

July 2012



Member Newsletter



# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*

**Coming up—Wine Tasting and Croquet Tournament**

## President's Report

Thanks to the outgoing LIC Board members, Jan Pritchard, Kurt Anderson, Sharon Gearhart, and Sandy Black. A big welcome and than you in advance to the incoming Board members, Doug Lewis, Tim Heitzman, Gayle Brewer, and Peg Bingham. I look forward to working with all of you.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the annual June Membership BBQ meeting. The food was great and it was heartening to see so many members sitting at tables and having fun, even after the meeting was over. Special thanks to Doug and Barbara Lewis for the use of their new BBQ. Lynn Carr did a great job flipping burgers with help from Doug, Kurt Anderson, and others. We managed to reduce the old inventory of beer and wine, as well as raise a little money for the scholarship fund.

We are all looking forward to the croquet tourney. See details in this issue. Volunteers are needed for the tourney as well as for the LIC participation in Keyfest.

Geoff Baillie, President  
gbaille@msn.com



Membership meeting BBQ

**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 20, 2012**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, "CC" Williams, Sharon Gearhart, Phil Johnson, Jan Prichard

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Geoff Baillie, President.

Kurt Anderson, outgoing Vice President, announced the slate of candidates for positions on the Board: Gayle Brewer, Vice President; Peg Bingham, Secretary; Tim Heitzman, Events Chair; and Doug Lewis, Building and Grounds Chair. There being no more nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the slate of candidates, who received a rousing round of applause.

Treasurer Francie Carr drew our attention to the Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report on the tables, and offered the LIC 990 tax return for review for anyone wishing to see it.

Sharon Gearhart, outgoing Building and Grounds Chair, reported that the killdeer eggs have hatched safely and the whole field is once again at our disposal.

Tim Heitzman, newly elected Events Chair, gave everyone the opportunity to sign up to help at the Croquet Tournament on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds from the tournament (and party!) will benefit the Vaughn Civic Center and they are also volunteering lots of help.

Carolyn Wiley is updating our phone tree and asked for newer members to please check with her to see if they are on the list. Her email is [c.wiley@mac.com](mailto:c.wiley@mac.com).

Pat Thompson announced that the Longbranch Community Church is having a Blue Grass Festival/B-B-Q at the LIC on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. Marlies Van Cise announced that the Dr. Penrose Guild of the Tacoma Orthopedic Association is having a "Wine Among the Vines" celebration at Sunnycrest on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds will benefit the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center.

Geoff Baillie drew our attention to a proposed by laws change on the tables. Though it had been discussed at previous meetings and was emailed to members, tonight is considered the first reading and we will be discussing and voting on it at our July General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a champagne toast to outgoing and incoming Board officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Prichard  
Outgoing Secretary

## Keyfest

Keyfest 2012 is happening July 14 and 15, 11:00 am—6:00 PM, both days.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Please call 253-884-1366 or go on-line [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org) for more information and to volunteer.



# UPCOMING EVENTS -

Tue, July 3—Marina Committee Meeting, LIC Clubhouse 6:30 pm

Wed, July 4—Independence Day

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

Tue, July 10 —Events Planning, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Sat, July 14—KeyFest Community Fair at Volunteer Park, 11:00 am—6:00 pm

Sun, July 15—KeyFest Community Fair at Volunteer Park, 11:00 am—6:00 pm

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

Sun, July 22—LIC/KPCC Croquet Tournament, LIC Clubhouse, Noon—6:30 pm

Fri, July 27—Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony

Sat, July 28—Blue Grass & BBQ at Longbranch Community Church, 2:00—6:00 pm

## Something for everyone at the Croquet Tournament, Sunday July 22 from noon to 7

Our third Croquet Tournament promises to be better than ever. More laughs, more costumes, more funds raised. New this year is a Cake Walk – you won't need to do anything but stroll around in a circle to win!

There are three ways to enjoy the afternoon: on a team, in the crowd, or behind the scene (or the counter). Teams get to get dressed up and play croquet all afternoon. Spectators get to watch the action (including shameless judge-bribing). LIC volunteers get to help make the event one of our best. The event benefits the LIC and the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

It's turned into one of the silliest afternoons of the summer, and you're guaranteed a good time for as little as a food donation to the Backpacks 4 Kids. We'll be serving grilled frankfurters and bratwursts, pouring microbrew tap beers and enjoying the weather, our friends, and a community of friends and neighbors.

To register your team or donate a tax-deductible sponsorship, call 884-3456, or visit our website at [www.longbranchimprovementclub.org](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org)

We'll have lot more fun if you're here on Sunday, July 22. It all starts at noon.

Tim Heitzman

## Phone tree update

This task has been long in the making, but thanks to Theresa Gano and Lisa Bryan a major break-through was made when they developed a structure and created a data base. This was compiled by neighborhood as an emergency phone tree and LIC communications link.

Why should the Longbranch improvement Club bother with a phone tree? Wouldn't it be good to know who may welcome a "how are you doing" call after a big storm, a long term power outage, or an earthquake? Organizing by neighborhoods would make sense if the phones are out. Wouldn't it be nice for people who no longer drive at night to hitch a ride for meetings? Wouldn't the Club be more effective if we were more welcoming to new members of our community and took better care of our long-time members?

Since 2010, the information had not been up dated. One thing that leaves a gap in the system is the number of people (38) who either listed P.O. Box, & non local addresses, and the number of non-renewed memberships and the number of new members.

Trish Goodvin has volunteered to be the "First contact Person" and Lynn Lloyd has volunteered to be back-up. For the sake of efficiency, individual callers should not need to make more than 6 or 7 calls. There is a list of people willing to make phone calls—but many of them are "up to their ears" volunteering for other club activities. If you are willing to be a phone tree caller please e-mail <c.wiley@me.com>.

The identified neighborhoods are:

1. Devils Head to Marina along KPHwy (includes Taylor Bay & Longbranch Shores)
2. East of KPH from 76<sup>th</sup> (includes Yeazell, Conboy & Cliff)
3. West of KPH & 76<sup>th</sup> to Whiteman Rd. & KPH (includes Whiteman Road, Whiskey Beach, Palmer Lake)
4. North from marina North to 40th "Down Town Longbranch" (includes Rouse Rd, Erickson Rd, Madrona Point & north to 40th)
5. Reeves & Mahnke to North 24<sup>th</sup> Street KP S
6. East of KPH to Home Bridge north of 24<sup>th</sup> (includes Bay Lake)
7. West of KPH South of Home ---Herron & Tiedman
8. North of Home bridge

Carolyn Wiley

## Croquet Tournament

The Third Annual LIC Croquet Tournament is happening Sunday, July 22nd, from noon to 6:30. This year's partner and beneficiary is the Key Peninsula Civic Center. It promises to be a fun party for all. Here are some ways to participate and enjoy: 1. Form or join a team of four players. 2. Volunteer some time to help at the event (earn easy LIC hours). 3. Do both (play on a team AND help out). 4. Come hang out, watch, have a cold microbrew and tasty barbeque (beats cooking), while listening to live music. See the LIC website for info and details.

Gayle Brewer

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](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org)



Pictures from the June 16 Wine Tasting

Pictures by N. Carr.

## **Building and Grounds Chatroom July 2012:**

So...this will be my last time in the chat room. I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support during my tenor as Building and Grounds Chair. Together we made some great changes to the grand old lady and without your help they would not have gotten done. The list is too long to possibly thank everyone who put in time and effort over the last year but you all know who you are. I do want to thank Doug and Betty Lewis for the wonderful grill that was used during our general meeting potluck. It's a beauty and we hope to put it to good use for the Croquet Tournament. I congratulate Doug as new Building and Grounds Chair and ask that you all give him the same support that you gave me. And Doug, if you want me to leave the cot and sleeping bag in the sound room for you I will be more than glad to. It comes in handy on those long cold nights. I have one final request before my tenure is up—Bill Lloyd will be mowing for the Croquet Tournament and could probably use some help as the entire field will need to be mowed so anyone with a mower interested in helping please give him a call for date and time. Thanks again all of you and I'll see you around the Club.

Sharon

## **Dockmaster Report**

The yacht clubs that came in June were Carling and Cascadia along with quite a few boats that wanted to check us out and stayed, including neighboring Anderson Island. We have had a nice and steady stream of visitors. July has more clubs scheduled to come in, so it should be nice and busy. Now, if we could just have some decent weather.

Lynn Carr

## **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  
253 350-0309  
[Hound356@gmail.com](mailto:Hound356@gmail.com)

## **Bluegrass and BBQ**

The Longbranch Community Church will have a Blue Grass Special and Bar B Que on July 28th from 2 to 6 PM. There will be a silent action and ongoing entertainment. Donations for the silent action would be appreciated. Please contact Ruth Bramhall at 857-5184. Thanks,

Pat Thompson

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiber Arts Show update. October 6—10-4

You will be drawn inside by the aroma of hot “apple crisp” baked fresh throughout the day. That new stove & kitchen upgrade will make this a much less daunting task! Hooray!

### The featured artist **Glennis Dolce—Shibori Girl**

Check out her website to see the range of her work. There is a very interesting article about processing silk—from cocoon to soft sculpture at her website. <http://www.shiborigirl.wordpress.com>

There is still space in the Shibori workshop (October 3&4 call Jan @ 253 884-3959

### Participating Fiber Art Groups

**Evergreen Embroiders' Guild**—Barbara Haugaard & others.

**Northwest Regional Spinners Association**—Nancy Duress \* Sue Peterson

**Ravenstail and Chilkat Weavers**—This is a group that grew out of last year's featured artist classes. Cheryl Samuel will be back for a third round of classes

(Aug. 13,14,15 and Aug. 17,18,19). Cheryl will give a free public lecture on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 at Key Center Library.

### Individual Artists

Lois Henderson--Allyn Knit Shop & Spinning Supply

Terry Logan—The Logger's Daughter

Arlene Egan—Arlene Egan Design

Sara Gray--June Moon

Catharine Stevulak—Kantha Threads

Jan Buday—Karei

Maureen Reilly--Knee Walker Fiber Arts

Haden Starbuck—Mystic Beach Studio

Beverly Pedersen—Silk Artist

Donna Daily—Tote-It-Around

Gayle Brewer—fly-tying demo.

Shirley Brewer—Penny wool rugs & quilting

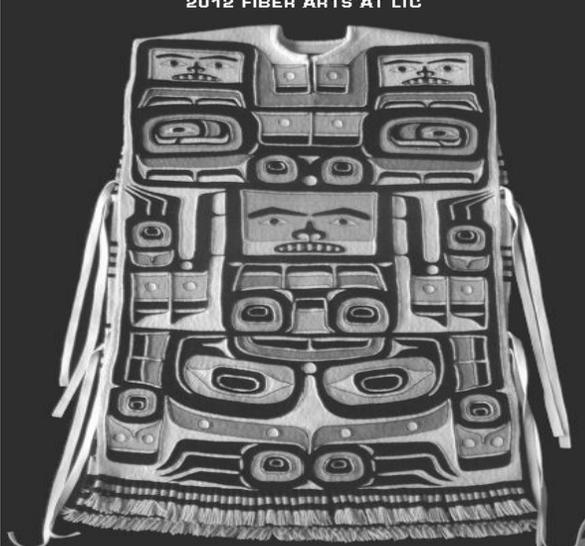
Nancy Carr—machine embroidery

Robin Humphrey—long arm quilting

Outside look for Gambrel Farms--harnessing demonstration.

# FUTURE LIC EVENTS

2012 FIBER ARTS AT LIC



**Cheryl Samuel**  
Ravenstail Weaving

Aug 13-19 Weaving workshops  
Aug 16 7pm Key Center Library  
"A Perfect Circle" free lecture

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

**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
4312 KEY PENINSULA HWY S  
253 884-9157

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

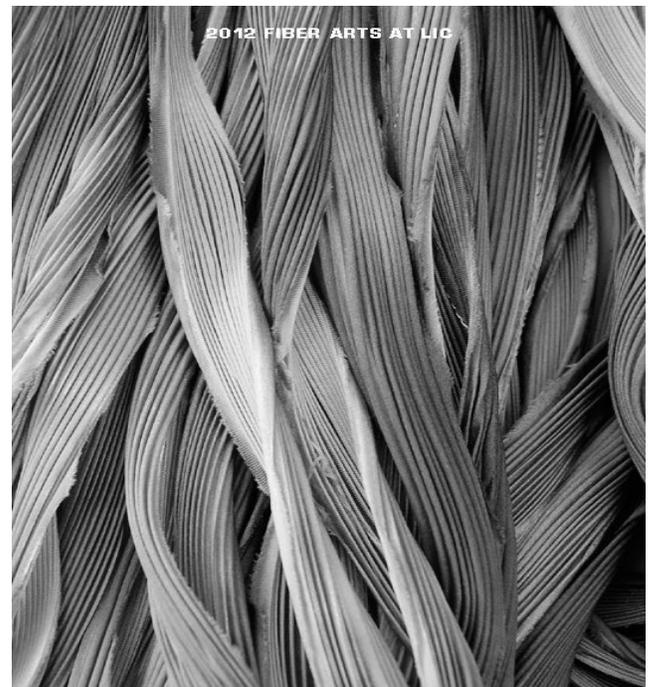
Team signup 884-3456  
4-person team \$60 to benefit Key Peninsula Civic Center



*Spectators welcome, please bring Food Bank donations.*

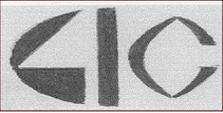
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**Glennis Dolce**  
Shibori Girl Studio

Oct 3-4 Shibori dyeing techniques



# LIC Membership Report

**Mark your  
calendars for the July General  
Membership 'Dessert' Meeting,  
Wed., July 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

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