



**Mission Statement:**

The Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA) provides a home for community, cultural, artistic, educational, and social opportunities that enhance the quality of life for our island community.

GICCA creates a sense of community on Guemes Island by providing, maintaining, and enhancing a Community Center to enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

**Our Goals:**

- ~ Be a welcoming place that meets the diverse needs of our island community.
- ~ Provide an accessible and affordable venue for Guemes Island community organizations.
- ~ Host community forums and town meetings on issues of concern to islanders.
- ~ Offer a place for the community to perform, celebrate, dance, and play.

**2018 Board of Directors:**

- Barb Ohms, President
- Chris Skinner, Vice President
- Deb Strathman, Secretary
- Liz Hartley, Treasurer
- Karen Lamphere, Trustee
- Rob Schroder, Trustee
- Loalynda Bird, Trustee

**Meetings:**

The Board meets every third Thursday from September through May at the Community Hall at 7 p.m. Please contact a Board member if you would like to add an item to our agenda.

**Scheduling:**

To schedule the Hall, the Schoolhouse Park Pavilion, or to rent tables or chairs, contact Barb Ohms 303-521-9094 or 360-298-1885, or email 4gicca@gmail.com.

**All Island Event Calendar, News, and Resources:**  
See [www.myguemes.org](http://www.myguemes.org)

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# Guemes Island Community Center Association

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Dear Guemes Islanders,

What does "community" mean to you?

The Guemes community is a diverse group of people linked by the geography of this beautiful 5,500-acre island. Whether an old-timer or a newcomer, we share a sense of connection to this place. The Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA) is one of 14 volunteer organizations on the island that strives to nurture a connection to community or to provide support where needed.

GICCA owns and manages the properties of the Schoolhouse Park Pavilion, the ongoing Stage Project, and our Community Center Hall, now 104 years old. While our Hall is steeped in traditions that we all cherish, we must also plan for her future. If her walls could talk she would tell stories of celebrations and memorials; meetings and classes; and dinners and festivals. Just like a living room in any family home, she has heard laughter, seen tears, and hosted debates. With community support, our Hall will continue to be a gathering place that encourages self-expression, celebration, and dialog.

The GICCA Board hopes you have been part of one or more of the many activities hosted at the Pavilion or the Hall this past year. The offerings have included: yoga classes three nights and two mornings per week; Zumba three mornings per week; monthly and annual meetings for several island organizations; public forums; craft fairs and festivals; memorials and weddings; private parties and family dinners; art, cooking, and sewing classes; retreats; educational and nature talks; book and poetry readings; and concerts ranging from chamber music to guitar to autoharp. The Hall and Pavilion have provided venues for many of the all-island events: Trivia Night, Easter Egg Dyeing and Hunt, July 4th Hot Dog Picnic, GIHS Dog Show, GIPOA Fall Festival, Community Talent Show, Kid's Halloween Party, GIHS Holiday Bazaar, Woodchoppers' Ball, Holiday Dinner, and the Community Potluck for our Guemes, Spain visitors.

Please read our Mission Statement and Goals printed to the left. We rely on the generosity and support of individuals and businesses in order to fulfill our mission and accomplish our goals. Without donations from community-minded people like you, we would not be able to continue to provide these facilities and services to our community.

We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience. Every tax-deductible donation makes a difference, regardless of size. Donations can also be made through the GICCA website, at [www.myguemes.org](http://www.myguemes.org). Your donation can be earmarked for a specific fund if desired, i.e., CERT, Stage Project, Groundfloor Guemes, Website or to the General Fund to help sustain our Hall, grounds, and programs in the coming year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Your 2018 Guemes Island Community Center Association Board