

# Stanwood Area ECHOES



Newsletter of the Stanwood Area Historical Society  
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## The Stanwood Chautauqua Association



From 1916 through 1923, a Community Chautauqua was held in Stanwood. It was located between Stanwood and East Stanwood on the south side of what is now 271st Ave NW. The Chautauqua was part of a national educational and social improvement movement that began in Chautauqua New York in the 1880s. It declined in the United States by the 1920s and the last Chautauqua in Stanwood was 1923. (See next page)

Its 2023 counterpart, Chautauqua Institution in New York, still exists and hosts many summer educational lectures and programs on a broad range of arts and sciences topics\*. It is now a "community of artists, educators, thinkers, faith leaders and friends dedicated to exploring the best in humanity." The purpose of Chautauqua gatherings was to help share "new worldly ideas" and were most common in towns where secondary education was limited. In 1918 Stanwood's first high school had only recently been built in 1914. Grades 9 –12 had been in the original 1892 building. What was most powerful about these organized lectures is that they gave those an extended opportunity to learn more about international and social issues of personal growth and public concern.

Sources: *Stanwood Tidings* May 18th, 1917; *Stanwood Story*; v. 2, p. 12,24

\*Gelles, D. (2022, Aug 13). *Chautauqua Institution—Salman Rushdie stabbing brings terror to an idyllic retreat for earnest inquiry.* *New York Times*; [www.chq.org](http://www.chq.org)



**SEASON TICKETS**  
 Adults .....\$2.50  
 Soldiers in uniform.... 1.50  
 Students ..... 1.50  
 Childrens ..... 1.00  
 War Tax Not Included

# DAILY PROGRAM

**DAILY SCHEDULE**  
 Mother Goose Chautauqua .....9:30  
 Afternoon Concert .....2:30  
 Afternoon Lecture .....3:00  
 Evening Concert .....7:30  
 Evening Lecture .....8:15

## Stanwood Community Chautauqua, July 30 to August 4, 1918

**DAVID E. NORCROSS**  
 Superintendent

**E. A. GRIFFITH**  
 Assistant Superintendent

**SYLVIA WHITELOCK**  
 Story Lady

### TUESDAY

Afternoon—Opening Exercises—Invocation  
 Important Announcements.. Superintendent and Story Lady  
 Concert.....Apollo Concert Company  
 Readings and Impersonations..... Josephine Beasley  
 Admission 39c  
 Organizing Mother Goose Chautauqua  
 Evening— Concert-Entertainment.....Apollo Concert Company  
 Featuring the Apollophone, the largest, most unique and  
 pleasing instrument in the concert world.  
 Admission 55c

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### FRIDAY

Morning— Mother Goose Chautauqua  
 Afternoon—Concert.....New York City Marine Band  
 Character Studies and Readings..... Elsie Mae Gordon  
 Admission 55c  
 Evening— Grand Concert..New York City Marine Band  
 ... Mario LoZito, Organizer and Director  
 Return Engagement.....  
 ... Mary Adel Hays, American Soprano  
 Admission 83c

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### WEDNESDAY

Morning— Mother Goose Chautauqua  
 Afternoon—Prelude.....Moana Vierra's Royal Hawaiian Quartet  
 Popular Scientific Lecture....."Worlds in the Making"  
 ..... Dr. Arthur D. Carpenter  
 Admission 39c  
 Evening— Concert.....Moana Vierra's Royal Hawaiian Quartet  
 Lecture Extraordinary.....Capt. J. M. de Beaufort  
 Belgian Artillery Officer and Nobleman  
 Has seen Secret Service in Germany—Active Service in the  
 Trenches  
 Author "Behind the German Veil"  
 Admission 83c

### THURSDAY

Morning— Mother Goose Chautauqua  
 Afternoon—Prelude..... Metropolitan Artists  
 Inspirational Lecture....."The Advantage of a Handicap"  
 ..... Dr. Elliott A. Boyd  
 Admission 39c  
 Evening— Concert..... Metropolitan Artists  
 Illustrated Patriotic Lecture.."Wonders of the World War"  
 ..... Henry Warren Poor  
 Latest Views from the Fighting Zone.  
 Admission 83c

### SATURDAY

Morning— Mother Goose Chautauqua  
 Afternoon—Prelude Community Singing.....The Eichhorns, Directors  
 Lecture....."America and Japan"  
 ..... Minosaku Toshi Yamamoto  
 Admission 39c  
 Evening— Community Singing.....The Eichhorns, Directors  
 Popular Lecture....."American Ideals"  
 ..... Mrs. A. C. Zehner  
 Accredited-Government Representative and one of Amer-  
 ica's most Convincing and Pleasing Lecturers.  
 Admission 55c

### SUNDAY

Morning— Usual Services—All Churches  
 Afternoon—Sacred Prelude.....Schubert Serenaders  
 Lecture....."Physical Training"  
 ..... Beatrice E. Heskett  
 Admission 39c  
 Chautauqua Vesper Services—All Invited  
 Evening— Children's Mother Goose Program.....  
 ..... Under Personal Direction of "Mother Goose"  
 Sacred and Patriotic Concert.....Schubert Serenaders  
 Presenting a Program of Patriotic, Sacred and Classical  
 Music.  
 Admission 83c

Single Admissions Mother Goose Chautauqua 17c  
 War Tax Included in Single Admission Prices

## STANWOOD CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION

The following public spirited citizens have made our Chautauqua possible. They have personally pledged themselves for the sale of season tickets. They are bringing "the world to your door." They are bringing great lecturers to present the national problems at home and abroad. They are bringing splendid inspiring music and clean, wholesome entertainment. They are doing this without the hope of one cent of financial gain. They are doing it solely to upbuild this community and make it a better place in which to live. They are doing this as much for YOU as for themselves. You owe them your support.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Season Tickets are on sale by the committee until noon of the opening day at \$2.50. War tax extra. After that time they advance to \$3.00. They are transferable only within the owner's immediate family.  
 Should You Forget to bring your season ticket, purchase a single admission from the cashier and get a receipt. Bring your season ticket to the next session and hand to the cashier with your receipt. She will then refund to you the amount of your single admission.  
 Children's Tickets at \$1.00 admit children in grammar grades. This ticket admits them to all regular Chautauqua programs as well as the Junior Chautauqua.  
 Single Admissions to the various sessions amount to nearly three times the cost of a season ticket. Even though you attend but a few numbers, it is economy to buy a season ticket. Children's single admissions approximately half price.

## Keeping our Museum Open !

One of our most critical services is keeping our exhibits and historic buildings open for visitor on a drop in basis on Wednesdays and Saturdays as well as for guided visits by appointment.

Please call or feel free to drop by to ask the volunteers working when you visit. Our training program involves attending "tours" and hands-on learning. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1—4 pm

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### Summer Wedding Party

The handwriting on the back of the photograph above indicates this is the wedding party of George and Thea (Westley) Engebretson. They were married July 1912 or 1913 depending on contradictory sources. The large farmhouse in the background was on the “Stubb Road”. The Engebretson family home was on the Pioneer Highway. It was built in 1909 and is still standing. George and Thea observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1963.

George was one of the youngest of nine children raised on the farm. His parents were John & Anna Engebretson from Norway who came to Norman in 1887 via Minnesota. Other children were Gertina (Gertie/Tina), Ellen, John,

Martin, Cornelius, Elise, George, and Ellen. Andrew, the youngest was killed in action October 1918. Cornelius and Martin were musicians in the Silvana Concert Band and the Men’s Chorus.

### Contact Us!

You can learn more about activities and events planned for the future in our social media links:

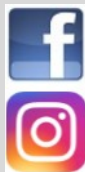
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## Camano Lutheran Cemetery Columbarium Dedication, May 20, 2023

*Above is a photograph of a crowd gathering on May 20, 2023 at the Camano Lutheran Cemetery to dedicate the Columbarium Center in honor of Allen Gilbertson, the sexton of the cemetery for 50 years. This ceremony was held to mark the completion of a major phase of improvements to the Camano Lutheran Cemetery on NE Camano Drive.*

*Now without the institutional memory of Allen Gilbertson, the Camano Lutheran Cemetery is being actively managed by Jeff Camp, President, Connie Hall, Secretary, Alan Hall, Treasurer & Archivist, Karen Camp, Sexton and a new groundskeeper James Leon. Flag Crew for Veterans remembrances are Jim Joyce and Bill Keller*

*There are several cemeteries in the community. A current list includes: the Florence Cemetery, Fir-Conway, Scandinavian Lutheran, Pleasant Hill, Cedarhome, Freeborn Lutheran, Old Our Saviour's, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Anderson, Camano Pioneer, Zion, and Valley View\*{Passpost to The Past: A Guide to Exploring the Cemeteries in an Around Stanwood Washington, SAHS & Lincoln Hill High School, c.2002}.*

*Below are excerpts of Connie and Alan's history of the Camano Lutheran Cemetery Project as an inspiration to us all:*

The Camano Lutheran Cemetery is owned by Camano Lutheran Church and is managed by the Camano Lutheran Cemetery Volunteer Board. Over the years, the Board has established a cemetery endowment fund and because of careful fiscal management no fees for perpetual care are charged. You do not need to be a member of the Camano Lutheran Church nor do you need to be Lutheran to be interred at the cemetery. The cemetery interment is open to all persons, no exceptions.

Camano Lutheran Cemetery is a reflection of the community it serves as evidenced by early pioneers buried there. The historical/cultural significance of Camano Lutheran Cemetery is tied to the establishment and evolution of Camano Lutheran Church (State Register of Historical Site, 1979). The earliest record of the church services occurred in 1876, formalizing of a congregation in 1890. From then until 1920, logging thrived on Camano Island, with about 20 camps. Life was modest and remote with rough logging roads and supplies transported by horse-drawn wagons, scows, steamers, launches and/or cable ferries.

Camano Lutheran Church was formed by these early pioneers to celebrate the rites of marriage, birth, baptism and ultimately death. Lutheran churches had a long tradition of establishing their own cemeteries. Having a cemetery was also a matter of practicality.

Families often arranged to bury their dead together in a family plot of land which later grew into a true cemetery. This was the case of Camano Lutheran Cemetery. It was in 1921 that 2 1/2 acres was purchased and in 1961 one more acre of land was deeded to the church for the cemetery.

In this cemetery rests many early pioneers for example, Knute P. Frostad (1858-1942) who with his wife Bergitta (1856-1942) immigrated from Norway to Utsalady to obtain employment at the sawmill. He then purchased 41 acres near Livingston Bay to operate a successful dairy farm with a partner. He was elected to the State Legislature and served as Board Commissioner for Island County. Similarly, Margaret Kincaid (1875-1960) and her husband Robert (1867-1957) were known to welcome all. Almost every Camano Island pioneer family is represented at Camano Lutheran Cemetery. Today, the heritage of Camano Lutheran Cemetery is celebrated during Memorial Day honoring over 200 military veterans. Camano Lutheran Cemetery is included in the Camano Island Historic Sites Tour which provides an opportunity for cemetery board members to disseminate significant historic information of Camano Lutheran Cemetery to the public at large each year.

The Camano Lutheran Cemetery is a historic site

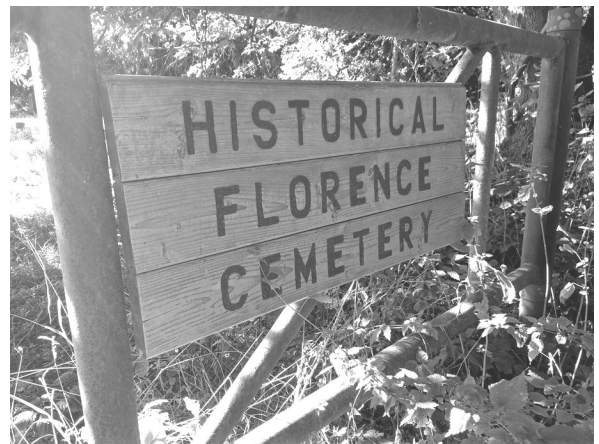
and was in need of serious restoration. So, in June of 2018, the Camano Lutheran Cemetery Board applied to the Washington State "Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program" to acquire funds for three restoration projects. The grant application was approved as written and work began. The first request was to repave the road. Diseased trees near the frontage road were removed and a new bed designed and planted. The second request was to add power, lights and cameras for security. Metal plaques have been stolen from some graves by vandals and the Board decided to implement security measures to deter such action. The third request was to replace the old wood sign its now more durable and fitting monument.

The succession of phases since 2018 rehabilitating the cemetery could not be done without help of the community. There are many people we wish to thank for their generous contributions to the success of the project. Specifically we would like to thank the following people: Stanwood Area Historical Society, who offered the historical guidance critical to establishing this cemetery as a relevant restoration project, Carolyn Tobiason who financed the removal of the diseased spruce trees, Kathy Jeppsen owner of Wetland & Woodland, Inc. who donated 26 plants/trees for the bed around the new sign, Gene Hitt, (Gene's Well Drilling) who moved the three large rocks from the Handstad Farm to the new bed, John Naig, Paul Hoffman and Jason Otto who have and continue to offer advice on maintenance of grounds and lawn. Not all businesses will work on a grant-funded project so we would especially like to thank the following businesses who agreed to work with us. All worked with patience, perseverance and humor, despite a number of bumps along the way. Thank you to Island Masonry (Bruce

Aalmo, Camano Island), who helped design and build our sign, Pacific Coast Memorial (Everett) for the two granite inserts, Alpine Communications Systems (Stan LaBore, Camano Island) for security system, MADS Electric (Chuck Suffern, Camano Island) for power connections and lights, Stuart Wyatt, Ken Christoferson, Stanwood Redi-Mix, Jerry Whitbeck, Platt Electric, David Brandt, Mike Ryan, Gilbertson Funeral Home, Allen Gilbertson Family Donation, Granite Construction (Yakima) for resurfacing the road, the Snohomish County PUD for power/pole, and to Island County and Janet St. Clair for helping us to complete our project successfully.

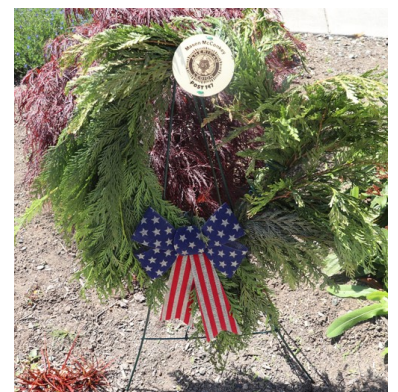
We would also like to thank Julianne Patterson, director of the Washington State, Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program, for her guidance, help and belief in this project. Implementing a grant is often challenging and Julianne smoothed the way and offered continuous support. Thank you to Julianne and all. – Connie & Alan Hall

**Thank you to Connie and Alan Hall! -Ed.**



**Thank You Brick Donors :  
March 6, 2023—May 31, 2023:**

Nick Hanson, Bill Keller, Laurie Stover, Bill Cayford, Kim Simon, David Weis, Mischa Plesha, Judith & Ken Fernandes



Above is one 750 wreaths placed in Anderson, Camano Pioneer and Camano Lutheran Cemeteries this year. They were made available through the Wreaths Across America program and the SAHS Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Contact Robin Hanks for more information.

255 Bricks have been engraved so far.

## Stanwood Area Historical Society 2023 Elected Officers & Trustees

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Treasurer ~	Steve Youngren	2022-2023
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Next SAHS Board Meetings ~ 2nd Wednesday of the month  
Eldridge Center 11 a.m.  
Open to the public !  
New members and volunteers welcome.

## New & Renewed Memberships

March 7, 2023—May 31, 2023

*Memberships help cover costs of printing & mailing the newsletter. We accept new memberships at any time of the year so if you paid in late 2022 and received the newsletter in the mail, your membership is still active.*

Christine Galloway, Phyllis DeSoto, Jane Swartz, Dani Gaumond, Don Simonson, Curtis DeClue & Ann Samen Fink, Dean & Julie Seckel, Justin Seckel, Dan & Linda Haskins, Steve Chappel, Jack & Kathleen Cartee, Ron & Linda Fosse, Joel Spencer, Dick & Rose Moe, Elaine & Mark Commins

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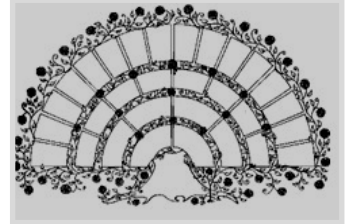
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## Camwood Genealogy Workshop



meets on the first Mondays of the month in the Eldridge Center at 1 p.m. Contact [info@sahs-fncc.org](mailto:info@sahs-fncc.org) for updates.  
[https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page\\_id=56](https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page_id=56)

Camwood Genealogy Workshop has been meeting over forty years. It has had dozens of members over the years who attend as they can. This includes Bill Cayford who is updating Bill Blandin's amazing obituary database regarding Veteran's graves. Bill's database has proved well worth the hours Bill puts into this effort many many times for family and community history! Pictured below are a few past members they present their "dues" as a donation to SAHS. The meetings are held at Eldridge Center.



**Above: CWB members October 2009,**  
courtesy Bill Blandin, CWB Chairman(not pictured)  
Left to right—Jack Peary, Connie Paycheck, Maureen Barnard, Marlene Reinecke, Charlotte Faust, Pam Cronkrite, Linda Rodin, Gary Shirley, Juanita McPartland, Dave Bardue.  
Current members attending this year not pictured include Robin and Richard Hanks, Christine Galloway, Judy Pieper, Kathleen Stowell Chase, Chuck Durland, Phyllis DeSoto, Ruth Neal, Ann Curtis, Amy Tierra, Erin Bradshaw.

**Legacy Art Postcards still available \$15.00 !**  
Thanks to **Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission (SCAAC)** members Judy Fernandes, Cat Olson and Jason Dorsey for their work on this project.



# 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Hurray, once again, the 4th of July Celebration is happening!

Tuesday, July 4th at 11 am

This is our 44th year for a parade & "Old Fashioned" Ice Cream Social.

Children, adults, scouts, firefighters, veterans, and all interested groups are invited to be in the parade. Bring your horses, antique cars, fire trucks, floats, or wagons.

10:30 am—Parade participants should meet at the Josephine Caring Community parking lot on the 4th at 10:30 am.

11:00 am- Parade begins and festivities include a costume contest for children with the best costume depicting the following themes: historical, patriotic, or 4th of July.

11:30 a.m.- Short program and presentation of the awards at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center. The winners will get award certificates and prize money at the end of the ice cream social program at the Floyd.

Our Ice Cream Social will include ice cream with strawberries, popsicles, lemonade, and coffee. Don't miss the Childrens games with prizes on the Pearson House Lawn. All refreshments are free.

Come and enjoy the Fun Day from 11 –2 pm, sponsored by the Stanwood Area Historical Society and the Stanwood Commerce Alliance

## 2023 Event Schedule

2023, August 25 & 26 **Historic Sites Tour**

2023, September 9th **Historic Home Tour— New Event** not to be confused with the Historic Sites Tour in August! The home tour will start at the D. O. Pearson House  
27112 102nd Ave NW  
\$25.00 per ticket,  
Details to follow. 11 am—4pm.  
Seven other homes will be featured in the tour in Stanwood.

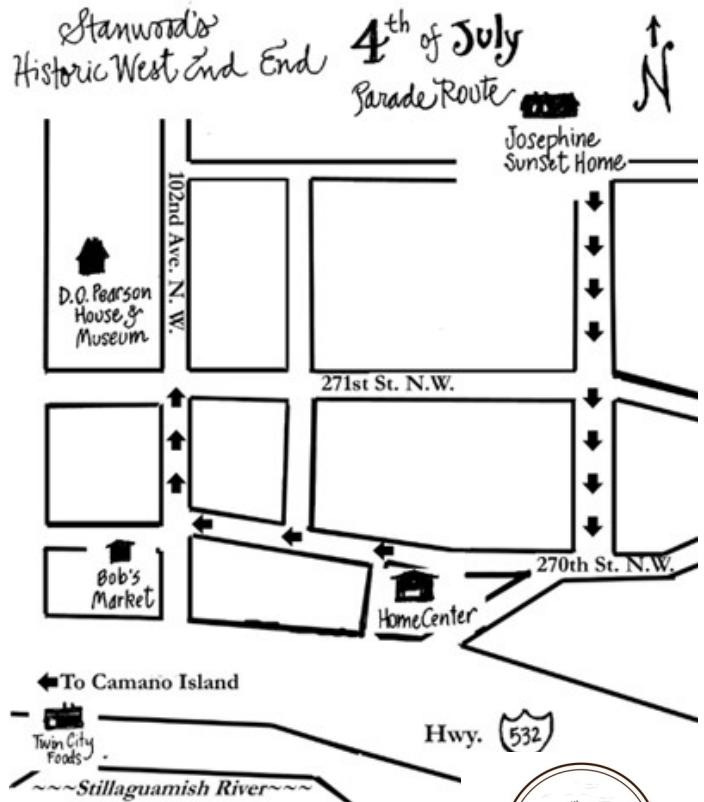
2023, Oct History Lecture/Program - To be announced

2023, Nov History Lecture/Program - To be announced.

2023, Dec 2nd ~ Old Fashioned Christmas, (first Saturday)

2023, December ~ Holiday Member Party—day to be determined

2024, March 23 ~ Murder Mystery Fund Raiser



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SAHS Automobiles in 2011 Independence Day Parade

**Eldridge Center Garage** (ground level) features antique automobiles in the SAHS collection

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING AND SUSTAINING SAHS

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Renae Davis, Christine Galloway, Jane Swartz,  
Robert A. Hall, Camwood Genealogy Workshop,  
Richard & Robin Hanks, T. E. Alexander,  
Louise Lindgren & David Cameron

## March 7, 2023—May 31, 2023 Donations In Memory Of

**Josh King**—Margaret Utgard  
**Shirley Frederickson Shoupe**—Allan Dennis  
Anderson  
**Roger Lervick**—Pat Sandberg Lund

## Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society

Memberships are due annually. This is a significant means of support for the Society and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Volunteer members help govern our society by providing assistance with programming, publications and planning for the future. Mail to: SAHS P. O. Box 69, Stanwood WA 98292

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