

GUEMES ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION



"TOP TEN" VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in building a sense of community on Guemes Island? Join us for volunteer and community partnership opportunities that help promote our mission of educational, recreational, and social welfare for Guemes residents. ***With your help, we can build community. Yes, even during the Covid-19 pandemic!***

1. RECREATION & FUN!

- Organize small "Buddy Groups" for safely walking, beachcombing, gardening, or biking.
- Promote fitness programs using Zoom, tapes, and related partnerships.
- Develop family activities including scavenger hunts, board game loans, etc...

2. SPECIAL EVENT SUPPORT TEAMS

- Help plan and coordinate approved (post-pandemic) events for when the Hall reopens.

3. EDUCATION

- Develop plans for a speaker's bureau with topics on environment, diversity, gardening and more.
- Pursue and share virtual learning options and prepare for in-person future opportunities.
- Contribute articles to website and online newsletter.

4. HALL MAINTENANCE

- Maintain and improve Hall with carpentry, painting, plumbing or other skills.
- Deep cleaning and custodial to prepare for reopening.

5. HALL LANDSCAPING

- Use your gardening skills to forge trails, pull weeds, and plant trees & shrubs.
- Help with exterior ADA improvements in the works.

6. GICCA PROPERTIES (adjacent to Skagit County Schoolhouse Park)

- Assist with next phases of GICCA Stage construction which may include landscape installation.
- Maintain the Pavilion and new Stage (once completed).

7. SOCIAL WELFARE

- Reach out to shut-ins to provide temporary help in times of need.
- Active listening and brainstorming ideas about future needs for aging seniors on the island.

8. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS... some examples

- With Guemes Library, recruit, support, and expand "Book Clubs" with Zoom conversations.
- Recruit volunteers to assist other island organizations with tech support.
- Environmental projects.

9. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) PARTNERSHIPS

- Update and maintain the neighborhood lists for emergencies.
- Inventory and update CERT supplies.

10. FUNDRAISING

- Engage in fundraising activities.
- Write grants to fund small projects.

Send GICCA your name, phone number, and email, as well as a list of your skills and interests to 4gicca@gmail.com, along with the subject line: "Request to Volunteer." (GICCA follows all pandemic-related State and County guidelines—such as wearing face masks and physical distancing—during all approved activities.)