

Join The Fun With FOLKS At Lime Kiln Point State Park

E-Newsletter
May 2014

Upcoming Events



Orca Sing & Solstice
Saturday, June 21
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Pack a picnic and load up the car with your friends and family for the annual Orca Sing and Solstice, Saturday, June 21st from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Lime Kiln Point State Park.

FOLKS and The Whale Museum are happy to host the celebration of the park, the orca and the beauty of the natural environment. Listen to the music of Fred West and the City Cantabile Choir and enjoy tours of the historic Lighthouse.

**Low Tide
Discovery Adventure**
Saturday, June 14th
10:00 AM



Want to have some real fun at the park? You must join us for a Low Tide Discovery Adventure! Rebecca Guenther, PhD Student at UW Friday Harbor Labs, will lead the group through the low tides where you'll have hands on experience with amazing teeny-tiny animals and plants. Meet in front of the Interpretive Center at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 14th. Be sure and wear appropriate gear for walking on the rocks in the water.

Founder's Focus



Hello and welcome to a beautiful start of spring in the San Juan Island's! With our Earth Day Park Clean Up successfully behind us, we are in full throttle getting ready to open for the 2014 season!

Inside this newsletter you will find all sorts of fun opportunities to become a part of the activities planned for the summer... whether it is in the Interpretive Center, Lighthouse, roaming the Park as a Docent or lending a hand at an event, there's a place for everyone! We have specially crafted hands-on trainings to give volunteers the tools they need to serve Park visitors.

Having just returned from the annual Friend's of State Parks Summit, I am left with high hopes in finding solutions needed to keep our State Parks open and thriving! While Friends groups continue to partner up with their Park Manger's, Washington State Park's Director, Don Hoch, along with the Parks Foundation are hard at work down in Olympia finding funding necessary to maintain these cherished places. We too have a voice, so don't hesitate to write or call legislators and let them know how important these places are to us, and a healthy community!

I want to personally thank all of the volunteers and supporters for already making a difference. Let's keep the momentum, come join the team and help the Park SPRING into action! What a wonderful way to share what you love about Lime Kiln Point State Park and the Salish Sea!

Cheers!
Erin Corra

Volunteer Spotlight

Cynthia Hubbard & Bob Tripp



Cynthia Hubbard and Bob Tripp are avid FOLKS Volunteers that consistently help out in the park in many ways. Whether they are leading lighthouse tours, helping out with group tours or at one of our special events, they are a true joy to be around. The lives of so many visitors to the park are made just a tad bit better because of the efforts of these two fabulous people.

How long have you lived on San Juan Island and what attracted you to this particular place?

I have been here 35 years and Bob for 20. The first time I came in on the ferry I hurried back to Santa Cruz and packed!

Why did you decide to volunteer at Lime Kiln Point State Park?

We live nearby and I had been a teacher...it was a good fit.

What particular activities do enjoy you doing at the park?

We both really love doing the lighthouse tours.

Have you had any interesting interactions with people from around the globe at the Park?

Many!

How about the wildlife? Is there a special experience or sighting that really touched you?

Seeing the whales for sure, especially the time they came within a few feet of the lighthouse as we were locking up for the night.

Lime Kiln Point State Park is a jewel on San Juan Island. What would you say to a new resident that has never visited the park?

Come on out for a thrill!

FODOR'S Travel

America's 10 Best State Parks

Congratulations! Lime Kiln Point State Park was named by Fodor's Travel as one of America's 10 Best State Parks! In addition to be a great place to watch whales, it's a fabulous place for a picnic, a moderate hike, a fabulous lighthouse tour and a great educational experience at the Interpretive Center. The hard work of the Park Staff and FOLKS volunteers helps create a memorable experience for visitors from around the world.

FOLKS Volunteers Are Friends With Benefits!

Contact Us Today to Find Out How You Can Join the Team



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Interpretive Center

- Learn and share the latest orca sighting reports, interesting facts on local wildlife, the lighthouse and the lime kiln
- Take part in the Interpretive Center exhibits with visitors
- Enjoy meeting people from around the world
- Work in the gift shop and sell Discover Passes
- Assist with special events at the park



Park Docents

- Lead free educational tours of the park and lime kilns
- Assist with tidal discovery adventures with Ph.D. Intertidal Ecologist
- Help host school and special interest groups at the park
- Assist with special events at the park
- Share volunteer opportunities at the Farmers Market and County Fair

Lighthouse Tours

- Lead free guided tours of the historic lighthouse
- Enjoy the magic of sunset at the top of the lighthouse
- Experience whale watching in a premier location
- Learn and share whale research data from Dr. Bob Otis, stories of the lighthouse and the lighthouse keepers' quarters



Have Fun with FOLKS at Lime Kiln Point State Park

May 23

The Interpretive Center Opens

May 29

Chelan 5th Graders Tour

June 14

Low Tide Discovery Adventure

June 21

Orca Sing and Solstice

July 5

Madrona Celebration & Lime Kiln Lighting

July 12

Low Tide Discovery Adventure

July 27

Volunteer Potluck Picnic

August 7

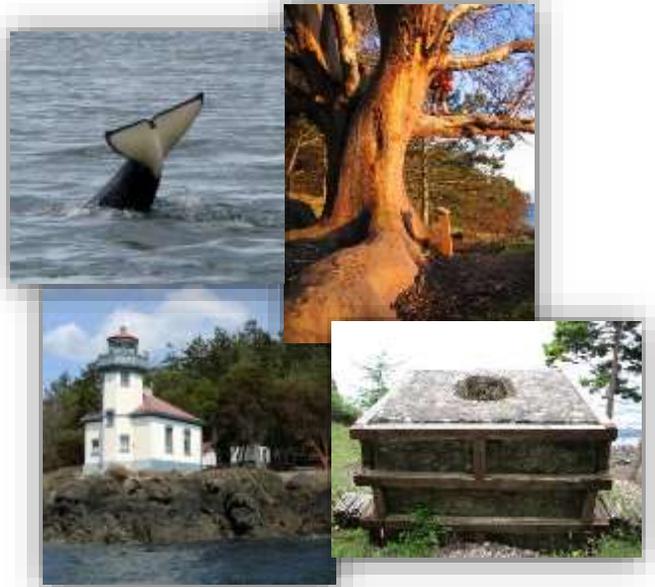
National Lighthouse Day Celebration & Fly By

August 9

Low Tide Discovery Adventure

September 6

Jones Island Volunteer Picnic



Most Saturdays in June, July & August from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm you'll find Shona Aitken, Education Coordinator at Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in front of the Lighthouse to answer questions about local wildlife.

On Fridays and Saturdays from mid June to mid August, Dr. Bob Otis gives an amazing "Whale Talks" presentation at 3:00 pm at the Lighthouse.

Lighthouse Tours are available many evenings during the week from 6:00 pm to sunset.

Guided tours of the park and lime kilns are held several days a week in the mornings and afternoons.

Keep Your Eyes Open For More Details As We Get Closer To The Event

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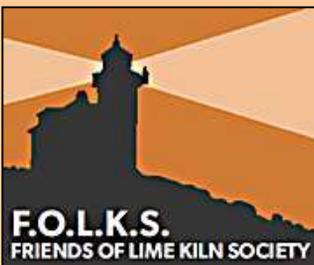
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Lime Kiln Point State Park Interpretive Center



The Interpretive Center at Lime Kiln Point State Park is a quaint historical building built about 80 years ago. The exact date is unknown, but it was built the U.S Coast Guard for the Lighthouse Keepers. They used the building as a garage and shop for about 50 years, until Washington State Parks took over the 36 acre property in 1984.

The building's role was shifted and it became the Parks main office and workshop. For the next eighteen years, the building remained as such until the current office/shop was built in 2002. In 1995, then Parks Manager, Chris Guidotti, identified the building as a premier project for restoration as part of the 2013 Centennial agenda for Parks improvements. The restored building was to become an interpretive center for the park. The planning process took four years and another three and a half years to restore the building. Billy Hoppe and Allan Smith were instrumental in its restoration.

The Interpretive Center, or "IC", houses murals, sculptures, woodwork, leather appliqued cushions, several multimedia interactive displays and a small gift shop. All interpretive displays were designed by local artists. A large portion of the funding for the interpretive displays was donated by former Secretary of State, Ralph Munro, and his wife Karen. When the IC opened in 2006 it was dedicated to Karen Munro.

For the next five years Parks managed the IC and its gift shop. In 2011, due to economic times, budget cuts forced the closure of the IC. Later that year, a group of dedicated islanders got together and formed Friends of Lime Kiln Society aka FOLKS. FOLKS worked with Parks, developed the plan that is in place today. Since 2012, FOLKS has managed the Interpretive Center and its gift shop. The volunteer staff at the IC help make visitors' experiences at our Park unique and memorable.

Patti Wickham
Director
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