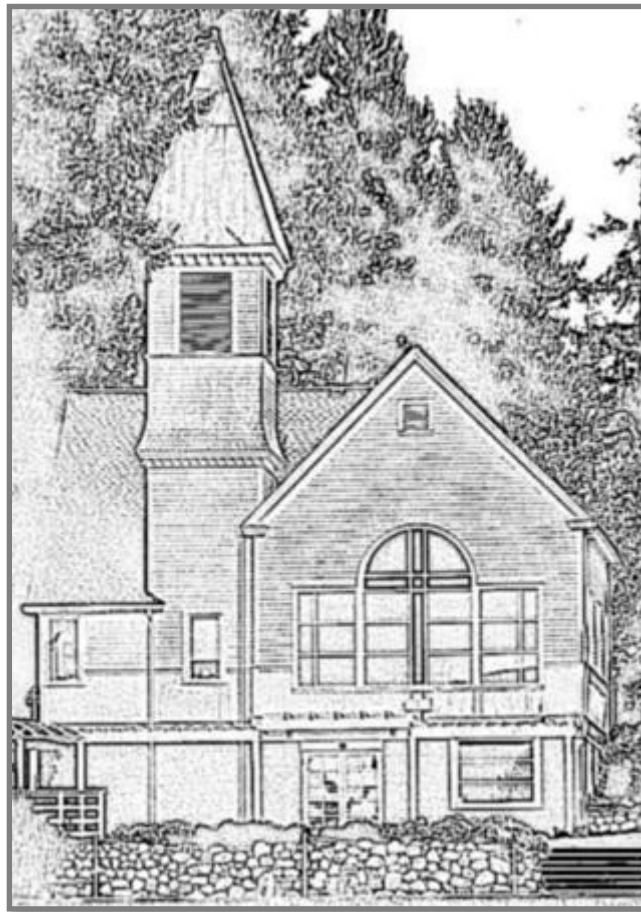




Fox Island Chapel Preservation Society



**Annual Report
2017**

Chapel Preservation Society History & Mission

To ensure the legacy of the old Sylvan Chapel as a center for cultural, visual and performing arts programs.

The Fox Island Chapel Preservation Society is a community based non-profit corporation that owns, maintains, and operates the historic Chapel on Echo Bay. The Society serves the greater community by providing a variety of services and programs that maintain and perpetuate the integrity and spirit of the 118-year-old Chapel. In addition to preserving the facility as an historic site and heritage center, the Society provides activities, educational programs, recitals, concerts, and other visual and performing arts events.

The roots go deep. They reach back across the century to pioneer families who came to Fox Island from Grinnell, Iowa and started the Congregational Church of Sylvan in 1892. They named their settlement "Sylvan-Glen" in honor of the wooded beauty surrounding them and became the first permanent colony on this remote island. On August 19, 1900, "Eells Bell" rang out high atop in the new steeple announcing the dedication of the lovely white Chapel on Echo Bay.

The sheltered cove on northeastern Fox Island was named for the legend that says an echo will resound seven times around the bay before it fades away. Echoes of the past still seem to fill the cozy sanctuary which, over time, has served as celebration center, library, meeting hall, and performance venue as well as a house of worship and heart and soul of the island community's heritage.

The Fox Island Chapel Preservation Society was formed in 1999 and acquired the facility in January of 2000. In a two-year project, the lower floor was renovated including a new kitchen, a bridal party dressing area and a spectacular reception room that opens to the waterfront garden.



This is a photo of the Chapel's very first wedding. On July 29, 1906, Arthur Dennis & Carrie Herrick were photographed on their way to the Chapel in a wood sled, decorated with green foliage, used to haul rocks from farm fields. The carriage was pulled by the entire wedding company singing. Since then, we've hosted hundreds of happy couples at our beautiful, historic waterfront location.

The Chapel Today



President's Message

Tom Linnane



Dear Chapel Member,

2017 was a fantastic year for us! Our summer concert series provided us with opportunities to enjoy local artists with Echo Bay as a lovely backdrop. The many weddings we hosted certainly give us a place of prominence and make the Chapel a memorable treasure in the lives so many couples. Our membership party in September allowed us to let our hair down (literally) 70's style. We were proud to voted the "Best Wedding Venue" by Gig Harbor Living Local magazine in September of 2017. In December, we successfully raised the funds needed to replace the flooring through our Christmas Concert and Celebration. That work will commence this spring. Finally, we held an Open House while the Chapel was beautifully decorated for Christmas so that our island neighbors could see the charming place that makes us proud to call it ours.

2018 brings us more of the same as well as a few challenges. We hope that 2018 began well for you and turns out to be a wonderful year. And we hope that one of your plans for 2018 includes your continued association with the Chapel on Echo Bay. We appreciate you as a member and hope that the fun, friendship and sense of community provided by our organization is one of the aspects of life on Fox Island that you value.

I am gratified to serve with such a talented and committed group of fellow board members and volunteers. I hope to see a lot of you in 2018!

Regards,

Tom Linnane
Board President



Board of Directors



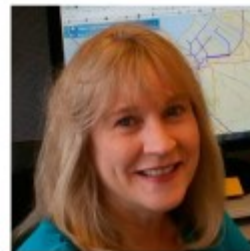
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Manager

Manager's Report

Marty Harvey



The Chapel hosted 28 weddings and 16 event rentals in 2017. Although Saturday weddings continue to be the favored day of the week, Sundays are becoming more popular than ever before. Of the 28 weddings, 13 were scheduled on Saturday, 9 Sunday, 1 Monday, 1 Thursday, and 4 on Friday.

Note: Wedding prices increased as of January 1, 2017.

Weddings & Reception

- 3 9-hour @ \$2,700 self-catered
- 2 9-hour @ \$2,430 Fox Island Resident
- 2 9-hour @ \$2,000 Sunday self-catered
- 1 9-hour @ \$1,980 Sunday Military
- 1 9-hour @ \$1,800 Sunday self-catered
- 1 7-hour @ \$2,000 Sunday self-catered
- 1 6-hour @ \$1,850 Sunday self-catered
- 2 5-hour @ \$2,200
- 1 5-hour @ \$1,900 self-catered
- 4 5-hour @ \$1,600 1 self-catered
- 1 5-hour @ \$1,260 Sunday Military
- 1 5-hour @ \$1,000 cake & punch only

Total: \$39,550

Memorials

- 1 5.5-Hour @ \$650
- 3 4-Hour @ \$500
- 1 2-Hour @ \$300
- 1 1.5-Hour @ \$200
- 1 1-Hour @ \$150

Total: \$2,800

Weddings Only

- 5-Hour @ \$1,350
- 5-Hour @ \$1,215 (10% Chamber discount)
- 3-Hour @ \$850
- 2-Hour @ \$750
- 2-Hour @ \$700
- 1-Hour @ \$450
- 1-Hour @ \$300 canceled-fees retained

Total: \$6,315

Piano Recitals

- 2 @ \$80
- 1 @ \$50
- 1 @ \$30

Total: \$240

Other

- 1 Birthday Party @ \$700
- 1 Rehearsal Dinner @ \$500
- 3 Meetings @ \$25 = \$75

Total: \$1,275

Total Income from Weddings & Event Rentals for 2017 = \$50,180

Financial Report

Walker Sandlin



The Chapel had a good year in 2017. While not a record year for revenue, it was close and within our expectations. Our major revenue source is wedding rentals and that is a moving target; hard to predict and control. Other sources of income are renting the building for memorials, recitals, meetings and our ever important membership dues. These all constitute our only operating revenue source.

We also hosted concerts and other social events. The revenue from these typically go to a special project we are undertaking. 2017 and 2018 social events will help fund our half of a matching grant we were awarded from the county. It is a dollar for dollar match. That is how we funded the new steeple roof in 2016. Currently fundraising is to replace the aging flooring and carpet in the upstairs. No one is really sure how old it is, but it is worn out and needs to be replaced.

We raised our rental rates in January of 2017. This was offset by a slight increase in expenses, mainly payroll. I don't think most people know that we have 4 part-time employees and several contract people who keep the Chapel functional as well as well maintained.

Our cash reserves have been growing steadily over the last 4 or 5 years. This is mainly due to controlling our expenses, increasing our membership, asking for sponsorships to help underwrite our events and individual contributions from members within our community. We are lucky to have a very generous community that loves and supports the Chapel. We don't see any upcoming large maintenance expenses, but there are lots of small repairs and painting that need attention. Fortunately, many of those get done by individuals in the community who donate their time and materials.

Here is a brief breakdown of revenue for 2017:

Event Space rentals	\$50,180
Concerts and Events	\$ 4,551
Commissions from Caterers	\$ 995
Memberships	\$ 2,350

We dedicated all the money raised at our Christmas by the Bay concert towards the Flooring Grant. Our net for that event was \$5,564. We have also received direct donations of \$1,740. To date we have \$7,304 towards our goal of \$10,000.

The Board feels we are in good shape financially.

Respectfully,

Walker P. Sandlin, III

Treasurer, FICPS

Volunteer League

JoAnn Ortiz



The Chapel Preservation Society (CPS) Volunteer League was officially launched on May 31, 2017 at a special Happy Hour. Wine and refreshments were served to 36 volunteers. JoAnn Ortiz, CPS Vice President and Director of the League and Tom Linnane, CPS President addressed the group.



JoAnn told the group, "Everyone is busy. Show up once a year or once a month, depending on your availability when the "Help" call goes out. It's up to you. There's no other more flexible and fun involvement opportunity on the island. 'Many hands make for light work'". And show up they did, clocking nearly 1,000 hours of combined volunteer time! We hope that our Volunteer League members will continue to serve the Chapel in 2018 and beyond. Thank you!



Communication

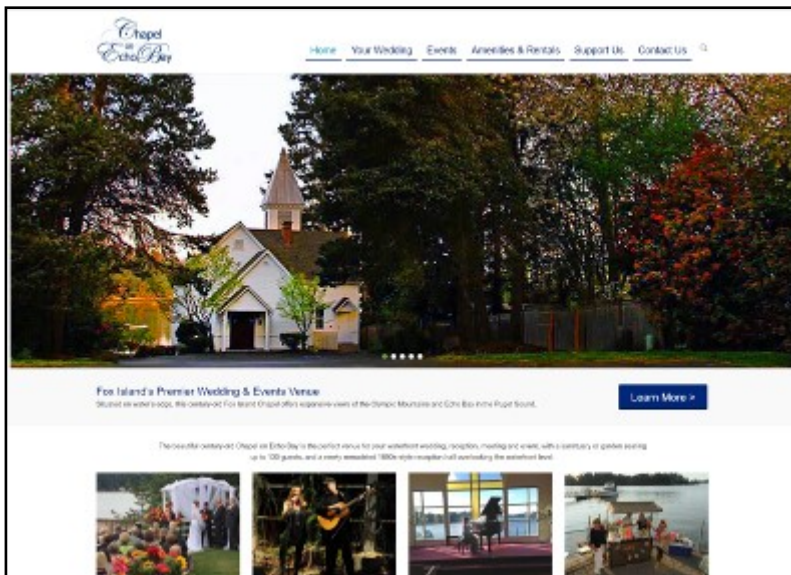
Lisa Stapleton



Our members are very important to our ability to sustain our beautiful Chapel and keep it one of the jewels of Fox Island. We have several methods to communicate with our members and the community.

Newsletters are sent via email around the 5th of each month. Additional special emails are sent as reminders for special events. We also add Chapel event information to the monthly FICRA newsletter to reach a wider audience.

Our Website - FoxIslandChapel.net includes both historical Chapel information and current events. It is updated regularly. All Chapel events are also posted on FICRA's website's all-island calendar.



Our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/FoxIslandChapel is updated frequently with event information and photos of our weddings and events.

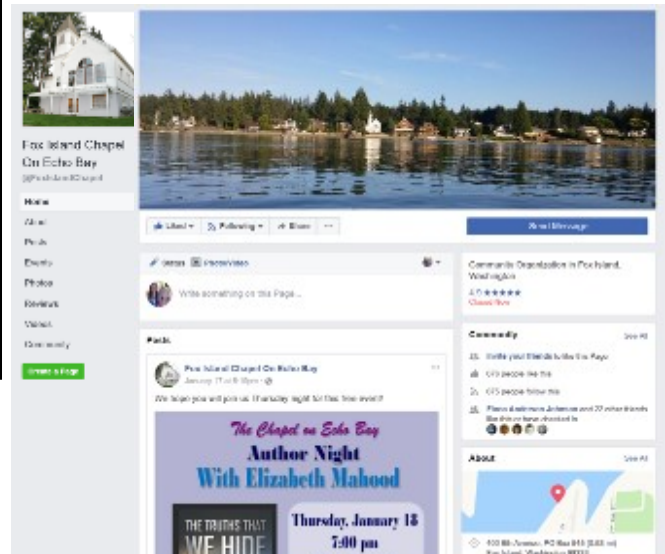
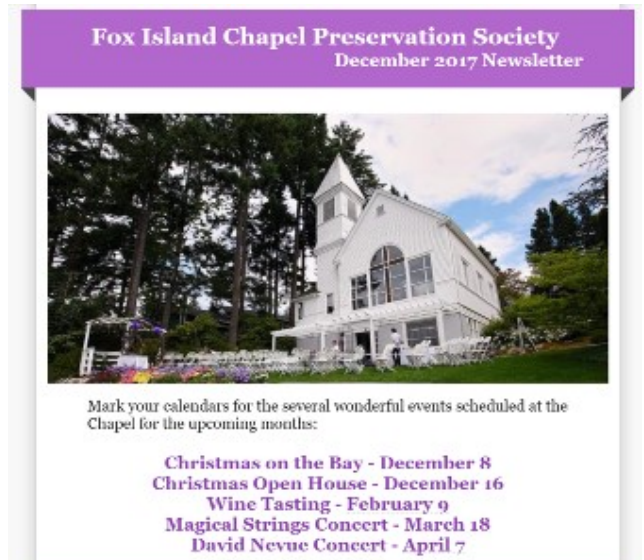
The Fox Island Store Window is used to display posters of our events to reach those without online access.

The Fox Island Bridge Sign is often used to advertise Chapel events.

We hope that these communication channels meet your needs. Please let us know if you have suggestions.

Lisa Stapleton

Board Secretary



Monthly Member Concerts

The Chapel offered a wide variety of monthly concerts in 2017, free to our members. From pop tunes, instrumental performances, classical guitar and opera to flamenco, it was a very enjoyable series. In order to keep these wonderful concerts free to our members, we were fortunate to have sponsors step up to fund the performers. A very special thanks to these sponsors:

Naomi Grant

Tony & Georgia Moore

Linda Dodds

Rick & Lihn Nahum

Tom & Jenny Linnane

Howard & Lisa Stapleton

Each concert was preceded with an optional member potluck. With all of the great cooks in our membership, the potlucks were just as special as the concerts!

Below is a recap of the 2017 member concert schedule.



Russ Salton
April 19



Elijah Bossenbroek
May 18



Marisela Fleites
June 21



Sweet Mary
July 20



Michael Nicolella & Alexandra
August 17



Richard Atkins
October 18

Special Events



In March, the Chapel presented Seattle native and Grammy-nominated pianist David Lanz coinciding with the release of his new CD, "Norwegian Rain". Lanz also performed highlights from his best known works, such as "Cristofori's Dream" and "Return to the Heart."

Local author Charron Plumer presented her newest book "Zila's Eyes" at the Chapel in May. She and her daughter, Deshna, wrote "Missing Mothers", the first book in what is becoming a suspense series set in Costa Rica. She so loved the characters and the rich tapestry of Costa Rica, that she wrote this sequel, "Zila's Eyes." Charron has traveled to Costa Rica several times and is already writing a third book set in this lush, mysterious country.



In August, Chapel volunteers worked hard to run our wine and cheese booth at the annual FICRA Fair. This year, we opted not to cook hot dogs, instead offering more healthy choices. This was particularly appreciated by many parents who stopped by with their children.



Annual Boat-In Service

The annual Boat-in Church Service was held on the bay in August. This popular event attracted a large crowd who arrived by boat or car and included music by local performers. This is a very special Fox Island tradition.



Annual Member Party

Our annual Chapel Preservation Society Member Party was held in September. We changed it up a bit this year and held it at the Nichols Community Center. The theme was "That '70s Party" and our members really got into it with great '70s clothes. A good time was had dancing to the Flock of Beagles band.



Christmas by the Bay

The 2017 Christmas Concert and fundraising event featured Steve Stefanovitz and his band “Too Many Cooks.” In addition to several holiday favorites, he had the Chapel rocking and attendees dancing in the aisle! Thanks to our many sponsors at various levels, all expenses (band, food, etc.) was covered and we were able to net over \$5,000.



Chapel Activities

The Sand & Soil Garden Club meets at the Chapel on the second Thursday of each month, September through June. Their meetings are followed by a lunch potluck. This group performs regular yard maintenance on the Chapel grounds.



Yoga with Sara. Chapel member Sara Davis-Christ offers free yoga at the Chapel on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This very popular class is held inside or outside, depending on the season and is well attended by Fox Islanders. Thanks to Sara for instructing this class.



Benefits & Scholarships



Local Gig Harbor woman, Anikka Abbott competed as Miss West Sound at the Washington state competition. She held a fundraising concert at the Chapel in May benefiting the YWCA scholarship programs.

The winner of our \$500 scholarship for 2017 was Fox Island resident and Gig Harbor High School graduate, Megan Oberstar. Megan is a 4.0 student who is putting herself through nursing school, attending WSU.





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