FROM SOMMER CARTER, AMP PRESIDENT

We are in the month of the Summer Solstice. We all surely have bird-song in our heads before our eyes even open in the mornings. The light is upon us! I know it is intense. Really, everything is intense, except when it's just normal, usual, even boring. But the Solstice, in this neck of the woods, is big. Summer or winter, it calls on all of our attention. It's so light! It's so dark! There is very little middle ground around here. Thankfully.

And so we prepare or brace for the coming summertime, festival-time, tourist-time, shirt-sleeves-time. There is a lot to take in. You'll see all the musical goings-on throughout the season here in Show Chime—wonderful news!

AMP has teamed up with Guemes Island General Store to bookend the summer with two beautiful, outdoor, family-friendly music festivals. Saturday, June 22 is Solstice Fest. Opening the day's festivities are three of our own young local bands: Pearl Tottenham Band, Ristfut, and Lily-Rose of Kalopsia. The music that grows on our islands is terrific. Come out and enjoy.

We will keep you posted on our end-of-summer AMP Fest: wholly local, wild, varied, bountiful. More on that later.

For now, welcome to summertime. Enjoy the music that is oh-so-near and some that is from afar. It's all happening in Anacortes!

Naturally,

Interview With Cover Artist Randy Emmons

Randy Emmons grew up in Monterey, California and always knew he was going to be an artist, right up until he joined the Navy in the 60s and made it a career as a Photographer. In 2005, he started painting watercolors again. His work hangs at The Good Stuff in Anacortes and the Penn Cove Gallery in Coupeville.

WHAT THEMES DO YOU MOST PURSUE?
My images are mainly Northwest in feel and inspiration. I carry a camera or sometimes just get an image on my cellphone. It doesn't have to be a great image because I seldom paint exactly what I see. Artistic license.

HOW HAVE YOU DEVELOPED YOUR CAREER AS AN ARTIST IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST?
After retiring from the Navy I worked at the Coupeville Arts Center and started taking watercolor workshops from some top painters the school would bring in to teach. I drew, contemplated, made faces, stared at the paper, mixed up a little whimsy and put paint to paper. My style has evolved on its own. It's not a soft watercolor, my images are crisp and clean with a little wonky in them.

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR INSPIRATION?
This island area is a wonderful place to get inspiration. I have developed my palette of colors to totally compliment my vision of the Northwest, the moody tones I see everywhere. My images, even though stylized, are what surround me.
Guemes Island Lights up the Night to Celebrate Earth Day

On April 27, Guemes Island’s third annual Earth Day Parade filled the island with music, lights, and exuberant community members. Parade organizer and luminary artist, Loalynda Bird, whose message during luminary classes was “be the light,” created this parade to shine a light on the ecological problems we face. Her message to participants: “On Earth Day and every day, if we are going to raise awareness to solve ecological problems, we all need to think outside the box.”

The island drumming circle played as everyone arrived on the patio of the Guemes General Store, creating a fun festival vibe. As participants lined up, the marching band Brasscadia, out of Bellingham, raised the energy level with their groovy sound. The band included Vanessa Vortex, Miguel Ramos, and Laura Curtis on trumpet, Orion Lackey on trombone, Stefan Freelan and John Neighbor on drums, Bill Sterling and Alec Strand on Sousaphone, and Danial Sloan on the bass drum. They were joined by Peggy Wendel on glockenspiel.

Loalynda Bird led the parade with her large beautiful Swan luminaries. Many of the luminaries represent the wildlife in our beautiful part of the world. Each Luminary represents a commitment of time and creativity. Loalynda teaches luminary classes at her Paper Birds Studio on Guemes. It was great fun to have people returning and taking advanced classes this year and creating beautiful larger luminaries. Some figures this year included eagle, snow owl, peacock, large radish, a sun named Soleil, and tropical flower inspired tiki torches! The sun and tiki torches represent endangered wildlife of the rain forest, which will be the focus of luminary designs for 2020. Her goal—to shed light and joy as we get people thinking about how they can be better caretakers of the environment that sustains us.

With over 150 participants, the parade doubled in size its third year. Loalynda looks forward to the possibility that you will come to join the Earth Day Parade next year, to walk with us or to watch us light up the night sky! For upcoming classes, you can find her studio on Facebook.

Join the Quick & Dirty Boatbuilding Parade

June 1, 4:30 PM

Come one, come all! Bring drums, bring shakers, bring horns to toot.

On the first day of Waterfront Festival, Quick and Dirty Boat Building teams will build boats all day and then test their floatability. We will lead the boats through the Waterfront Festival and down the ramp to the docks. Extra noisemakers will be available for use. Don’t miss this crazy tradition!

Time: Meet at 4:30 for 5:00 pm step-off.
Place: Cap Sante Marina (1019 Q Ave) by the Quick & Dirty boat building tents.

Mark Your Calendar for Shipwreck Music Weekend

July 19 & 20

The legendary weekend of music and bargain hunting returns for another year! Prepare to spend hours basking in the sun, soaking up the tunes, and searching for treasures.

Check the Show Chime next month for more details about the Friday evening Friendship Trail, the Saturday afternoon show at Causland Park, and other musical goodness.
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Manieri Second Sunday Jazz Concert

Christian Casolary Trio
Featuring Mike Allen and Chris Symer

June 9, 2:00 PM
Join us for an afternoon of live jazz at the Anacortes Public Library. Inspired by the lineage of Jazz masters such as Bill Evans, Keith Jarrett, John Coltrane, Elvin Jones, and Jack DeJohnette, Bellingham drummer Christian Casolary plays in a way that is steeped in expression, sensitivity, and creativity. Drawing mostly from the Jazz Standards Repertoire, his trio aims to honor timeless compositions while entering into the “realm of possibility” – where the music shows the musicians where to go next.

This performance will feature renowned Vancouver saxophonist, Mike Allen, and Seattle bassist, Chris Symer.

This free concert series is sponsored by the Anacortes Public Library Foundation Manieri Jazz and Swing Endowment.

Cascadia Groove
June 15, 7:30 PM
Cascadia Groove, a quintet of terrific musicians lead by Gary Tobin on guitar, bring their funky, danceable jazz to the Rockfish Grill. Many of the songs they play are originals written by Tobin in the style of Jeff Lorber, Average White Band, Herbie Hancock, and others. Their music has influences of funk, latin, R&B, and jazz with unique versions of many familiar tunes. Always tight and high energy, CG never fails to entertain and delight audiences. You might even want to get up and shake it.

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Depot Arts Center
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Guemes Community Center
Majestic Rooftop Lounge
The Rockfish Grill
Seafarer’s Park
Swinomish Casino

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601 Seafarers Way
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12885 Casino Dr

The Mosstones rock the sidewalk at Bikespot last month. Photo courtesy of Clarity Miller.
Your support amplifies the music and musicians of Anacortes. In addition to the promotion, publication, and distribution of the SHOW CHIME music calendar, AMP is committed to creating events featuring local musicians, developing a scholarship and mentoring program, continuing the development and collection of archives past and present, and shaping exciting visions for the future, such as a physical space for our community’s very own radio station and music space.

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Coming to Anacortes for a show? Stay the night! Check out the range of options at Anacortes.org/stay/

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**Spring Fever**

A benefit concert organized by AHS student, Ava Martin, raised a total of $900 to support band and choir programs at Anacortes High School last month. The Depot Arts Center was packed full on May 4th for local bands Enduro, New Uniform, Jackfruit, Ristfut, and Deadman’s Lawyer. Martin said “I came up with the idea because I was thinking about how grateful I am to have these opportunities for music. I wanted to give other students a chance to pursue music even if they don’t have money to do so.”

Ristfut plays to a full house of fans at the Depot Arts Center during the Spring Fever benefit concert last month. Photo courtesy of Keri Knap.

**Call for Contributors**

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**Opportunities to Make Music!**

**OPEN MICS**

- Last Wednesday of every month at Guemes Island Store. All Ages.
- Every Thursday at Brown Lantern from 8:30 pm. Ages 21+

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Anacortes Eagle’s Club is looking for bands who play rock, blues, or bluegrass 7:00 to 10:00 on Saturday nights. Call or text 360-770-0144.

Moon Raw Improvisational Orchestra meets and extends its welcome to those curious to join—bring your instrument or just your ears to Christ Episcopal Church next to Causland Park. This secular, yet spiritual, practice meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

**Acoustic Music at the Library** happens every third Sunday at 2:00-2:30 pm and third Tuesday 6:00-6:30 pm. Experienced musicians interested in playing should inquire at the library circulation desk. 1220 10th Street.

**Anacortes Harmonaires** meet weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Ladies of all ages who enjoy singing and the sound of Barbershop Harmony, come and join in the fun. Call 360-293-0950.

**An-O-Chords Men’s Barbershop Chorus** meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at Bethany Covenant Church in Mount Vernon. For more information visit anchords.org or call 360-202-2424.

**Guemes Island Drum Circle** meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the Guemes Island Community Church to study and practice traditional and non-traditional African and Cuban rhythm ensembles. No prior experience required. For questions, call Bill at 360-826-2714.

**The NeXt Show**

Please join us on the first Thursday of every month for The NeXt Show, the live show where you hear the music and thoughts of artists from Anacortes and beyond. Our June guest is BRAYDN KRUEGER. Braydn will be walking us through the history of percussion and we will hear songs from various projects he’s been involved with in his post- The Lonely Forest career.

**June 6, 7:00-9:00 PM.** To listen live and access archived podcasts go to ANACORTESMUSICPROJECT.ORG.