenner		Jane Luciani		Keith Ornduff
	Sharon Scairpon		Misty Groth	24	Tom Shaw		Elaine Peaslee
	Eva Suppner		James Lounsberry		Denny Anderson		Greg Schneider
8	Melodee Cardin		Paige Rothman		Da Nell Backer	30	Joseph Flint
	Lloyd Crawford		Randy Smith		Nancy Elwert		Eberhard Klix
	Barbara Filigno		Mary Watland		Deborah Harrison		Julie Prafke
	Billie Fonville		Rebecca Weston		Darlene Lemon		Connie Fay
	Gary Gordon		Melanie Kirk-Stauffer		Dean Luciani	31	Russ fish
	Renate Hanson	16	Stephen Cohen	24	Camille Ruble		Jeff Haag
	Gary Martin	17	Diane Holmes		Margaret Santos		Eileen Himmelsbach
	Kristine Rose-Walsh		Margaret Mitchell		Dianna Sarto		Mike McKenna
	Cherie Stockwell		Gillian Rampley	25	Vicki Shaw		
9	Betty Jo Campnell		Sue Shirkey		Linda Davis		
	Sue Clary				Tracey Lilyquist		



### Memorial Day Word Scramble

- IMCAARE \_\_\_\_\_
- LAGF \_\_\_\_\_
- VANY \_\_\_\_\_
- EOILSRD \_\_\_\_\_
- EIRNMA \_\_\_\_\_
- RHOE \_\_\_\_\_
- YTEERMCA \_\_\_\_\_
- CTOITAPIR \_\_\_\_\_
- EMFREDO \_\_\_\_\_
- LFOERW \_\_\_\_\_
- AOLVR \_\_\_\_\_
- USATLE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Sherryl Chandley-Brown

Presents:

#### Separating Brain Myths from Brain Facts

3rd Thursday at 10:00

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Thursday, May 21: Sherryl speaks on **Hormones and the Brain: What Changes after Menopause Memory, Mood, Sleep, Overall Functioning**

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January: Cardinal on page 3  
 February: Abe Lincoln on page 10 (different pose)  
 March: Lion on page 21 (only online)  
 April: Bunny Nowhere to be found!

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**May 2026**

“May flowers are proof that even mud can look fabulous.” The April showers brought May flowers, and the May flowers brought pollen and sneezing fits for those of us with allergies! But this is still a great month with lots of fun days, like Star Wars Day (May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!), Cinco de Mayo on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Mother’s Day on the 10<sup>th</sup>, National Pizza Party Day, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and of course Memorial Day on the 25<sup>th</sup>. So take off your boots, put on your walking shoes, and get on the Shipley fun bus for a trip this Spring!

**Heronswood Garden, Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** --This trip was postponed from October when storms prevented us from touring these amazing gardens. Heronswood Gardens began in 1987 and comprises 15 acres in Western Washington’s Kitsap County. Heronswood protects a vast array of plants from around the world, with over 8,000 different varieties spread across six distinct yet integrated gardens. People depend on plants, and Heronswood seeks to inspire our community with its plant collections and charismatic landscapes. Purchased by the Port Gamble S’Klallam tribe in 2012, Heronswood now serves as a showcase for tribal culture. Our driver, Linda, will be taking all to lunch on your own at The Point Casino after the tour of the Garden.

**Departs 9:30 to approx. 4:30**

**\$42/M\$47/NM**

**Silverdale Shopping, Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>** -- Mall, and of course Trader Joe’s! Debra takes the bus to the Olive Garden for lunch (on your own) before heading back to Sequim.

**Departs 9:30 to approx. 4:30**

**Clearwater Casino, Tuesday May 19<sup>st</sup>** – All aboard the Shipley Fun Bus for a day of gaming, lunch, and enjoying being with friends! We must have at least 12 travelers to make this happen, so call your friends and family!

**Departs 9:00am to 3:30pm**

**\$15 per person**

**Tacoma Glass Museum, Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Our new driver, Margie, will be taking us to an exciting day of new exhibits at this museum, with a docent tour and a demonstration of glassblowing with John Kiley and his team! We will see a variety of traveling exhibitions such as “Beauty Beyond Nature” the glass art of Paul Stankard. Lunch (on your own) at the museum.

**Departs 8:00 to approx. 4:30**

**\$58/M\$63N/M**

**Brothers Greenhouses, Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Come join us for this journey to Port Orchard and explore these whimsical greenhouses filled with plants, garden materials, local tile art, cards, hand-blown glass, fairy garden accessories and so much more! Open year round, this garden center has so many selections to choose from . . . and room on the bus to bring them home! Lunch (on your own) at a local eatery.

**Departs 10:00am to 3:30pm**

**\$37/M\$42N/M**

**Wolf Haven Sanctuary, Saturday, June 20th** – (*This trip was postponed from February*) 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. *Since May is whelping season, we might even see some wolf pups!* We will be stopping at a nearby restaurant for lunch (on your own) after the tour. Linda will be your driver.

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

**\$68/M\$73/NM**

**Look forward to:**

**Lake Crescent, with lunch at the lodge or picnic on your own – June 17**

**IKEA – It's not just furniture! – July 7**

**Issaquah, Jakob Two Trees Troll, viewing and Lunch – July 9**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – Portland, OR** – Fabulous Falls and River Cruisin' – Multnomah Falls, lunch at the lodge, tour of Powell Bookstore in Portland, lunch cruise on the Portland Spirit, Titanic Exhibit at OMSI, 3 nights 4 days at the Oxford Jensen suites. Call me now to reserve your seat!!

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – Mariners vs the Tigers** – digital tickets again this year. Put your name on the list right away before the bus fills up!

*The prices for these trips are in the works – call Trips to put your name on any of these, and I'll get the information to you asap!*

**INTEREST LIST: Let me know!**

**Royal Museum – Victoria BC**

**High Tea Butchart Gardens – Victoria BC**

**Quinault Beach Resort & Casino – August 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>** – Two nights at this resort, right on the beach.

**Emerald Downs, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – *We haven't done this in a long time, so let me know!*

**Ballard Locks** – *hopefully to see the salmon!*

**October – TBD** -- *Chemainus dinner/theater featuring "Peril in the Alps", an Agatha Christie mystery.*

***Please stop by the office anytime to check out all the trips being presented by Collette Travel and Premier World Travel. We have international and domestic trips going all year long, and there are new ones for 2027 for you to check out!! See page 2 in the newsletter for the latest presentation dates!***

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\*\*\***

***The Trips office will be closed from May 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> while I am on holiday with my family. Beth Hempel will be available to answer questions, so please call the office and leave a message, or email, and Beth will get back to you asap. Thank you!***

***See you on the Shipley Bus!***

***Debbie***



***May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities." - Unknown***