

Stanwood Area ECHOES

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The Auto Stage Era



Silvana Livery Stable became an "Auto Livery" in about 1918. It was located next to the Silvana Bank and was also a Studebaker dealership. Owned and operated by Thomas Husby the livery connected Arlington and Stanwood from Silvana. Note the sign in front of the automobile on the left. The motorcycles are Pope Motorcycles manufactured by the American Cycle Manufacturing Company that began motorcycle production in 1902. In 1911, the company reorganized as Pope, with its manufacturing plant in Westfield, Massachusetts. The photograph came to us through Robin Gwinn, daughter of Laverne Bruseth Klug, daughter of Gunder Bruseth and Elizabeth Sneve.

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Photographer C. Langjoen, Silvana Washington; *Arlington Times*, July 31, 1974 (Frontier Days Supplement) p.19

Lake Goodwin Store, 1928 - 1934

Photographs courtesy Gary and Marlene Reinecke & SC News; Sections excerpted from Art Reinecke's "History of Birmingham, Now Warm Beach, As I remember"

Stanwood's local history borders on the Warm Beach, Seven lakes area of Snohomish County. The largest lake of the seven lakes, Lake Goodwin is on Hwy 531 / Lakewood Drive as it winds from I-5 easterly in a very indirect route following logging roads, Indian trails, canoe routes, short logging railroad routes to Port Susan Bay.

The Port Susan Logging Company had railroad lines in the general area that led to the log dump at Warm Beach until 1906. Later in the 1930s experimental oil wells were drilled in the Warm Beach Lake Goodwin area, no oil was found. In the 1930s the W. P. A. began building roads.

Art and Mabel Reinecke came to the Warm Beach/Birmingham/Port Susan area when C. D. Hillman was selling lots for \$100 / acre. Through family connections they traveled looking for work and came to East Stanwood in 1916 and he began working in the Cannery where they canned clams and green beans. The cannery closed for a time in 1918.

They bought acreage near Lake Martha and logged much of it. They moved into a cabin there in 1919. In 1917 there was a cannery at Warm Beach, then called the Birmingham Cannery that canned clams and green beans. It closed down after a couple years. The area became known as Warm Beach in 1923 at the request of the Postal Service (local office was established in 1910).

In 1925, the Reineckes built their new home and purchased two 40 acre tracts and sold timber Eilertson Lumber Company in East Stanwood.



Mabel (11/6/1890 - 1/8/1986), son Floyd
& Art Reinecke (6/12/1890-5/7/1964)
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In 1928 Art and Mabel decided to start a resort down below the hill on the beach of Lake Goodwin. There were no buildings or land cleared so they made an agreement with C. D. Hillman that Art would tear down the Birmingham Cannery buildings on Port Susan and use the lumber to build cabins. They also paid him \$500/year rent. Reinecke built 7 cabins, a store and a large bathhouse. "On a Sunday when the weather was nice we parked 200 or more cars for 25 cents a car. Cabins were rented for \$2 per day and \$7 per week."

Mabel worked in the store where they provided

lunches, pop, ice cream and candy." They had the resort for 4 years until 1932 during the depression. In 1934 it was sold for summer homes. When W. P.A. started building roads Art was among a large group of men who built many new local miles.

"About 1924 there were lots of strawberries grown and Art hauled them to the cannery in Everett and at the peak of the crop I hauled 3 or 4 tons a day." - Art Reinecke 6/12/1890 - 5/7/1964



On the left is a photograph of the Lake Goodwin swimming beach when it was Schuh's Resort with its dock. Note the large tire tube. "This 14-acre gem has become immensely popular with the local community." (SCNews).

Local businesses on an undated map [1960-1970] are the "Lake Goodwin Resort & Grocery", the Lake Goodwin Realty" and the "Lake Goodwin Cafe". On the north end of the lake on Lakewood Road (S. R. 531) the store had many owners over the years.

A 1986 SCNews article featured Karen & Don Garnt operating the 8-acre RV site in 1979 with additional tent spaces until about 2000. The grocery deli gas station was adjacent to the resort. .

Formerly Schuh's resort and tavern, Lake Goodwin Community Park was along Lakewood Road on the northern shore of the lake. It was acquired by Snohomish County Parks in 1996 and opened for public use in 2006.

1986 advertisement in the SCNews

... bet you didn't know there's a fabulous year-round RESORT right in your own "backyard"!

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Historic Knudson Home

Below is the Historic Knudson Home as it looked in 1986. It is located in the west end of Stanwood on 102nd Drive. It was occupied by the family from 1906 (about when it was built) until 1986. According a *SCNews* article (March 7th, 1973) featuring the home, the famous Norwegian explorer, Captain Roald Amundsen was the overnight house guest of the Knud Knudson, local jeweler and City Treasurer on March 22, 1908. Amundsen was in Stanwood to give a lecture in the opera house (FNCC) about the voyage around the North Polar regions through the Northwest Passage. He was celebrated by City leaders at a dinner at the "Babington" House built in 1908 that was across the street from the Pearson House.

<https://www.sahs-fncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/EchoeWinter2016No49.pdf>



New Additions to our Collections

Many thanks to **Loren Kraetz** once again who donated household items some of which belonged to Genevieve Pearson Kimball , 1903 - 1983 (daughter of Guy Stanwood Pearson and her husband Mark Kimball 1903 - 1998 (local jeweler and musician) .

Renee Miles - Doll with special case and three 1930s woolen swimsuits
Ben Nelson, two antique projectors

Erika Sigman - 1960s Dress form

Robin Hanks - Book by Beaumont Newhall *The History of Photography* c. 1964

The **National Nordic Museum** transferred duplicate items relating to Norwegian heritage : Wooden headboard with a hand painted rosemaaling pattern, sewing cabinet, and unique wooden plant stand with legs made of tree branches by Silvana resident.

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Future Historic District of Stanwood?

In 2018 Robin and Richard Hanks as Board members of SAHS established the Plaque Program recognizing the historic buildings of Stanwood. In 2019 SAHS assisted the Camano Schoolhouse Foundation with developing the Historic Sites Tour with ongoing annual programs and online audio and video tours. And so began the beginnings of the more formal recognition of our historic "district".

The City of Stanwood has recently begun exploring the idea of the formal adoption of a **historic preservation ordinance**. It was adopted May 28th at the Council meeting. The model ordinance provides all of the elements that are needed to create an historic preservation program at the local level: an historic preservation commission, a local register of historic places, design review of locally listed properties, and the special tax valuation incentive.

The cultural resource management company Historic Research Associates (HRA) is beginning research to identify 25 recommended buildings for survey and inventory. The City would like to prioritize buildings along the Twin City Mile to support the Stanwood Creative District and Main Street Projects though there are several important homes and buildings in the Stanwood city limits.

Owning a building in a Historic District does not require an owner to conform to historic preservation guidelines unless the owner chooses to proactively apply to be placed on the National or State Registers or the new local register of Historic Places. It is hoped that most people in the district will remodel or build conforming to the local character of the neighborhood.

The Stanwood District does include the outskirts of Stanwood but those may apply to be on the Snohomish County Historic District

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1578/Landmarks>,
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/1551/CLG-Program>

More information about the Washington State program is available at the Dept of Archaeology and Historic Preservation website: www.dahp.wa.gov.

Pandora's Wall

Our community's old buildings, as charming as they are, live through weather, temperature changes, storms, pests, even baking sun on south walls. Recently, best laid plans by SAHS to re-paint the south wall of the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center lead to the need to replaces windows and siding. If you have driven by recently and noted the lift trucks, the exposure to the elements have left the SAHS Board and its Facilities Committee with hard choices in preserving character and fixing for the future.

So far, while most costs are covered it will require SAHS to replenish its reserves. Donations are welcome, Contact Us!

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Welcome to New & Renewed Members

Emily Harvey, Devon Brewer, Diane & Daniel Eakin, Alida Bowen, Blake LaRue, Jane Sundberg Swartz

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Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society

Memberships are due annually for the following calendar year. This is a significant means of support for the Society and includes a subscription to the newsletter.

Check our website for the Form - www.sahs-fncc.org

Mail to: SAHS P. O. Box 69, Stanwood WA 98292

SAHS is a tax-exempt 501c3 non-profit organization and depends for its financial support on gifts, donations, bequests from individuals and groups, fund raising activities and membership dues. Your contributions are tax deductible to you and will be used in support of history education,, preservation projects, collections care, exhibits and programs.

Current Exhibits

Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center

- NEW! - Stanwood Fire Department Collection to open soon
- Bunads of Local Norwegian Heritage Families
- Fallen Heroes of our Armed Forces and Red Cross Nurses remembered through their uniforms and soldier stories.
- Logging on Camano Island - update in progress
- Consolidation of the "Twin Cities" and their schools
- Dollhouses and Miniature & Early Church Models
- "Trees to Peas to Prosperity"
- Dr. Mac – First medical man in Stanwood
- Stanwood Klondikers of 1898

Eldridge Center

- Aerial Photographs, Street Views & Maps of Stanwood and the Stillaguamish River Valley
- Stanwood High School Class Picture Gallery
- "Spirit of the People" featuring Indian baskets and artifacts with assistance from the Tulalip Tribes and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

D. O. Pearson Historic House Museum

- The 1891 home of Stanwood's 7th postmaster and first mayor. Included are antiques and artifacts from local families and pianos, organs, early 1900s furniture.



Rent The Floyd

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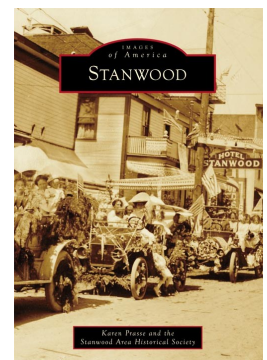
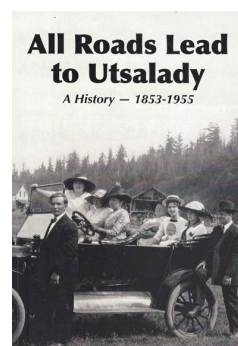
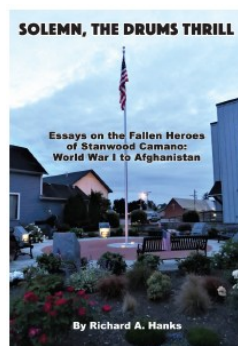
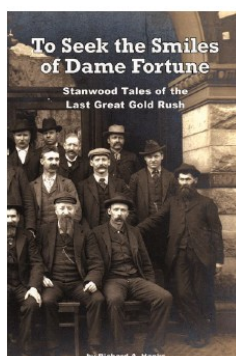
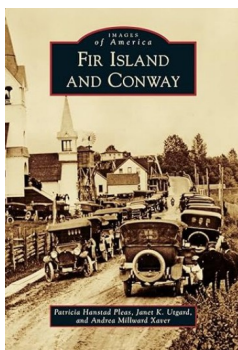
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Vice President ~	Karen Pelletier	2026-2027
Treasurer ~	Celia Flones	2026-2027
Secretary ~	Rose King	2025-2026

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2023 -25	Andreena Bergman
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2024 -26	Les Anderson
2025 -27	Cliff Larson
2025 -27	John Smistad
2025 -27	Steve Youngren
2025 -27	Janet Utgard
2025 -27	John Leque

Honorary Lifetime Trustees :
Pat Bronson

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### New Board Meeting Hours:

#### SAHS Board Meetings ~

**3rd Thursday 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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- <https://www.sahs-fncc.org/>
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## March, 2026 ~ May, 2026 Donations In Memory Of

**Ben Nelson** - Ken Nelson, Ken McDowell

**Renee Brandstrom** - Ken & Barbara Christoferson

**Margaret Utgard** - Dan and Lind Haskins, Jane Sundberg Swartz, Richard & M'Lisse William, Steve Youngren, Jean Christoferson, Kris & Rick Anderson, Kathy Uroff, Alida Bowen

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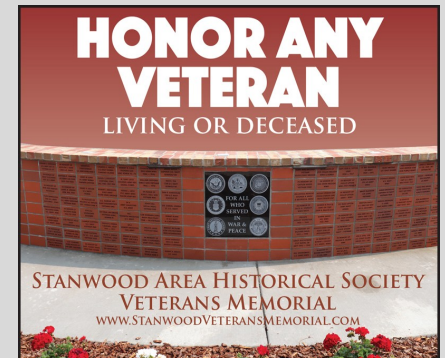
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Pictured below are Jim Swanson & Chuck Foutch of Island Masonry building the newest memorial walls in the Veterans Memorial Garden. In the distance is the lift truck & Tyvek on the south wall of the FNCC in the process of replacing the siding and of the building.



## Keeping our Museum Open !

Volunteers are welcome to help keep our museum open to the public. Please let us know if you have an interest in actively participating, see below for !

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

### Volunteers welcome - join us !

We have added new software that will make it easier to communicate to with our members.

Please make sure we have your personal email.

***Please send us your current email address to [fnccmanager@sahs-fncc.org](mailto:fnccmanager@sahs-fncc.org)***

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### **Volunteers needed to manage the exhibits, events, programs and projects !**

- Docents: volunteers who guide visitors through our historic buildings and exhibits. Local history knowledge helpful but not a requirement - just a willingness to listen and share information.
- Small painting jobs (railings, touchups, exhibits)
- Scanning photographs and documents
- Oral history interviewers / schedulers
- Hanging frames / picture molding of artwork and photographs
- Researching antiques
- Event helpers (4th of July, programs, planning)
- Handyman assistance, work with facilities committee changing light bulbs, checking for leaks, noticing / reporting minor carpentry or repairs needed.
- Exhibit construction projects
- Clerical / Administrative support

## Donations

March, April, May 2026

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Thrivent Giving, Camwood Genealogy Workshop, Dan & Linda Haskins, John Smistad

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Many thanks to our volunteers the last three months.

Diane Anderson for her organization of the Spring Tea! Along with her many prize donors, raffle items, The tea is a huge undertaking and we are especially appreciated that she has brought back this wonderful tradition!

Debbie Engel, David Pelletier, Jerry King, Chris Rezendes, Bill Blandin, Janet Mayer, Joan McConnell, Pat Bronson, Robin & Richard Hanks, Laurie Dilday, Marvin Flones, Rick Anderson, Bill Keller, Jack Freberg, Ramona Snowden, Olin Williams, Jim Dubois, Garrett Williams, Gail Olsen, Rae & Dale Burt, Carol Covert, Jim & Barbara Joyce, Erich Schweiger and Jack Archibald.

---Research assistance by Michele Heiderer from Stillaguamish Valley Museum in Arlington.



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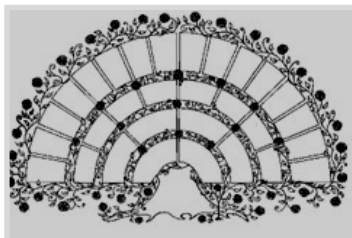
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Camwood Genealogy Workshop

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



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SAHS Events for 2026 ~ Mark your calendars and check back for more!



Fourth of July Parade & Ice Cream Social - Parade begins at 11 a.m. Children, adults, musicians **and their instruments**, firemen, veterans, scouts and all interested groups to participate. Bring horses and farm animals, antique cars, floats, fire trucks, farm or logging implements and wagons or to join in the traditional celebration of Independence Day!

All Parade participants should meet at the Josephine Sunset Home parking lot at 10:30 on Saturday this year the 4th of July - **Costume contest** for children under 12 for the best costume depicting a patriotic or United States history event, or Independence Day theme. **No pre-registration necessary** - Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Winners will be announced and must be present at the Program & Awards Presentation afterwards (11:30 FNCC) to win. **See our website: www.sahs-fncc.org**

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| September 12th | Historic Homes & Buildings Tour - Details to be announced soon. |
| November 8th | History Lecture Series: "Fire on the Flood Tide, How Events of the Early 1800s affected the Stanwood Area" The program will feature his discoveries of incredible events buried in the historical record for over 200 years. Speaker: Tug Buse Historian .
<i>4 pm Sunday afternoon.</i> |

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