

## HISTORY OF VENERSBORG COMMUNITY CLUB & PROJECTS FROM 2003 TO 2015

The Venersborg Community Club is dedicated to maintaining the historical Venersborg School House (built in 1912) in Venersborg, Washington and providing for its use as a community center for our families and neighbors in the Venersborg community. Our School House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and Washington State Heritage Register.



Christmas Wreath-making Party 2015



11"x14" Pen and Ink artwork prints, numbered and signed by local artist Michael D. Allen of Ink Sensations. Mr. Allen has generously donated a series of prints to be used for fundraising for the schoolhouse.

March 20, 2015. Community members met and shared stories with Robert Carlberg, a photography student from Sweden, who was interested in learning about Venersborg's history.

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Mary Jo Lewis made and donated this beautiful quilt for the 2014 raffle.



Homestead Day Sept 22, 2014

Volunteers demonstrated old-time skills like soap making, animal husbandry, the proper way to start a campfire, spin wool, save seeds. WA extension volunteers shared how to make flavored vinegar and taught kids how to make freezer jam. Also leather working, butter making, spinning fiber, baking bread, pressing apples and heirloom poultry.

Community Potluck April 2014

Sweetheart's Dance February 2013

Wreath making December 2012

Homestead Day Sept 2012

Leather working, homemade laundry soap, butter making, food preserving, seed saving. Karen Kennedy showed how to butcher and dress chickens and Joyce Haynes from NW Organic Farm shared her garden experience.







Fiddlers Festival & Ice Cream Social  
August 2012, our 100th Anniversary

Mary Jo's handmade quilt for the fundraising  
raffle. We are so grateful to her!

**Venersborg Community Club**  
**Build-a-Bathroom**  
**Fiddlers Festival**  
Sunday, August 16 3-6p



Over the past few years we've gathered enough money to purchase a septic system to replace our ancient outhouses. We need about \$5000 more in materials and labor to build the bathroom. Help us raise money while enjoying a day of fiddling and festivities. Come hear old time music, take a tour of the 97 year old one-room schoolhouse, play horseshoes and meet your neighbors. See the homemade quilt and other raffle prizes. We'll pass the hat for donations and if you're handy with a hammer, we'll invite you to help build the bathroom during work parties in the next few weeks.



The Venersborg Schoolhouse is on the National Historic Register and is fully supported by community donations and the loving care of all the Venersborg Community Club members.

Directions: From Hockinson, go north on 182nd Ave. Turn right on Risto Road and go 3.3 miles to the Venersborg Store. The schoolhouse is the next building on your right across the street from the store.

Need more info? Call Jacqueline at 687-8384 or BJ at 687-0626



Schoolhouse Tea May 2012  
Charming hostesses Susan Tripp and Celeste Reising and others served a 3-course (fruit/savory/sweet) tea. The schoolhouse was decorated with flowers and lace, and we raffled off the largest quilt ever (made by Mary Jo Lewis).



Spring Potluck April 2012

Sweetheart's Dance 2012

Seed Swap January 2012

Wreath Making December 2011

Earthquake Night (get ready for emergencies) November 2011  
Ret. Fire Chief and Venersborg resident MIKE SENCHYNA showed us how to prepare for disasters and times when we may need each other's help. What to have on hand in your home and what we need in Venersborg, too. We worked together to plan an emergency meeting place at the schoolhouse and find out what skills we each have that we can contribute in an emergency.

Brenda Wilson has been teaching classes about raising healthy chickens. Brenda has about 20 different kinds of heirloom breed chickens on her farm on 242nd Ave near Salmon Creek.



## **Heirloom Apple Fest October 2011**

Every fall we host an Heirloom Apple Tasting with 200+ different and unusual varieties to sample and nearly all of them are delicious. Some apples taste like honey, bananas, strawberries while some of the tart ones pucker up your mouth like you just sucked on a lemon (these make great cider). Other apples smell like roses and pineapples. Some are long and narrow, some have red flesh and purple skin, others are white as snow. Some are breeds from the 1600s and a few have been around longer than that even. Admission lets you sample as many as you'd like. Just point and we'll give you a taste of each of them. Come hungry!



### **What can you do at the Apple Fest?**

Taste all 200+ apples

Get your apple trees identified so you know what they are

Order heirloom apple trees to plant at home in spring

Eat homebaked apple delights and hot cider

Enter your name in the raffle for the beautiful handmade quilt and ten other homemade/homegrown prizes.

Apple pie demos by local pie-making experts and learn their secrets

Make an apple pie to bake at home!

Tours of the old school and its history given throughout the day

Apple tasting, tree identification, pie making demo and school tours are all included in admission.

Sponsored by Friendly Haven Farm with generous help from the Home Orchard Society and members of the Venersborg Community Club.

### **Autumn Potluck & Cookie Auction**

September 2011

with David Tripp, auctioneer extraordinaire



## Homestead Days September 2011

Unusual skills from local folks who still do them.

- \* Soap making -- Hand soap and laundry detergent for 5 cts a load
- \* Basic Quilting
- \* Spinning yarn
- \* Make butter
- \* Make whitewash paint to keep your animal pens hygienic
- \* Goat milking demo
- \* Food Preservation
- \* Food Preservation for kids
- \* Brenda Wilson brought broilers (meat chickens) and showed her favorite heirloom laying hens you can order for spring.
- \* Seed saving display



Carol Jensen and Dar Stuart helping out in the kitchen.

Potluck attendees waiting for the auction to start.



Ice Cream & Bluegrass Social (pickin' and lickin') August 2011  
Music by the Old Time Fiddlers,  
Mary Jo's donated quilt for the raffle.

We've had the Old Time Fiddlers come and play for the past two summers and it's delightful. These folks have been playing together for many decades. If you play an instrument, you're welcome to join in, it's pretty informal.

At the schoolhouse we had outhouses up until last year and finally got an indoor bathroom. That was a big task and we raised all the money by doing things like this. No grants, no big benefactors, just a little from everyone and it added up. We're almost done with the project. We just have to complete the outside of the bathroom so it's weatherproof and then we're ready for winter.

We have the idea that putting a jar out for donations while the fiddlers play and everyone eats ice cream is a good way to raise money to buy the materials. We're hoping you'll enjoy it so much you'll want to donate something to the club and if you do, we're happy to accept. So the fiddlers are coming and the ladies are baking. We'll also have on display the handmade quilt one of the ladies made for our raffle in November, along with all kinds of handmade-homemade-homegrown items from the kitchens and gardens of the other ladies that will be prizes in the raffle, too. Our schoolhouse is the oldest continuously operating building in Washington state and if you want, we'd be happy to give you a tour and tell you some of its 99 year history. The fiddlers will be playing from 1-4.

We're 35 minutes north of PDX. We have benches to sit on or if you want to bring a blanket, that's fine, too. We'll be outdoors on the lawn. Last year we moved as the shade from the trees moved and we'll probably do the same thing again. Bring a hat or a parasol if you want. Our village is tiny and near all the members of our community club are 70+ so don't expect a big production. Just fiddling and snacks on the lawn, pickin' and lickin'. You can hear a clip of the fiddlers playing last year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpAewMgO4CQ>



Give Food, Get Plants and Seeds May 2011

Food collected and donated to the North County Food Bank



Sweetheart's Dance February 2011  
with plenty of donated gifts as prizes

Vickie Willis with the wreath she made at the Wreath Making December 2011. Warming up at the woodstove, making grapevine wreaths, adding greenery and bows and Christmas decorations. Hot cocoa, tea, apple cider and treats.



Brenda and Scott Wilson looked like the king and queen of the prom at the 2010 Sweethearts Dance.

Brenda won the \$100 gift certificate from Enhanced Gardens. Nearly everyone who attended went home with either a door prize or a raffle prize!

## APPLE TASTING October 2010

A LOT of people came out for the annual Heirloom Apple Tasting. Even better, many of them brought apples from old trees on their land and the Home Orchard Society members identified quite a few unusual apples including one they had never seen before, the Mann apple, that was found on an apple tree near a railroad track on 72nd Ave. Also had more Winter Bananas, an old baking apple that is orange with a watercolored patch of red on one side.

Our hope is that each year we get to rediscover more of the old ones and over the winter when the trees are dormant, we can graft some scions onto young rootstock and grow more of these trees. Friendly Haven Rise Farm put together 216 different kinds of apples, all grown in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon so they're all fairly local. They're rumored to be pressing a lot of cider all this coming week.



Fall Potluck November 2010

### Food Drive & Plant Exchange April 2010

We had a little food drive and it turned out to be a BIG food drive. Who would have guessed? Kristine White and Jane Davenport did a LOT of work helping with this including digging up and donating plants that were given out free to everyone who donated something. Guess how much food came in? 562 pounds! The food bank people were just delighted to get this as they are in dire need at this time. Thank you all who live in this generous community.

### Spring Potluck April 2010

Carl Stuart drew up the plans and helped us get the permits. Then he started in building it. Other folks came by to help, but we really ought to call it the “Carl Stuart Bathroom” because he did most of the work on it. Here he is working on the bathroom plumbing



2009 — Bill Richards (shown) and Duane White painted the ceiling standing up, not the easy way like Michaelangelo did, laying down.

### Community Seed Exchange January 2009

## WINTER NEWS AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

In the midst of all this rain, we're doing quite well. The schoolhouse has had plenty of activity all through fall and winter. Folks are quite pleased with being able to use our new indoor bathroom. No more walks through the forest in drizzly darkness with a flashlight. Is there anyone out here who misses that?

We have just a few small details to finish up with. If anything here is something you could volunteer to do, or items you'd be willing to contribute, please contact Jacqueline at 687-8384.

1. ADA bathroom bars to help handicapped people
2. Help painting the bathroom.
3. Wrapping the heat tape around the pipes.

## TEN LADIES DANCING TAG SALE December 2008

A community tag sale inside the schoolhouse where we're hoping it's a LOT warmer. What have we got? Nine jars of homemade soup, eight dozen cookies, seven stampers stamping, six multi-colored umbrellas (and an antique parasol), five golden napkin rings, four hand-sewn grocery bags, three big boxes of floral display materials, two motorcycle helmets and one ladies' flashy purple wetsuit.

## WREATH MAKING December 2008

### WE CAN FLUSH!

We have a flushing toilet in the schoolhouse!

This has been a TREMENDOUS task -- raising the money, finding material donations, hiring professionals for the parts we couldn't do and being blessed with donations of labor from our wonderful neighbors. Everyone has done their part from banging nails in the bathroom walls (Carl Stuart spent WEEKS in that little room!) to bidding on cookies at the auction to help raise funds.

We still have a bit more to do and need to raise about \$800 more to pay for materials we've already purchased and buy a few more things -- a light for above the mirror, paint for the walls and ceiling, an electric fire exit sign that goes above the kitchen door, a bureau to store cleaning materials in, and a few more small items to finish up.

The annual fall potluck was great fun! Everyone must have bid extra high on our cookies this year because we made \$162 on the auction alone and brought in more on the quilt raffle than we ever have before.



Bobbie Gwaltney selling plants at our plant sale. Many of these were grown and donated by Kristine White. Thanks, Kristine!



Tracy and Betty Brainard at the Sweethearts Dance

## HEIRLOOM APPLE FESTIVAL October 2008

Co-sponsored by Friendly Haven Rise Farm and the Venersborg Community Club  
Saturday, October 17 from 11-4 at the schoolhouse

We're hosting an Heirloom Apple Tasting with 200+ different varieties to sample and nearly all of them are delicious. Some taste sweet, some tart ones pucker up your mouth but make great cider. Others taste like honey, bananas, roses. Some are long and narrow, some have red flesh, others are white as snow, and some are breeds from the 1600s. Admission lets you sample as many as you'd like, just point and we'll give you a taste of each of them. Come hungry!

If you find an unusual variety you like, we'll graft a tree for you from that breed.

Cast your vote for best flavor, prettiest, most unusual shape, tartest, sweetest, best scent, and strangest flavor. If you have old apples trees growing in your backyard we'll do our best to identify them. Recently we found an old variety on our farm that was thought to be extinct!

Venersborg and the surrounding area were old fruit-growing communities. Apple trees can grow for 80-100 years and the old varieties planted in our early days are coming up on the end of their time. If these trees are identified and branches from the old trees grafted onto new tree stock, these varieties will continue. We'd like to encourage people who have (or know of) an old apple tree on their land to bring them in so we can look at them. At last year's apple event about a half dozen apple varieties were identified that were pretty rare.

If you'd like your apples identified, bring 5 from each tree in a separate paper bag. Don't wash or polish them because some of the characteristics are in the bloom. The apple ID crew is from the Home Orchard Society and love doing this.

What else can you do? You can buy unusual apples and apple trees to plant; eat homebaked apple pie, cookies and beef-dogs; drink fresh cider; and enter your name in the raffle for the extraordinarily beautiful handmade quilt. At 2pm we'll have an apple pie making demo by local pie-making experts. Come and learn their secrets. Tours of the old school and its history will be given hourly.

Admission is \$5, \$10 for families. Apple tasting, tree identification, pie making demo, tours and one quilt raffle ticket are all included in admission.

Held at the historic Venersborg one-room schoolhouse at the corner of 209th St and 242nd Ave in Venersborg, ten minutes east of Hockinson. Part of the proceeds go to the Venersborg Community Club "flush fund" to install a real bathroom to replace the still-in-use outhouses.



## FIDDLERS FESTIVAL                      AUGUST 2008

Over the past few years we've gathered enough money to purchase a septic system to replace our ancient outhouses. We need about \$5000 more in materials and labor to build the bathroom. Help us raise money while enjoying a day of fiddling and festivities. Come hear old time music, take a tour of the 97 year old one-room schoolhouse, play horseshoes and meet your neighbors.

See the homemade quilt and other raffle prizes. We'll pass the hat for donations and if you're handy with a hammer, we'll invite you to help build the bathroom during work parties in the next few weeks. Our goal is to have this bathroom in and working in September. Can we do it? With your help, it's very likely we'll be ready flush soon. The Venersborg Schoolhouse is on the National Historic Register and is fully supported by community donations and the loving care of the Venersborg Community Club members.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpAewMgO4CQ>

UPDATE: The Build-a-Bathroom Fiddlers Festival was wonderful. We raised about \$400 as the folks there generously contributed to our fund and bought raffle tickets, ate a dozen kinds of homemade cookies, found flowering shrubs and herbs to bring home from the plant sale, gorged on steamed hot dogs and then made more donations for tickets for the quilt raffle in October. Much fun had by all. Click on the video and hear it again. Thank SO MUCH to all the members who helped and especially to the fiddlers who sounded fantastic. What a lovely day to sit outside the old schoolhouse and listen to them play.



Betty Brainard, Eunice Ingermanson and Mary Jo Lewis made dozens of beautiful aprons to raise funds for the bathroom. We sold them at the Venersborg Store and at our events. We sold every one of them! Nice job, ladies.



Inside the schoolhouse on a quiet day





## OUTHOUSE REPLACEMENT 2008

The Venersborg Community Club has been working on fundraising all year to install a bathroom to replace the outhouses at the historic old one-room schoolhouse that serves as our community center.

L&S Contractors of Yacolt did a fine job getting our septic system into the ground. They had to maneuver around big boulders under the ground

and managed to find a path to put the pipes. They only had to blast one small area of rock and that went smoothly. We had a surprise contribution from Progress Electric, a Venersborg electrical contracting company, who installed the electric system for the septic and donated their labor, saving us hundreds of dollars. Tom Dunn brought many yards of nice loamy soil to fill in the holes. After hours he drove the dump truck up to his home in Yacolt, dug up the soil and then drove it back to the schoolhouse and unloaded it, all for free to us.



The Hockinson Fire District 3 donated \$1500 they raised at the Hockinson Fun Days Pancake Breakfast. This photo was taken when they came to the schoolhouse and presented us with the check. The Dietel family donated \$1000 in memory of Rolland and Jeaneane Dietel. High Valley Homeowners Association donated \$500 and many donations have been made in smaller amounts from Venersborg residents who are, like us, eager to get this project completed. That money paid the balance on our new septic system. We are deeply grateful to everyone for their generosity. Observe vice president BJ Schulte's response to these donations. What a blessing!

Now we're ready for the last phase -- building the bathroom. We need a few talented volunteers to help. If you have some carpentry or architectural design skills and a bit of free time, let us know. We still need about \$5000 more for the building materials. Our goal is to have the bathroom built and in use by September. Can we make it?

To help raise money we are having an old time fiddlers' afternoon on Sunday August 16 from 3-6. Come and hear the fiddlers, play horseshoes, snack on our home-baked goodies, admire the handmade quilt we'll raffle off in October. We'll have local prizes to raffle, too. We hope you enjoy yourself so much you'll make a donation. Carpentry volunteers can call with a time they are available to do a few hours work. If you or your business have something you'd like to donate to our fiddlers raffle, call Jacqueline Freeman.

#### GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM COMMUNITY

We have had wonderful support lately from people in the community. Recent donations include \$100 from the Dietel family in memory of their parents, Brenda and Scott Wilson donated \$50 in memory of Brenda's godmother, and \$1500 from Fire District 3 from their pancake breakfast on Hockinson's Fun Day on May 30th. Oregon Electric Group donated a large fire extinguisher and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #48 gave us a check for \$300 to purchase another - net about \$250!

The donations come pretty close to paying the bills for installing the septic system, leaving us a balance of about \$500 more to come up with. Once we have that paid, we'll go ahead with the next (and final!) step of building the bathroom onto the back of the building. We're looking forward to our first flush!



Photos from the Potluck May 2005, Virginia Deardorff (below)



Susan Tripp & Dar Stuart

Jacqueline's mom, Jesse Stone



Vickie and George Willis



Alan Frame



Jacqueline & Joseph Freeman



Penny Zurawski



Mary Jo and Bobbie Gwaltney



Lisa Lenzini and her boys



## SEPTIC SYSTEM IS IN!

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Basil (L&S) saved out a few big boulders to put around the edge of the drain field so we can keep cars from driving on it. One of their employees, Tom Dunn, donated a few yards of really nice loamy soil to fill in the holes. After hours he drove the dump truck up to his home in Yacolt, dug up the soil and then drove it back to the schoolhouse and unloaded it, time and soil as a donation, too.

Carl Stuart made detailed drawings of the new bathroom and took them to the county office for a permit. We'll need more donations to pay for that and get the bathroom project underway. Two Eagle Scouts built a handicapped ramp and a new inside entrance and are raising funds to handle their projects. We couldn't be more grateful for their initiative and commitment to helping us do these projects.

warmly,

Jacqueline Freeman, president

## DIGGING BEGINS FOR SEPTIC TANK

Next time you drive by the schoolhouse you'll probably see a lot of big machinery in the yard. Basil from L&S Septic and his crew are installing the septic tank this week.

Next we need to build the room for the bathroom off the back of the building. Also we are hoping to find a volunteer licensed plumber and licensed electrician who can get everything hooked up.

Our estimate right now is that we still need to raise about \$3800 - \$5000 more. Ideas or donations are all welcome. Call Jacqueline if any light bulbs go off

**You're invited to the  
Venersborg Community  
Potluck  
Saturday May 10 6pm  
at the Schoolhouse  
All Venersborg residents  
are invited!**



Every spring and fall we have a community potluck to make new and renew old friendships. We'd like you to join us. Come and meet your neighbors.

Please bring ...

- \* Food to share (enough for your family and a little extra)
- \* Your own plate and silverware
- \* Auction items to donate
  - baked goods, gift items to raise money for our new bathroom
- \* Plants to donate to the Plant Sale
  - potted and identified if you know what they are
- \* Money
  - to spend on the auction, raffle, plant sale and voluntary donations to the bathroom fund

### **Never been inside the schoolhouse before?**

This delightful one room schoolhouse is on the National Historic Register. It's the oldest continuously operating community building in Washington and the last intact one room school in Clark County. It was built in 1912 and used as a school until 1931. Many Venersborg residents use the building for public and private events.

The schoolhouse is on 209th St. (Risto) just past 242nd Ave. on the right before the church. Please join us and meet your neighbors.



### SWEETHEART'S DANCE February 2008

The Sweetheart's Dance earned our flush fund \$350 and another \$100 donation from a former Venersborg resident who now lives in Arizona. Wow!

Extra thanks go to Kristine White for having this dance idea and pulling it all together.

### VENERSBORG POTLUCK

October 2007

Susan Tripp bought a raffle ticket and won the handmade quilt Mary Jo made!



### HEIRLOOM APPLE TASTING October 2007

... 200+ different kinds of apples to taste!

... Many kinds of apples and trees to buy!

... Eat pie!

... Take an outhouse tour!

... Get your old apple tree identified!

Venersborg is an old fruit-growing community with plenty of hundred year old trees still bearing fruit. Apples do not grow "true to seed" so any tree planted was deliberately grafted from an old breed and they don't carry on. Last year the Freemans learned one of their old trees was thought to be extinct! You may have a rare one, too.

To identify yours bring what you know of the tree's history (row or randomly planted, how big). Collect six apples from different parts of the tree and leave the stem attached. Do NOT wash, clean or polish in any way. Store in a fridge until the event.

Want to help bake pies? Please come on Friday 3 - 6 pm to pick up apples at the schoolhouse. Co-sponsored by the Venersborg Community Club & Friendly Haven Rise Farm

July TAG SALE 2007

*Help support the Old Venersborg School House.*

*Set up a table and find a new home for all those things gathering dust in your garage or closets, or look for those hidden gems to add to your own treasure chest. Donate quality items to the Venersborg Community Club to sell to raise money for the school house.*

*Stay afterwards and join your Venersborg neighbors for a Saturday summer's evening BBQ, starting at 6pm in the school yard. BYO everything, including grills!*

SPRING POTLUCK APRIL 2007

Folks brought dishes and shared with their Venersborg neighbors! Our spring plant sale and baked goods auction were great. All money raised went to our Bathroom Fund to upgrade the old outhouses to a REAL bathroom. Thanks to all who made this a success.

FIRST THURSDAY CRAFTS & COFFEE

Come on over to the School House on the First Thursday of every month and enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors from 10 am to 2 pm. If you have a favorite craft, bring it and share your knowledge. If you've always wanted to learn a craft, there are many craft masters in our Venersborg neighborhood. We'll have the coffee brewing and the wood stove lit. Bring your craft, bring a brown bag, but most of all...Bring yourself

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## OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE

The club is raising funds to finish our indoor bathroom that replaced our historically accurate outhouses. The bathroom is now fully functional, leaving us with one more big step left: shingling and weather-proofing the outside of the bathroom. We are dearly hoping to complete this project by October before the winter rains come.

To help us raise the needed funds for this project (about \$1500), we offer tickets to a raffle that celebrates the skills of our members. If you are one of the ten raffle winners, here's what you can choose from:

1. A beautiful handmade quilt - Mary Jo Lewis
2. Delicious homemade bread - Dar Stuart
3. Pumpkin scones and a dozen heirloom hen eggs - Brenda Wilson
4. Delectable chocolate chip cookies - Carol Jensen
5. A thriving healthy native plant - Kristine White
6. Organic fruit bread - Susan Tripp
7. A variety of different apples - Jacqueline Freeman
8. Basket of fresh home grown/homemade
9. Basket of local homegrown/homemade
10. Another batch of 'made from scratch' cookies

Cost for the tickets is \$1 = One ticket \$5 = Eight tickets \$10 = Eighteen tickets  
\$20 = Forty tickets \$50 = One Hundred and Ten tickets!

Tickets can be purchased here at the Battle Ground library. Ask at the desk.



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Christmas party  
2007  
L - R  
Celeste Reising  
Susan Tripp  
Amelia Kolvu  
Bobbie Gwaltney

## Venersborg Schoolhouse Needs You!

Bathrooms. They're not the most special room in a building but we sure appreciate having one near when we need it, don't we?

A bathroom doesn't have to be fancy, just functional. Since 1912 our humble Venersborg schoolhouse has operated with two simple outhouses, one for the girls and one for the boys.

Over the past five generations, many of our beloved community members have gotten older and though they love to attend meetings and functions here at the schoolhouse, the walk in the cold, rain or dark to the outhouse is becoming more challenging. Let's make this easier for them.

We want

- \* to encourage more people in our community to use this wonderful old building
- \* to encourage our elders to spend time in familiar surroundings
- \* to encourage our local kids to use and therefore fall in love with this building like all of us have.

We are putting a modern bathroom in the schoolhouse and are launching a fund drive to make this happen. We've got to raise about \$12,000 to do this and invite you to make a donation (any amount, even piggy bank amounts) or to volunteer to help us build it. Donations are tax deductible. We're a nonprofit and our building is on the National Historic Register as the oldest continuously operating community building in all of Washington.

We hope our little village pulls together to help make this happen. Our bathrooms won't save the world but they will make the schoolhouse a lot more comfortable, which means people will continue to want to use -- and therefore take care of -- this great old building.

Help us build a new bathroom and we'll invite you to try them out at the next event we hold here.

warmly,  
Jacqueline Freeman, President  
and all the members of the Venersborg Community Club

Checks of any amount can be made out to the Venersborg Community Club and mailed to Jacqueline Freeman, 20309 NE 242nd Ave, Battle Ground, WA. 98604. Got a question? Want to volunteer? Call Jacqueline at 687-8384 or BJ at 687-0626.

Businesses and people in our community have donated to our bathroom fundraising. Please support their generosity. We are lucky to have so many fine volunteers, forgive us if we missed you!

New Season's Market  
Trader Joes  
Thornton's Treeland  
Always P & P Estate Sales  
Carol Jensen

Kristen & Jeff McHenry  
Brecke & Casey English  
Windy Hill Tree Farm  
BJ Schulte - bow maker  
Olive Garden - Van Mall

Janina Bloch - auctioneer  
Lawrence Neal - tax attorney  
Gwenda Graham - artist  
J.R. & Kathy Robertson  
Tyler Carlson  
B.G. Ace Hardware  
Jeff Barnes - Eagle Scout  
Mill Creek Pub  
Olive Garden  
Van Kirk Florist  
Cookie Lee Jewelry  
Cindi Brooks  
Beaute Control  
Diana Egbert  
Avon Tracey Smith  
Stampin' Up! Celeste Reising  
Barn House Boys  
Carl & Dar Stuart  
Pixies Stitch Craft  
John & Donna Bishop  
*Always P&P Estate Sales*  
*The Barn House*  
*Bob Baker & Donna DeLay*  
*Corwin Beverage Co.*  
*DeWils Appliances*  
*Battle Ground Goodwill*  
*Battle Ground Fitness*  
*Battle Ground Rockery*  
*Battle Ground Best Western*  
*Battle Ground Great Clips*  
*Battle Ground Safeway*  
*Battle Ground Les Schwab*  
*Battle Ground Subway Stores*  
*Battle Ground Supercuts*  
*Coffee Port Hockinson*  
*Dazzling Designs*

*Dietel Family*  
*Battle Ground Domino's Pizza*  
*Tom Dunn*  
*Eagle Scouts*  
*Jacob Doney & Shane Hasart*  
*Finn Hill Masonry*  
*Fishers Landing New Seasons Market*  
*Flowers That Inspire*  
*Frank Adams Floral Supply (Swan Island)*  
*Friendly Haven Rise Farm*  
*Great Clips for Hair (Padden/136th)*  
*GW Deal Landscape*  
*Heartfelt Designs by K*  
*High Valley Homeowners Assoc*  
*Hockinson Fire Dist. 3*  
*Hongel's Blueberries*  
*Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #48*  
*L & S Contractors*  
*Lisa Hellie Linderman*  
*Main St. Floral*  
*Sabrina & Scott Megsam*  
*Dennis & Mona Moore*  
*New Season's Market*  
*Olive Garden (164th & NE Pkwy)*  
*Papa Murphy's*  
*Prestige Theaters*  
*Progress Electric*  
*Bill & Kay Richards*  
*Kristina Salmi Klotz*  
*Shorty's Garden & Home*  
*Carl & Dar Stuart*  
*Dawn & John Swatosh*  
*Windy Hill Tree Farm*  
*Duane & Kristine White*  
*Brenda & Scott Wilson*



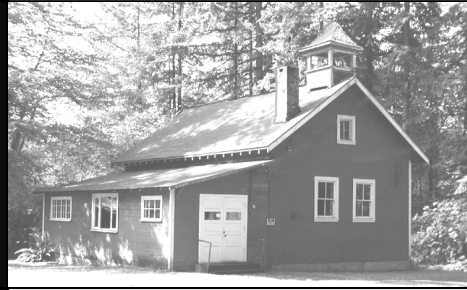
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 Community Potluck  
 December 2003, the  
 Venersborg  
 Community Club  
 met at Jacqueline  
 Freeman's home  
 (former home of  
 Esther Moberg, past  
 president of VCC)  
 for the Christmas  
 meeting, co-hosted  
 by Susan Tripp and  
 Jacqueline.

Susan Tripp, BJ Schulte (president) and Penny Zurawski (above)  
 Kathleen Nyholm, Dar Stuart, Jacqueline Freeman (below)



Other 2003—2011 VCC members include Ruth Ahola, Kathy Baker, Berry Barner, Barbara Birnbaumer, Betty Brainard, Pat Brown, Maria Carbajai, Dorothy Coutsoubos, Virginia Deardorff, Sue Fought, Bobbie Gwaltney, Sandra Hacker (pastor), Carol Henrikson, Kathryn Holtby, Eunice Ingermanson, Carol Jensen, Donatella Johanson, Shirley Kelbar, Amelia Kolvu, Lisa Lenzini, Mary Jo Lewis, Jane Larkin, Olga LaPorte, Emily Meek, Pam Reeves, Celeste Reising, Karen Seabrook, Amy Stanley, Angie Watson, Kristine White, and Vickie Willis. Below is a flyer from 2006

# Venersborg Community Club Fall Events



**Join us for at the September VCC meeting Friday, Sept. 8 1pm**

Attend our monthly VCC meeting at the schoolhouse. Refreshments served and we're always good company! Come see what projects we are planning. Pat Brown is the hostess this month.

**Venersborg Community Tag Sale Saturday, Sept. 9 10am - 4pm**

Donate things you no longer need. Pickup available. All proceeds go to our schoolhouse maintenance fund. Call BJ at 687-0626 or Jacqueline 687-8384. Want to sell stuff? Call Jacqueline at 687-8384. Setup is Friday afternoon at 2:30. Want to see what treasure we've collected? Come on Saturday. Bring friends!

**Venersborg Fall Potluck and Pie Auction Saturday, Oct. 14 6pm**

Bring your favorite dish (and eating utensils) and have dinner with friends and neighbors. All Venersborg folks are welcome. Setup at 5:45, forks hit the plates when we ring the schoolhouse bell at 6. Kathy Baker will speak about the history of Larch Mountain (where our morning sun rises). David Tripp will auction off our homebaked pies, cookies and cakes. Baked donations encouraged! Also Venersborg honey, gift baskets and local bouquets. One lucky child will get to ring the old schoolhouse bell in the belltower and start the meal!

**Handmade Quilt Raffle Saturday, Oct. 14 after the pie auction**

Mary Goodnight, Mary Jo Lewis & Mary Jo's granddaughter, Kim, from Quilted Memories, stitched this gorgeous quilt. Tickets \$1. Call BJ at 687-0526 anytime before the potluck.

**November VCC Meeting Friday, Nov. 11 1pm**

At the schoolhouse. We'd enjoy seeing you there!

**December VCC Christmas Meeting Saturday, Dec. 9 1pm**

Hosted by Jacqueline Freeman & Susan Tripp at Friendly Haven Rise, the Freeman's organic farm at 20309 NE 242nd Ave. Bring a small wrapped gift (under \$5) for the gift exchange. Call 687-8384 for directions.

Did you know Venersborg residents can use the schoolhouse for events? We've got running water, a stove, fridge and the original woodstove. Our outhouses work, too. Call BJ for more info. 687-0626.

A special thanks to the High Valley Homeowners Association for their kind donation to the Community Club's upkeep fund.