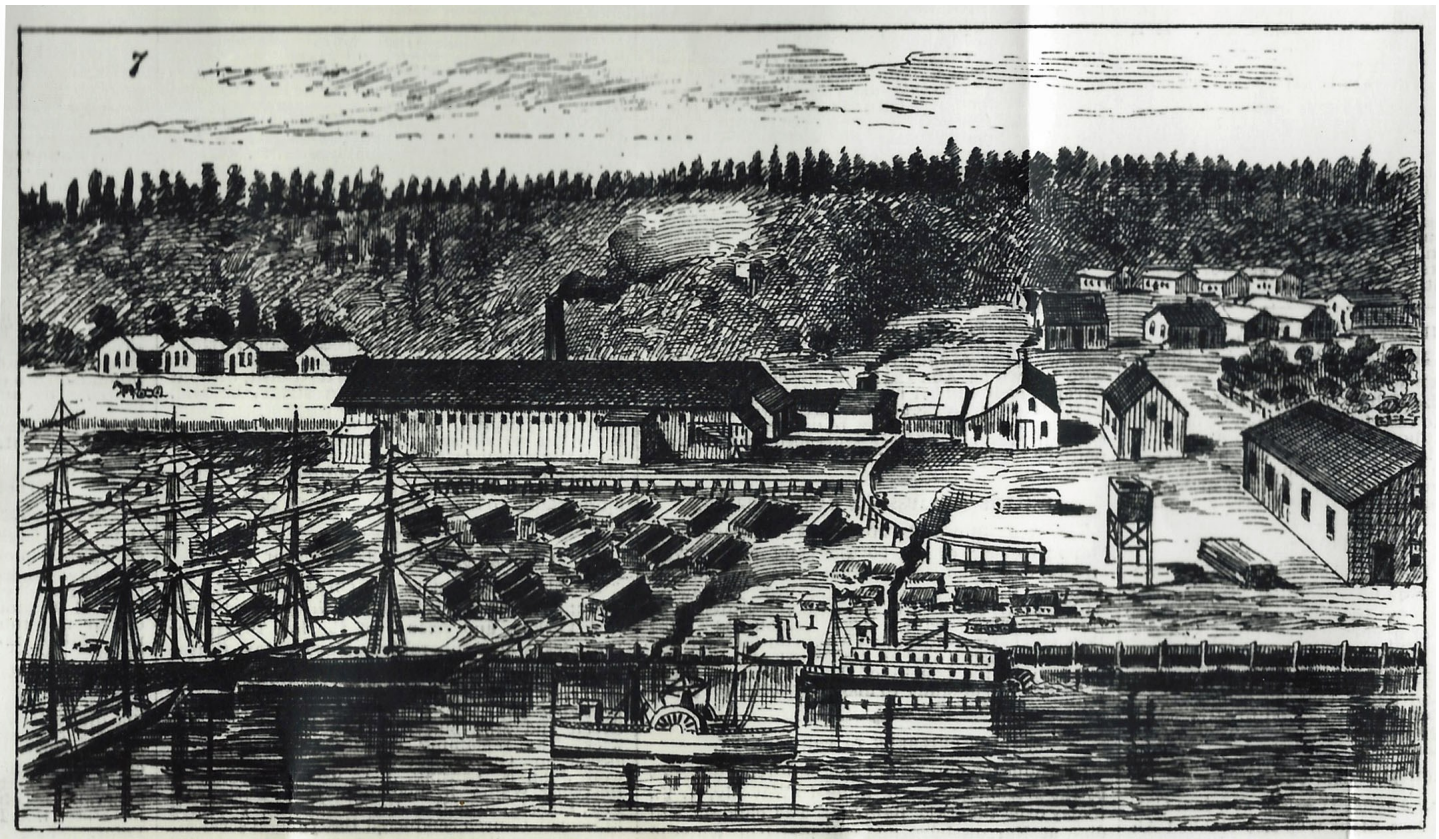


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UTSALADY MILL IN 1883, CAMANO ISLAND

This artist's shoreline view is a bit distorted but shows early tall ships, a steamboat and another with the paddlewheel at the stern. Utsalady was an active harbor from 1858 until 1891. Other buildings include the bunkhouse, granary, and "Deer Park". Ships and other boats were manufactured along with spars and lumber. Seven vessels were built between 1861 and 1873, one was the J. B. Libby similar to the one with the sidewheel in the foreground. Utsalady had a population of about 200-446 millworkers and others between 1895 and 1900. This adds to other views of Utsalady we have to help document this mill that had its own fascinating history.

This image is from one of seven reproduced drawings or sketches from one sheet (19 1/4" x 27 1/2" inches) depicting the Mills of Puget Mill Company, Puget Sound, W. T. (Washington Territory) c. 1883
The Daily Graphic, New York Friday August 17th, 1883.
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OVENELL'S DRIVE IN

Ovenell's Drive in opened in August 1955 and closed in 1982. It was one of two early "fast food" businesses in Stanwood. The other was the Farmette located where McDonalds is now near Haggens. In the background of the photograph are the elaborate processing pipes for the Twin City Foods. After 1982, it became a travel agency and /or insurance company owned and operated by various companies. (undated and unattributed)



Above: Governor Albert Dean Rosellini (1910—2011) served as governor from Jan 1957 until Jan 1965. In August 1960 the *News* documented a visit from the Governor to Twin City Foods, where many people were employed and farmers sold their crops. Known mostly for his advocacy and as the namesake for the Evergreen Floating Bridge. The span, which carries State Route 520 across Lake Washington from Seattle to Medina, opened on Aug. 28, 1963. Attributed to "Twin City News Photos" <https://www.historylink.org/file/5156>



Senator Slade Gorton and Mike Buse, then President of the Stanwood Area Historical Society.



Senator Slade Gorton (1928-2020)

Washington State Senator visited Stanwood for the Fourth of July celebration in 1984. Gorton was elected Attorney General of the State of Washington in 1968. He served with distinction in that office until 1981 "In the U.S. Senate, Slade was an influential member of the Armed Services Committee... and was an important voice in pushing for the clean-up of Hanford, and he fought for health care, the arts and transportation solutions. He worked to keep orca whales out of captivity and in Washington's waters.

News photos John Dean

<https://governor.wa.gov/news/2020/inslee-statement-death-former-us-senator-slade-gorton>

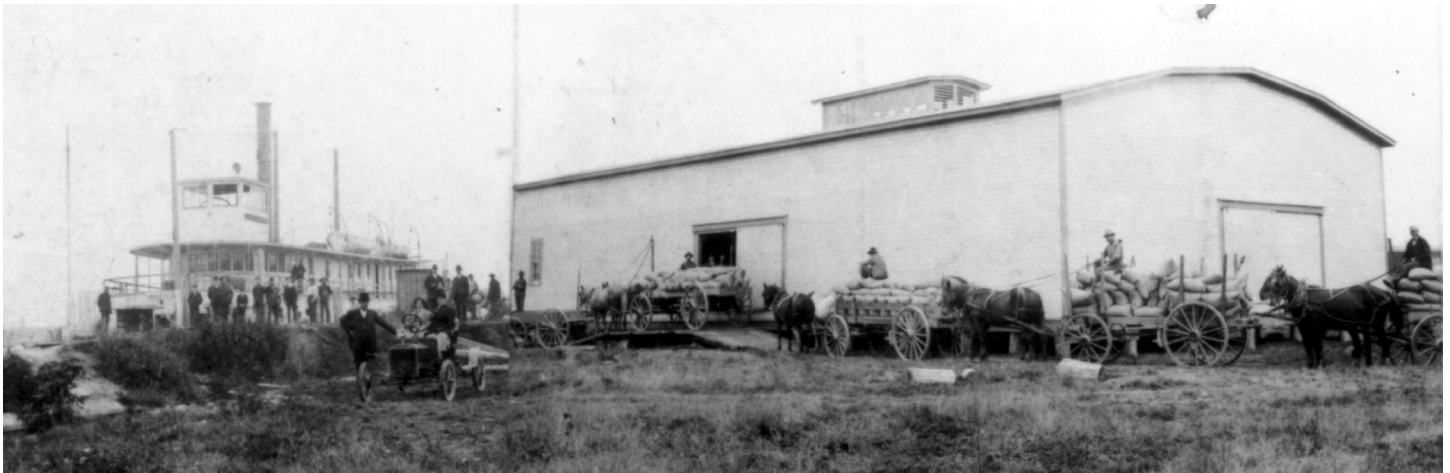
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Our photograph collection includes many of those received in 1992 from Cliff and Shirley Danielson, publishers of the *Stanwood News*. They had received them from many early residents and used them to publish "Stanwood Story" by Alice Essex. Many of the John Wagness photographs that were used in the *Stanwood Story* were included and supplemented many original prints given to us by Kenneth Wagness and other donors. Ivy Hansen donated the negatives of her husband Howard Hansen that he took in the late 1950s until 1983 when he died.

In 2021 we received hundreds of additional negatives from the *Stanwood Camano News*. The negatives are from photographs that were taken in the late 1950s through the early 1980s.

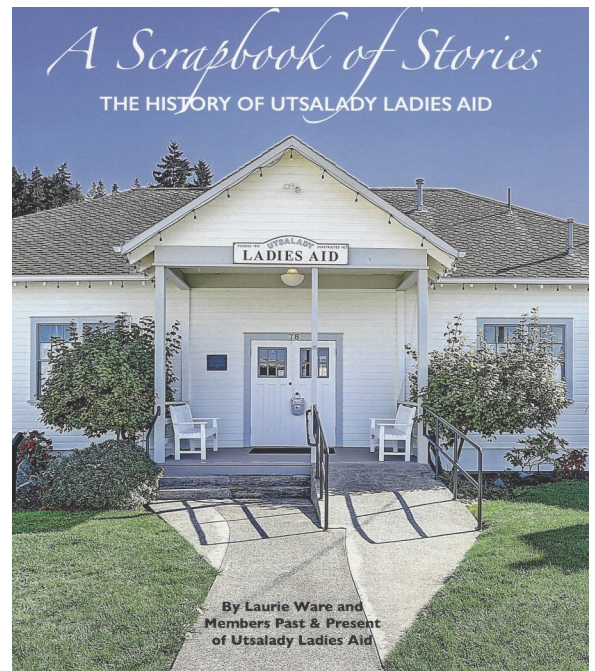
We appreciate this gift to remind us of our history as the *News* continues to cover contemporary current day business, politics, people, organizations from Camano Island, Warm Beach, Cedarhome, Florence, Silvana, Victoria and Freeborn as well as Stanwood. **We thank** these and **many, many other** donors of our community photographs for use in exhibits, programs and publications now and into the future.



Above : The *Gleaner* picking up oats and passengers.

It is haying season and this is what it looked like in the 1890s. The steamer the "Gleaner" is docked at granary wharf where wagons with sacked oats are waiting to store or to load at the Stanwood Grain Co. at the waterfront. This granary was located at the mouth of the Stillaguamish River near the fork of West & South Pass.

The photographer, most likely John Wagness who mounted two images together—it would so much easier in Photoshop....For more images, Check out our Online Historical Photographs Project : <https://www.sahs-fncc.org/>



The latest local history book is now available from the Utsalady Ladies Aid, "**A Scrapbook of Stories—The History of Utsalady Ladies Aid**". Laurie Ware wanted the story to commemorate the 100 years of the Ladies Aid building. She and other members worked on it. She was an SAHS member also and sadly passed away before it was completed. But thanks to her inspiration, we now have a great new resource on Camano Island history.

4th of July Parade and ICE CREAM SOCIAL
THURSDAY, JULY 4TH
11 AM IN STANWOOD - AT THE WEST END

Everyone is welcome to join in the parade. Come line up in the Josephine Caring parking lot at **10:15 am.**

Costume Contest for children with the best costume depicting **historic, patriotic, or 4th of July.** Winners will receive award certificate and prize money.

Afterwards, enjoy ice cream with strawberries and games at the Stanwood Area Historical Society.

4TH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

Our Newest Exhibit !

The third floor of the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center will be updating its exhibits throughout the year. The first to be completed is the display of Norwegian Bunad costumes owned by local Norwegian heritage families. A *bunad* is a festival garment used to celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day and other historical events.

For more information see <https://www.daughtersofnorway.org/heritage/bunad-traditions/>



Young Stanwood girl wearing a Bunad, traditional Scandinavian costume called a bunad holding a rake. Circa 1895

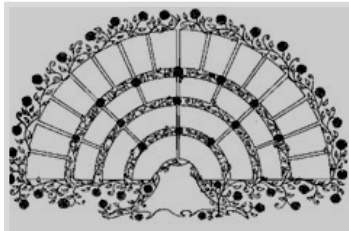
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Camwood Genealogy Workshop

CGW meets on the first Mondays of the month in the Eldridge Center at 1 p.m.

Contact Bill Blandin
https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page_id=56

Special Thanks to the Camwood Genealogy Workshop group for their donations to the Stanwood Area Historical Society for 2024.



Keeping our Museum Open !

Volunteers welcome to help keep our exhibits open to the public. Please let us know if you have an interest in giving a few tours once a month or so!

Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1—4 pm or by appointment! 360-629-6110

Events helpers welcome

- **4th of July Parade & Social—Thursday July 4th, 2024**
- **Historic Sites Tour.org** August 24th—Special Hours 10 am—3 pm—New Exhibits
- **Historic Home Tour** Sept 7th, 2024 10 am—3 pm
- **Fall History Programs**
October 20th, 2024 4 pm—6 pm—*"The Stillaguamish, A Short River With a Long History"* by Tug Buse
- **November Program TBA**
- **Veterans Day Program TBA**

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### SAHS Board Meetings ~

**2nd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.**

New members and volunteers welcome.

*Officers serve for two year terms.*

*Trustee terms are 3 years*

*President and Secretary rotate on the even year.*

*Vice President and Treasurer rotate on the odd year.*

## Contact Us!

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

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March 1st 2024—, May 31st, 2024

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### Memorial Day Remembrances

A number of SAHS volunteers placed flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day at the Camano Lutheran Cemetery on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and at the Camano Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

There was a wonderful Memorial Day Ceremony at Anderson Cemetery on May 27<sup>th</sup>

at 11:00. Then the flags were raised at noon at the Stanwood Veterans Memorial and after that members raised the flag at the Camano Lutheran Cemetery.

Newly engraved bricks were added to the Veterans Wall in the Spring and we are now encouraging people to buy bricks for a Summer engraving.

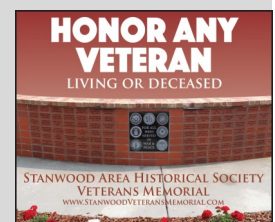
We are hoping that by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July you will see a major upgrade to the landscape of the Stanwood Veterans Memorial **donated** by:

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### Thank You Brick Donors March 2024 - May, 2024

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## Special School Tours

One of the historical Society's many activities are the school tours. Students from Stanwood Elementary visited on May 16 and 23rd this year.

First and 4th graders learned about early transportation and below are our teacher volunteers who inspire an interest and understanding of our local past and how it fits in with the country and world.

Check out our school exhibit on the third floor of the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center along with other new features about logging.



Above (l—r) SAHS Member Tour guides are Diane Anderson, Dave Eldridge, Elaine Commins, Kris Anderson, Janet Utgard, Celia Flones, John Smistad, Rose King (our organizer) Joan Andrews, Cliff Larson, Sandi Stoken and John Leque.

The students learned about the giant fir log cross section in front yard of the Pearson House. It was cut down in 1928 by Rasmus Larsen and Ole Odegard and other English Lumber Company employees Joe Haugen, Oscar Kively and Ole Lervick. It was felled near Lake Cavanaugh and remains as a symbol of the large trees once in the area. It stood near the East Stanwood viaduct for many years before it was moved to the Pearson House yard in 1992. The Lions Club transported it to this location, sanded off the graffiti and constructed the new shelter.

Paypal link is on our website sidebar  
[www.sahs-fncc.org](http://www.sahs-fncc.org)



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### New Acquisitions

We have received some new artifact donations from Vicki DuCharme, Kristi Sedlacek and Susan Rosamond, Pete McDougall, Tammy Riggs, Margaret Utgard, Lisa Sather, Mike & Mary Hamel, Roseann Michaels, Dennis Pearson, Sandi Lindbeck, Penny Shroyer Lee, Dee Jobe, Kris and Rick Anderson, Joan Andrews, and Nancy Flynn.

Our Collections Committees are working steadily on documenting what we have. Helpers always needed if you like to work with clothing, antiques, photographs, or other items in our collections.

**Thank you!**

### Thanks to new (renewed) Members

for their support of our programs and projects. The Stanwood Area Historical Society is often asked what the membership provide for our members and the community.

Sheila Liddle, Kristi, Petr, Sofia Sedlacek, Peter Kamb, Anna Skrinde Bowron, Dick & Rose Moa, Steven & Cindy Sundberg.

## Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society

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