



# MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

I hope everyone's summer is going well. We've been blessed with a warm one and thankfully haven't had to contend with wildfire smoke so far.

With the new restrictions on indoor meetings – and the recommendation of mask-wearing again – we'll need to consider our approach for future membership meetings. Will we still hold them in person and wear masks while not seated, like in a restaurant? Or will we go one step further and go back to Zoom meetings alone for our membership get-togethers? I encourage you to give any of us board members or committee chairpeople your opinion on how we approach the next few months.

I want to call out a few key things that have taken place in July. If you haven't stopped by the Centennial Community Garden, David Shinnars and other volunteers are moving right along in improving that space and you can see changes weekly. (And I think it's a fantastic addition to the LIC.)

At the marina, the big news is we have a permit to proceed with providing Wave Broadband, so we expect to see that project happening soon with a massive upgrade in Internet connectivity – and a huge plus for visiting boaters – soon. To that end, we don't know when the construction will begin, but when it does, we'll encourage patience since a portion of the parking lot will be blocked off: a 135' trench will need to be dug down the dumpster side.



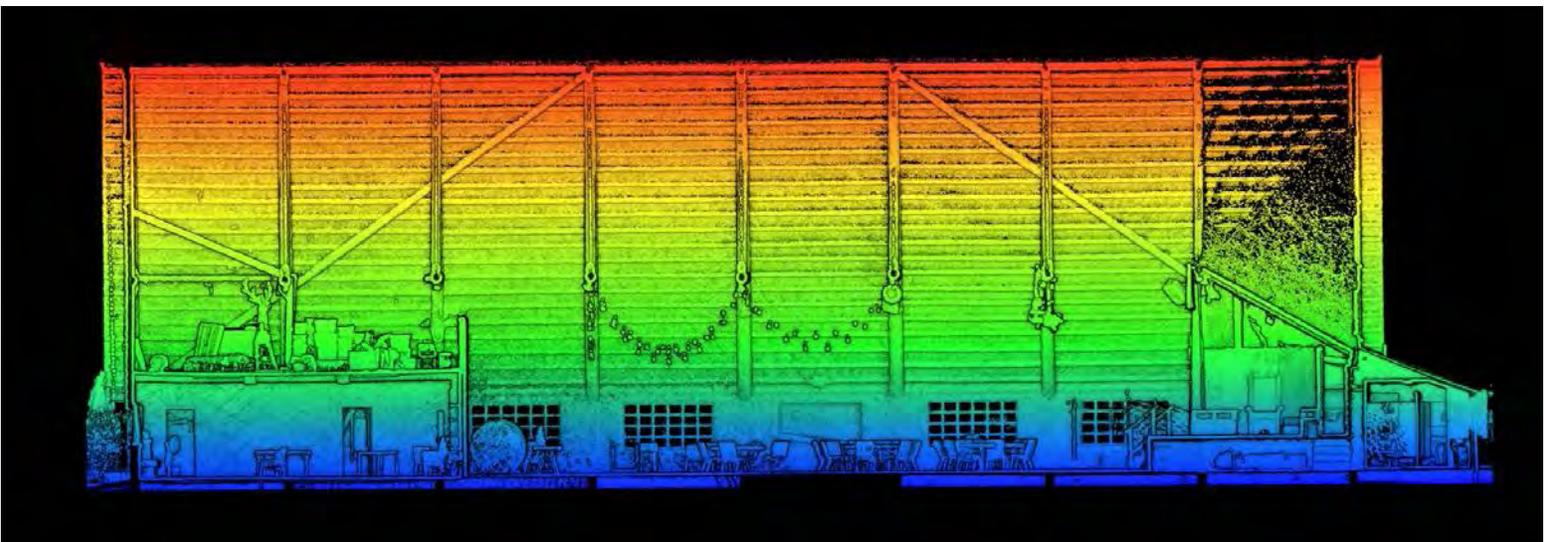
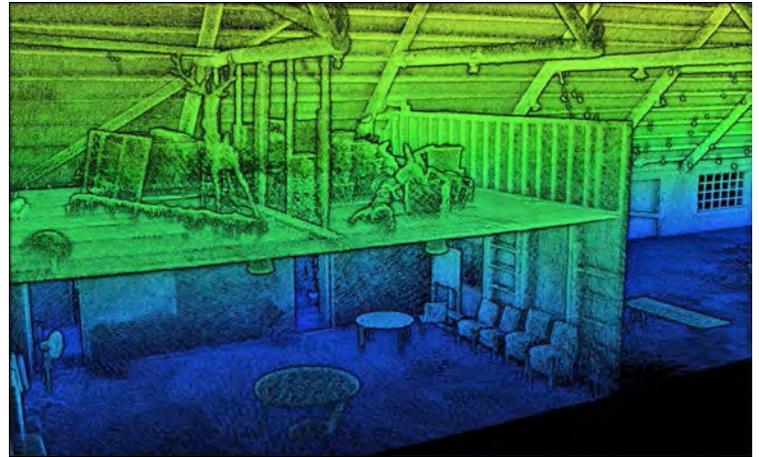
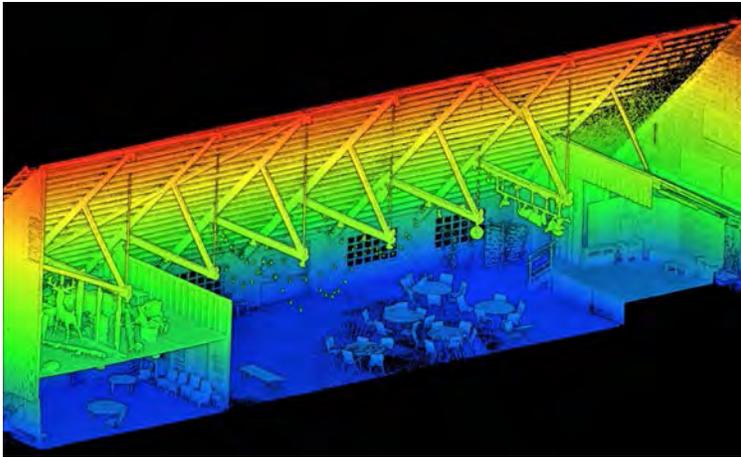
## President's Message (cont'd)

Work began on figuring out new solutions for our roof, and we had 3D scans made of the inside of the building, which I hope are featured later in this newsletter. The technology is wild to see. And both The Longbranch Foundation and the board of the LIC, resolved to start having prospective and sitting officers go through background checks to provide more overall security for the LIC.

Finally, The Longbranch Foundation has a new president, Michele Gorman. Welcome, Michele – and excited to see what's ahead for the TLF.

Please keep cool, stay safe, and continue to enjoy all the KP has to offer. And if we don't maintain our in-person meetings, perhaps I'll see you down at the marina or Blend. Thanks so much for being members!

Yours,  
Kelly Guenther



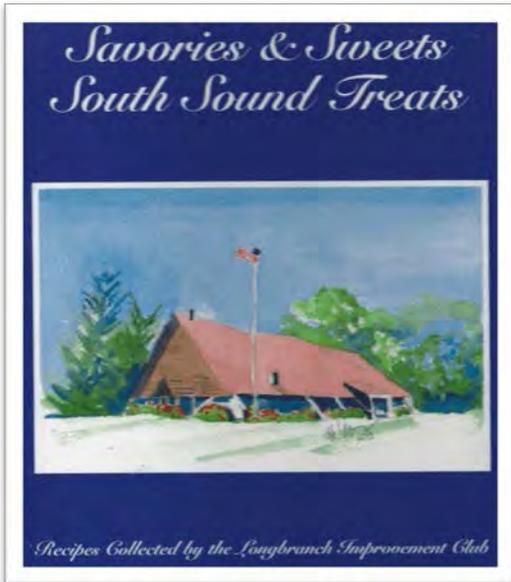


## Why do we have The Longbranch Foundation?

Our mission: To inspire collaboration and generosity in order to promote educational opportunities, to maintain the area's history and to improve the natural environment. As an affiliate of the LIC, the Foundation shares the goal of working to improve our community. The Foundation is chartered to support the LIC historic building and grounds; the Environment, particularly the marine environment around the LIC Marina as well as public safety issues at the Marina; Public school education activities; and like-minded Community organizations. The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors, all volunteers, and relies on the LIC to recruit volunteers for fundraising and educational support programs.

The Foundation was originally incorporated in 2016 as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization to give donors the benefit of tax laws and to qualify for grants only available to charitable organizations. The LIC is a tax-exempt 501(c)(4) social welfare organization. The Foundation has since picked up and expanded the support to education started by the LIC. The scholarship program, started by the LIC, included money given to Evergreen Elementary School to support its 5<sup>th</sup> grade environmental camp experience, together with donations of clothes, hygiene supplies, etc. The LIC program also included awarding scholarships to Peninsula High School seniors who attended Evergreen Elementary to support their pursuit of higher education. The Foundation has increased its support to Evergreen Elementary, is establishing a program for the Key Peninsula Middle School, and has added recurring scholarships to the higher education Scholarship program.

All of this is made possible by the tremendous support by generous donors and by volunteers from the LIC – THANK YOU!



## The LIC Cookbook Art & More

In 2013 a team of LIC volunteers gathered and produced a cookbook containing 385 recipes collected from the LIC membership and beyond, artwork contributed by Melissa Haumerson, and stories written by Connie Hildahl and Karen Johnson. Peg Bingham, Barbara Van Bogart, Barbara Doat, Sharon Gearhart and Barb Floyd also contributed to this effort. There were 500 cookbooks sold as well as cards and prints produced from the artwork. The profit from these sales benefited the LIC Kitchen and was used in part to purchase a badly needed new refrigerator.

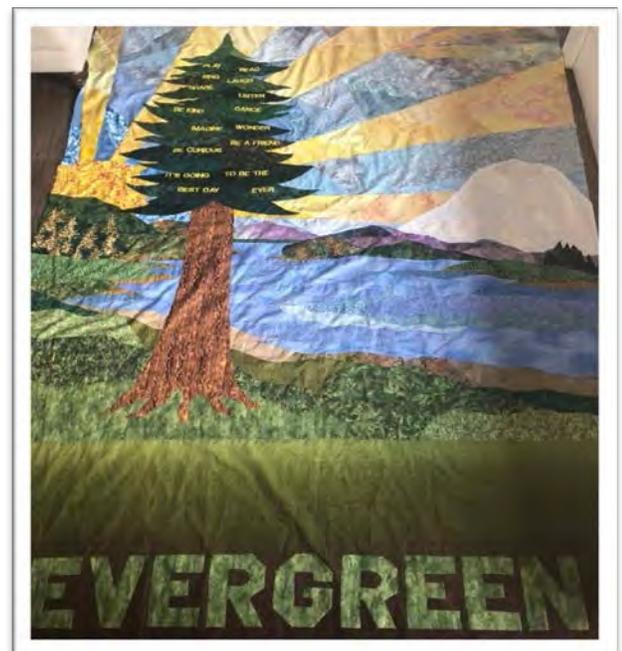
The Foundation will be co-hosting with the LIC a booth at the TWAA Art Walk on August 4. We will have Cookbook Art Cards and Prints for sale. The Artwork from the Cookbook is the same as the ten watercolor prints that are hanging in the meeting room at the LIC. We are thinking of doing a reprint of the book, the publisher keeps our book on file for ten years, so we need to do this now if ever. We will need to do a survey to see if this is of interest to people and worth the investment. We are also wondering if there is interest in creating a supplement containing new recipes from some of our new members. We will need someone to coordinate this effort to make it happen. If you have any interest, please let me know.

## The Evergreen Quilt Project

The Quilt volunteers are on target to give Evergreen Elementary a beautiful gift when the new school opens.

This talented group includes Nancy Carr, Cheryl Force, Michele Gorman, Sheryl Low, Barb Van Bogart, and Carolyn Wiley. Sheryl brought the Quilt to the LIC member meeting for all to see.

The Quilt is a work in process, still to come are pictures of the elementary school buildings through time, the Evergreen Eagle, woodland creatures, a sailboat, and more.





The Longbranch Foundation had its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 28th. We have made some changes to the Board that we want you to know about.

- First, we are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth (Beth) Porter as a Director on the Foundation Board.
- Kelly Guenther has replaced Marsha Kremen as the LIC President and TLF Director.
- Jim Hettinger has been the Treasurer of both the LIC and TLF and continues in that role for another two years.
- Sheryl Low is the Secretary of both the LIC and TLF and will continue in that role for another year.
- David Zeigler is the Vice President of the LIC and will continue as a TLF Director.
- Marsha Kremen has accepted a two-year term as the LIC appointee, replacing Michele Gorman. Marsha will be our interface to the LIC Buildings and Grounds, with special focus on TLF involvement in the roof and garden projects.
- We are very pleased to announce that Michele Gorman has been elected President of The Longbranch Foundation.
- Barb Floyd has been elected Vice President of TLF replacing Randy Carr, who will be spending winters in Arizona but has agreed to sign up for another three-year term as a TLF Director. Randy will be our interface to the LIC Marina, as well as continuing to provide valuable advice.
- Marcia Harris continues as our Director for Higher Education.
- Janice Prichard continues as our Director for Student Programs.

And a very special welcome to Beth Porter who rounds out this list. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

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# THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY



If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Michele Gorman, Kelly Guenther, Jim Hettinger, Elizabeth (Beth) Porter, Sheryl Low, David Ziegler, Marsha Kremen, Randy Carr, Marcia Harris, Janice Prichard or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. [mytlf.org](http://mytlf.org)

**Thank you for your volunteer time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!**

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## Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

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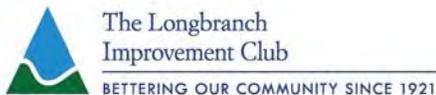
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*This month we've got a word search instead of a written history. Below you'll find 39 words that have appeared in articles that I and others have written. You'll also find the names of most of the Mosquito Fleet, too. One word of warning: some words are written right to left and some bottom to top. Have fun! – Poly Robinson, Historian*

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## Activities

We are planning several events in the coming months and could use your help. If you are not already part of the Events Committee, consider coming to a meeting the first Thursday of the month at 10 AM at the LIC (August 5 and September 2 in the next 2 months).

Coming events also include:

- The LIC and The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) will share a booth at the Arts Walk on Wednesday August 4th from 5 – 8 PM at Key Center. This will be an information booth with sales of Centennial Gear and cards with Melissa Haumerson's art from the LIC cookbook.
- Labor Day Dance at the LIC on Saturday September 4 from 8 – 11 AM with Kim Archer and Brian Feist

## Building and Grounds

The new custom front door is finally ready to stain and install. Jeff Tritt found the correct stain so it matches the foyer. Larry Silva is now staining it.

Claude Lee is painting the windows that were repaired in the back.

We're expecting a couple more rentals in the near future.

The grounds will need mowing and weeding again in a week or two.

If you're interested in continued work on the trails, stay tuned for future requests for volunteers. We particularly need more gravel and chips spread.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris  
Buildings and Grounds

performing.

- Fiber Arts at the LIC on Saturday October 2 from 10 AM – 4 PM. This is part of the Farm Tour

We need volunteers for these events, so contact us if you have not already signed up and are interested in helping.

Other events likely to happen this year are Trunk or Treat (Friday October 29 from 6 – 8 PM), Kids & Christmas (Sunday December 12 from 1 – 4 PM), and a special Centennial theme at the LIC December General Meeting (Wednesday, December 12 at 7 PM)

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
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Celebration of Life  
James M. (Jim) Larsen 1928 – 2021  
2:00 pm Saturday August 14, 2021  
Swantown Marina Picnic Area Olympia, WA

RSVP is appreciated but not required. Send a note to [jimndee@gmail.com](mailto:jimndee@gmail.com) or sign up at the Facebook event for Jim Larsen Celebration of Life.

## LIC General Meeting July 21, 2021



The meeting was called to order by Kelly Guenther at 7 PM. All were welcomed as well as the members attending through Zoom. Nancy Carr welcomed new members Leslie Foss and Susan Carey. Guests present were Leslie and Frank Angelace and Lisa Monnerjahn.

### BOARD REPORTS

**Secretary:** Sheryl Low requested that the minutes of last month's membership meeting be approved as written and submitted. MSP

**Treasurer:** Jim Hettinger presented the financials for the month of June. We are above budget this month by \$2,000.

**Events:** We are back to face to face for events and have a series of events planned for this year.

- **ART WALK:** August 4, 2021, 5 – 8 PM Key Center. LIC will have a booth. There will be music, vendors, artists, and wine.
- **LABOR DAY DANCE:** September 4, 2021 Evening Kim Archer for music at LIC.
- **FIBER ARTS FAIR:** October 2, 2021. 10 AM – 5 PM at LIC. Nancy Chong will be the featured artist with her Hawaiian Quilts.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 29th, Evening at LIC in conjunction with Evergreen Elementary PTA. This event allows kids to go through a haunted house and visit the trunks of cars in the parking lot for their treats.

- **KIDS N CHRISTMAS:** December 12, 2021. We distribute gifts and have Santa here to take pictures with the kids.

All events will need volunteers.

### Buildings and Grounds:

- We have a new door going in soon.
- We are now able to rent the building and need people to volunteer to come out for mowing.
- We still need work on the trails, so we need volunteers for that.

**Centennial Community Garden:** We are almost done with Phase I. We will then open the garden up in the morning so that you can come and enjoy it, and close it in the evening. We need to create a committee for outreach and partnerships with others to use the garden for the community. We will be starting a fundraiser to cover the costs of the garden.



## LIC General Meeting July 21, 2021



**Marina Chair:** Rick Harrison presented the Marina Advisory Committee made up of Randy Carr, Denny Prichard, Kelly Hettinger, Katie Harrison, Brett Allen and Jim Craig. We have one kayak spot open for rental. Also we will be hosting Thirsty Thursdays again starting at 4 PM at the Marina. A big Thank You to the following people for volunteering at the Marina: Tom Tallman for ice, Andy Gano for electrical with Tim Enders, Harry Rydell, for repair of the bull rail, Merian Henrich for painting of bull rails, Vickie Shelton for power washing the wharf, Claude Lee for propane and grills and Dennis Westphal for deck screws.

### MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES:

**Pumpout Station Update:** Brett Allen reported that the Dive Study was completed by Soundview Consultants, and the majority of the land under the marina is clear of vegetation which is good for the proposed Marina Expansion. We are now going through the process for approval of the pumpout station at the state level by the Department of Ecology. This is a 30-day process. Once we get their approval we can seek our first permit before final design. This will be brought before the Marina Advisory Board for approval and coordination.

**Preservation Grant Update:** Marsha Kremen reported on the Preservation Project. The architects have been out here surveying the structure in order to prepare an as-built which will begin the design process for the new roof. This project will update the roof with insulation and preserve the historical provenance. The architects are working with a company that has laser technology to map the building. Bart Wolfe is shepherding this project through the process.

### THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

The Quilt for Evergreen school was laid out for all to view. It commemorates the donation of the property for the first school and the continued support of Evergreen Elementary through the years. This quilt will be presented to the new Evergreen elementary when it's finished, to hang in the new school building.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- In-person & Zoom Membership meeting, August 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low  
Secretary

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