

Join the GICCA Team!

Is a Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA) leadership position right for you? Picture yourself as being part of a team that has accomplished much, even during the pandemic! Below are just TEN examples of the work that has been done!

Creative Thinking:

1. Launched *Guemes Island Art Initiative* with 43 artists to bring visibility to the outstanding creative visual arts on the island. Find it all at GuemesIslandArt.Org.
2. Enhanced the partnership with Skagit County Parks opening the door for more cooperative usage at Schoolhouse Park and the Community Stage
3. Developed innovative opportunities to bring people together including support of Guemes Island Pickleball and *Guemes Walks*, a program of organized walks for small groups

Maintenance and Capital projects:

4. Replaced the damaged front porch and provided ADA access between the Hall, Library, and the Church
5. Working toward completion of the Community Stage with required permits anticipated this Fall
6. Completed a backlog of basic maintenance needs for the historic Community Center Hall including indoor and outdoor carpentry, painting, electrical and cleaning
7. Coordinated landscape improvements at several locations that included collecting, planting, and watering more than 200 plants for the Hall and Stage

Technology and Communication:

8. Continued to provide GICCA's MyGuemes.Org website along with connecting links to other island organizations, island news, community messages, an all-inclusive event calendar, and a residential and business directory
9. Distributed monthly online GICCA Newsletters with a subscriber list of nearly 300
10. Upgraded access systems at the Hall for more user-friendly utilization of electronic equipment and virtual meeting options when in-person gatherings cannot be held

The GICCA Board is a “hands-on” active board with each member contributing on a regular basis.

- **If you are handy with a shovel, broom, or paint brush, we need you...**
- **If you like to write news articles, apply for grant funding, plan events, tackle projects or envision new projects or programs for your fellow islanders... there is a place for you.**
- **If you have an interest in serving your community and have positive energy to offer, we can help find the right place for you to contribute to the team!**

GICCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Member Roles and Expectations

GICCA's mission statement is to promote the **educational, recreational, and social welfare** of Guemes Islanders. In short, we strive to "*Build Community*"

- by maintaining a cohesive team
- by caring for and managing the GICCA properties; the Community Center Hall, Community Stage, and Pavilion at Schoolhouse Park
- by building partnerships with the other island organizations
- by planning for the future needs of Guemes Islanders

The base expectations for every Board Member include:

- Contributing as a member of a cohesive team serving the entire island
- Assuming a leadership role or being an active support person on one or more projects or committees
- Affirming personal goals for contributing towards GICCA's mission by identifying and sharing your skills, interests, objectives, and intent of board membership
- Attending all meetings and contributing constructively to discussions
- Having computer access which is essential for conducting Board business and participating in virtual meetings

Pertinent information and Bylaws references:

- All Guemes residents or property owners, age 18 or older, are automatically members of the Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA).
- Board members must be Guemes residents or property owners, age 18 or older.
- Nominees do not run for specific Board positions.
- The Governing Board is made up of no less than seven members.
- Each Board member is elected to a two-year term of office.
- In the event of any vacancy, the Board shall appoint a successor to fulfill the unexpired term.
- Continuing incumbent and newly elected Board members shall meet in closed session in December, to select from its new members new Officers and Trustees as required to fill vacancies.
- Specific duties of board members may be modified to reflect the skills, interests, and availability of individuals serving in these roles, provided that such reassignment maintains the smooth operations of the Community Center and adequately safeguards the assets of the Association.
- GICCA maintains Board Liability and Indemnification Insurance for all Board members.
- GICCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization governed by Bylaws and is required to adhere to all County, State, and Federal guidelines and regulations.