

AIHS 51th Annual Meeting



Saturday November 22, 2025

7-8:30 pm. Archival Building. Recorded.



Thanks to Jon Field for setup of Tonight's potluck & meeting

Agenda for the AIHS Annual Meeting



- **Call to Order, Welcome, and Verification of a Quorum**
- **Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Reports from Officers and Directors (4 minutes each)**
 - Financial Reports – 2025 results and 2026 budget
 - 2025 Accomplishments and 2026 Goals
- **New Business: Election of Officers and Directors**
- **Additional New Business?**
- **2025 Vision**
- **Close of Business meeting**
- **President's Award**
- **Announcements and Coming Events**
- **Q&A, Feedback**

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- **Call to Order and Verification of a Quorum**
- **Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve and Second
 - Discussion and vote
- **Officer and Director Reports:**
2025 accomplishments and 2026 goals

Officer and Director Reports

2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals



President – Bob Bedoll

Treasurer - Todd Billett – 2025 Financials, 2026 Budget

Vice President – Carol Pascal

Gift Shop – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings

Past President – Ed Stephenson

Public Information – Jon Field

Community Services & Events – Serena Frank

Operations & Facilities – Bob Bedoll, acting

Archives – Rick Anderson

Education – Lee Ann Whitaker

Secretary – Sally Buchanan

Our Mission

OUR MISSION

- Preserve
- Present
- Engage





Our Mission:

PRESERVE



- The Barn
- Farm Buildings
- Farm House
- Coops
- Outbuildings
- Artifacts



Improved Displays and New Signage

Our Mission: *PRESENT*

Our Mission: *ENGAGE*

JANUARY – Art Show



MAY – Plant Sale & Farm Day



JULY – Salmon Bake



AUGUST -Anniversary Party
and Concerts



SEPTEMBER – Apple Squeeze

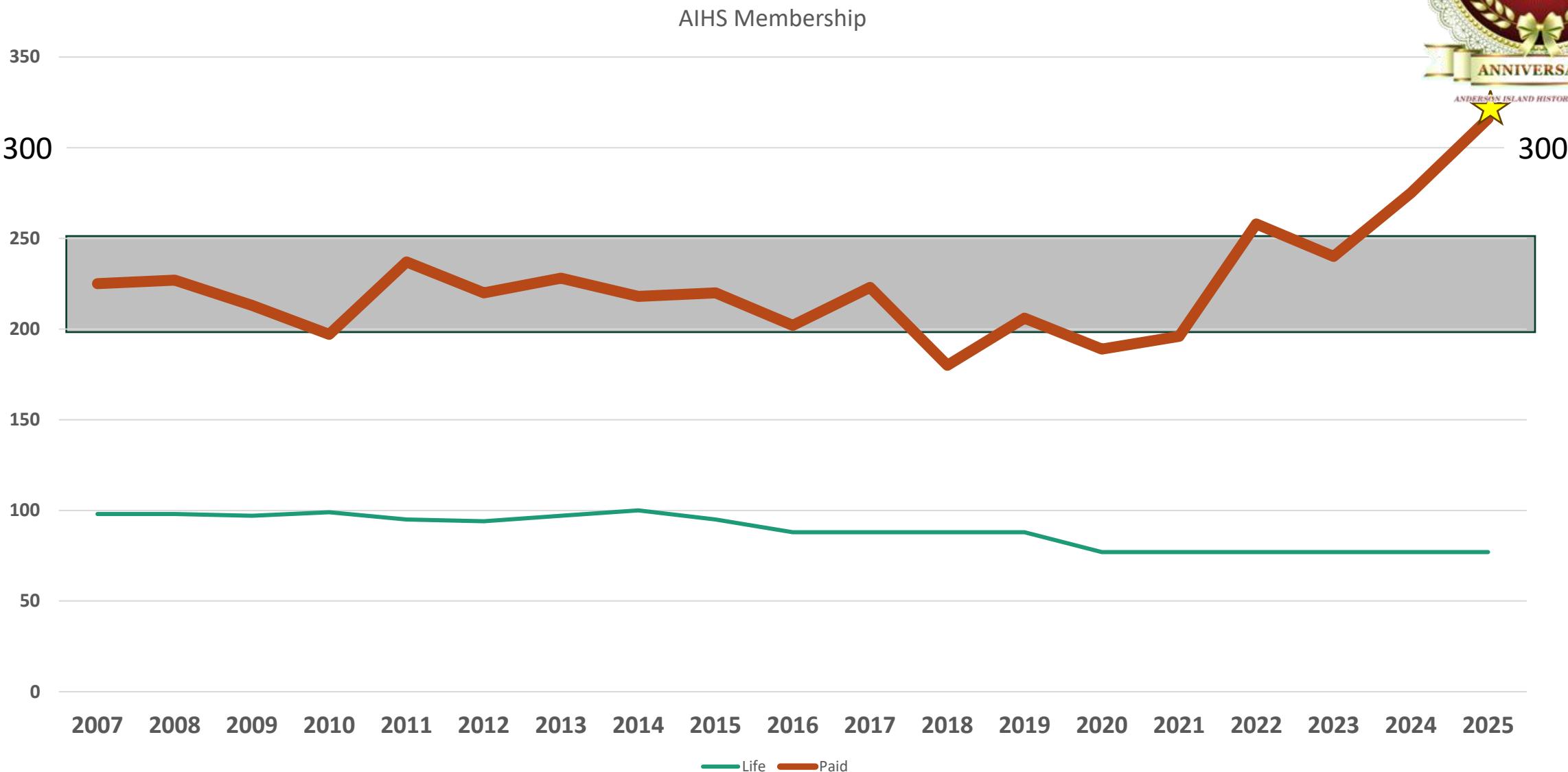
President's Report – Bob Bedoll

Celebrating 50 Years



- **We celebrated our 50th anniversary!**
- **We implemented our 'Vision 2025' to improve the quality of AIHS as a museum.**
- **We have a great team and great facilities.**
Our facilities have become a focal point for the community.
- **Events/Classes:**
 - Almost 300 classes and events this year, including 4 weekly events, 7 monthly meetings, plus 50 unique events and meetings including 6 concerts, 2 weddings, 2 films, 3 private events and the art show.
- **Community/Fundraising Events:**
 - Plant Sale, Farm Day, Garden Market, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze, raised over \$40K, a new record.
 - **Salmon Bake Meals:** served 776 salmon & rib meals.
 - **Silent Auction:** raised \$18,446, the most ever.
- **Membership:** 337 members, a new high (275 last year). ([see chart](#))
- **Financial:** Over \$200K in reserve (including funds for the bandstand roof).
- **Facilities:** upgraded the farm buildings, grounds, greenhouse, annex, bandstand, archival bldg, gardens
- **Exhibits:** upgraded exhibits and collections and signage.
- **Visitor Engagement:** We kept the gift shop open every weekend from April,
 - farmhouse and archival building open and staffed every weekend this summer.
 - 800 visitors

AIHS Membership



AIHS VISION 2025



Transform the AIHS collection of buildings and artifacts (stuff) into a cohesive and compelling showplace depicting Anderson Island history and the life of a working farm in the early 20th century.
(June 2017)

So far: We've built a vibrant team of docents, reorganized our exhibits, opened up 4 new exhibits, added the AI History Exhibit in the AB, added over 40 new high-quality signs throughout the farm.
(Of course, we're not done yet...)

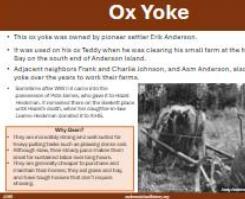
Vision 2025 Signs



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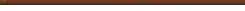
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President's Report – Bob Bedoll



- **2026 Goals**
 - Continue our tradition of great community events.
 - Continue to implement the 2025 vision: more signs and exhibits.
 - Enhance the content and usefulness of the farm and all the museum buildings.
 - Maintain fiscal health
 - Find a successor

2024 Bandstand Roof Project

Bandstand roof will benefit AI:

- Extend the bandstand season into spring and fall.
- Provide greater certainty for concerts.
- Provide protection for musicians, instruments, and electronics.
- Provide a covered picnic shelter for events (Salmon Bake, ...)
- Provide a covered outdoor venue for parties, weddings, plays, etc.
- Last for 50 years
- Budget: \$30,000. Covered by donation.

Status:

- Engineered Plans are complete.
- Permitting process started.
- To be built by AIHS volunteers
- **Rejected by Pierce County Planning Board because we are zoned R10 Rural Residential. Outdoor Performance Centers are prohibited.**



Treasurer – Todd Billett



- **2025 Financials**
- **2026 Budget**

2025 Financial Report Highlights

Todd Billett - Treasurer

INCOME Jan. thru Oct. 2025	
Gift Shop Estimate	12,000
Contributions, Gifts, Memberships	10,264
Weddings	850
Program Services	1,495
Events (Salmon Bake, ...)	54,905
Investments	1,061
Rental, other	1,400
Total Gross Income	81,975

EXPENSES Jan. thru Oct. 2025	
Administrative	16,618
Public Information	474
Operations & Facilities	16,504
Archives & Education	3,370
Events	16,560
Total Operating Expenses	53,526

SUMMARY

Jan. thru Oct. 2025	2025	2024
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	81,975	74,727
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	53,526	50,261
NET OPERATING INCOME	28,449	24,466
CAPITAL EXPENSES	23,387	27,496
NET INCOME	5,062	-3,030
Balance Sheet: Assets	2025	2024
Total Checking/Savings	201,798	203,370
(includes bandstand funds)		



2025 Capital Expenditures

Heat Pump Coop 2		1,654
Parking Lot		6,772
Sidewalk		8,432
Pallett Racks Annex		1,347
Sawmill		2,929
TOTAL		21,134

2026 Budget Highlights. Todd Billett - Treasurer

INCOME 2026 BUDGET		2026 Budget	2025 Budget
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, Member		9,800	9,300
Museum Store		12,000	12,000
Program Services		1,400	1,300
Events		52,300	53,200
Investment		1,000	1,380
Weddings		1,000	1,000
Rental, other		1,500	2,600
Total Gross Income		79,100	80,780
EXPENSES 2026 BUDGET			
Administrative		17,770	16,850
Public Information		1,000	1,060
Operations & Facilities		24,680	31,080
Archives & Education		3,700	3,700
Events		14,900	19,200
Total Operating Expenses		85,050	94,890

2026 BUDGET	
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	79,100
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	85,050
NET OPERATING INCOME	-5,950
CAPITAL EXPENSES	TBD
DEPRECIATION	23,000

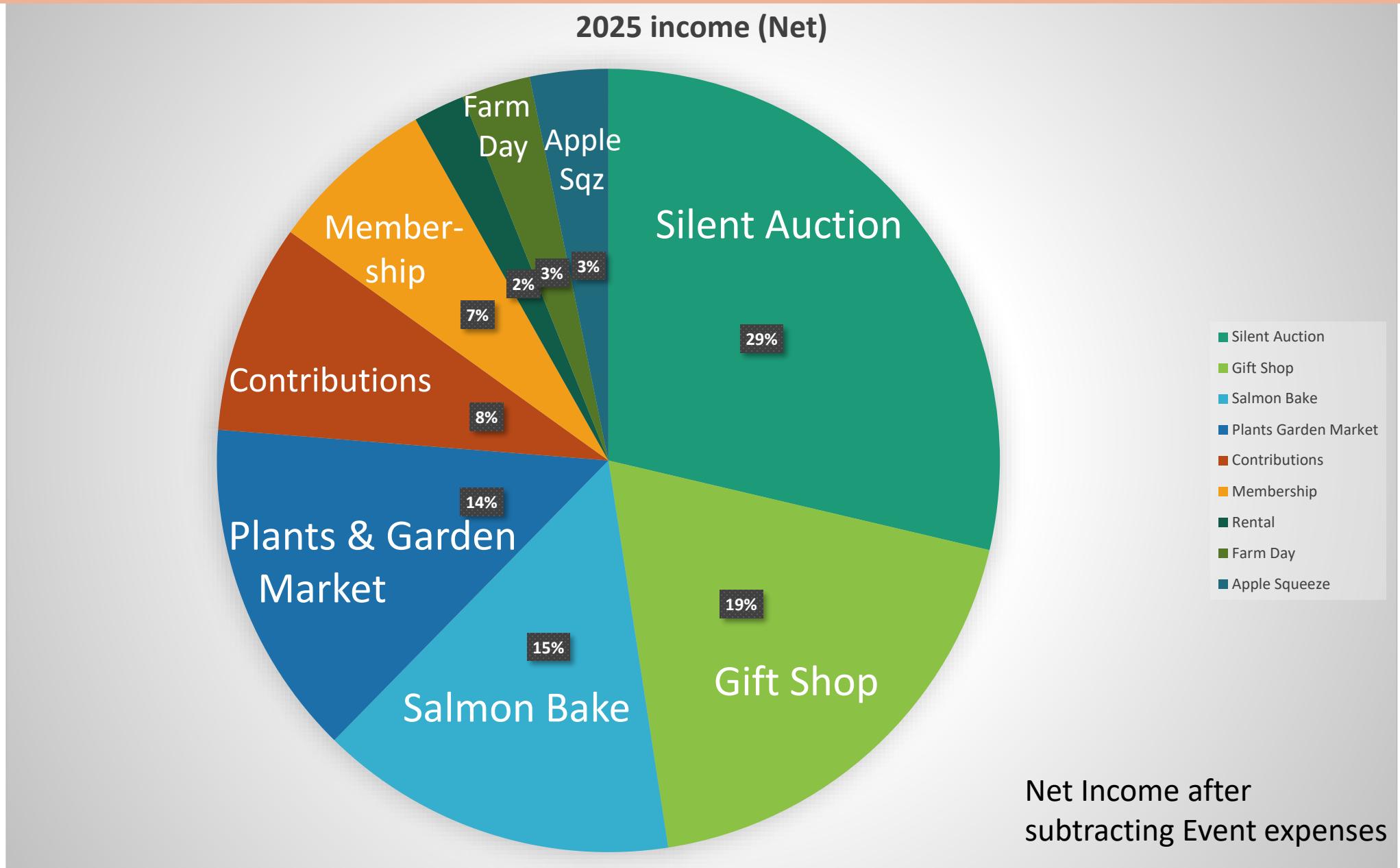
Capital Expenses to be covered by funds from AIHS Reserve

Capital Expenses Budgeted for 2026

2026 Capital Budget –		
Total		

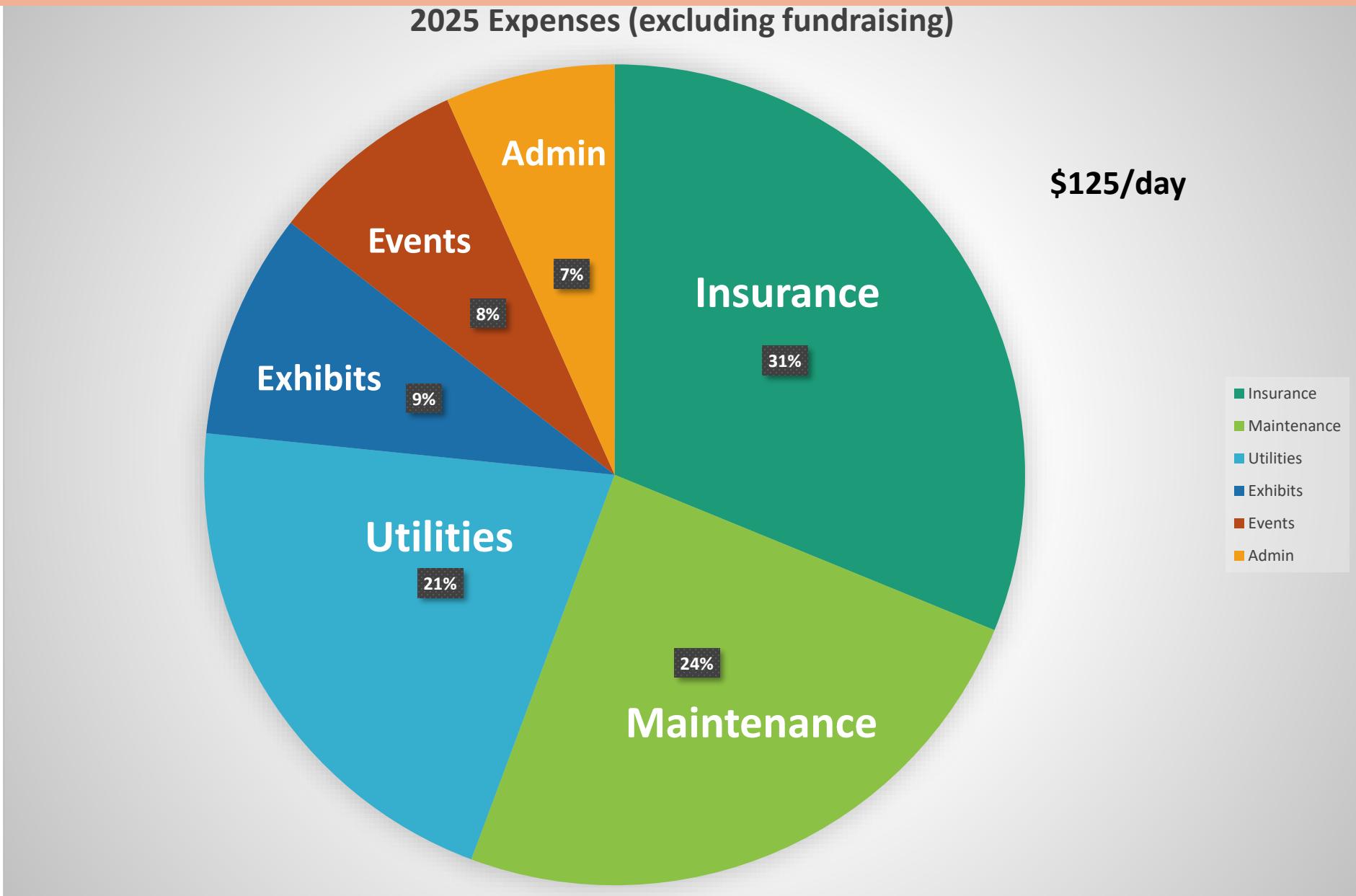
AIHS Net Projected Income 2025: \$64,000

Net Income	
Silent Auction	18227
Gift Shop	12000
Salmon Bake	9398
Plants Garden Market	8841
Contributions	5506
Membership	4380
Rental	1350
Farm Day	1807
Apple Squeeze	2051
TOTAL	63560



AIHS Non-Capital Expenses 2025: \$45,500

Insurance	14,000
Maintenance	11,000
Utilities	9,400
Exhibits	4,000
Events	3,500
Admin	3,000
Publicity	600



Vice President – Carol Paschal

2025 Accomplishments



- **Insurance:** small increase \$13,575 last year, **\$13,998 this year**
New Insurance requirements for events.

- **Gardens Financial Report**

	Revenue	Expense	Net	LY Net
Garden fees	1495	80	1415	282
Plant sales	5791	2045	3746	4119
Garden Market Sales	7923	2206	5717	5261
Apple Squeeze	2859	821	2038	2556
Total	\$ 15,209	\$ 4,331	\$ 10,878	\$ 9,662



Gardens– Carol Paschal



Garden Team Leaders

Garden Coordinators	Laurie Opsal, Jimmy Ng, Kathy Gadbois and Larry Gramling
Greenhouse	Val Oppenheim
Market Garden	Anna Davidoff, Sue Salo
Market	Susie Cunningham, Jane Evans and Karen Frank
Ornamental Grounds	Laurie Opsal
Orchard	Gus Camacho

- We have 40 community gardens but 24 names on the garden waitlist! We are looking into more gardens - but water is an issue.
- Thanks to the many volunteers who worked on plant production and sales, on the Garden Market and the Orchard!
- The crew of growers planted seeds, tended the greenhouse, grew plants from cuttings, transplanted and sold the plants.
- Market volunteers picked flowers and produce, made beautiful bouquets and sold out most Saturdays.
- Orchard volunteers pruned, thinned, sprayed, mowed and picked for a record production of apples.

Gift Shop – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings

2025 Accomplishments:

- Found and attended a gift show in Tigard, OR, found new vendors for stock items that we had lost our vendors like engraved wine glasses, new t-shirt designs and new name drop playing cards
- 3 New Consignors
- Training 2 consignors to open & close
- A financially successful year. Earned \$12,000 for AIHS.

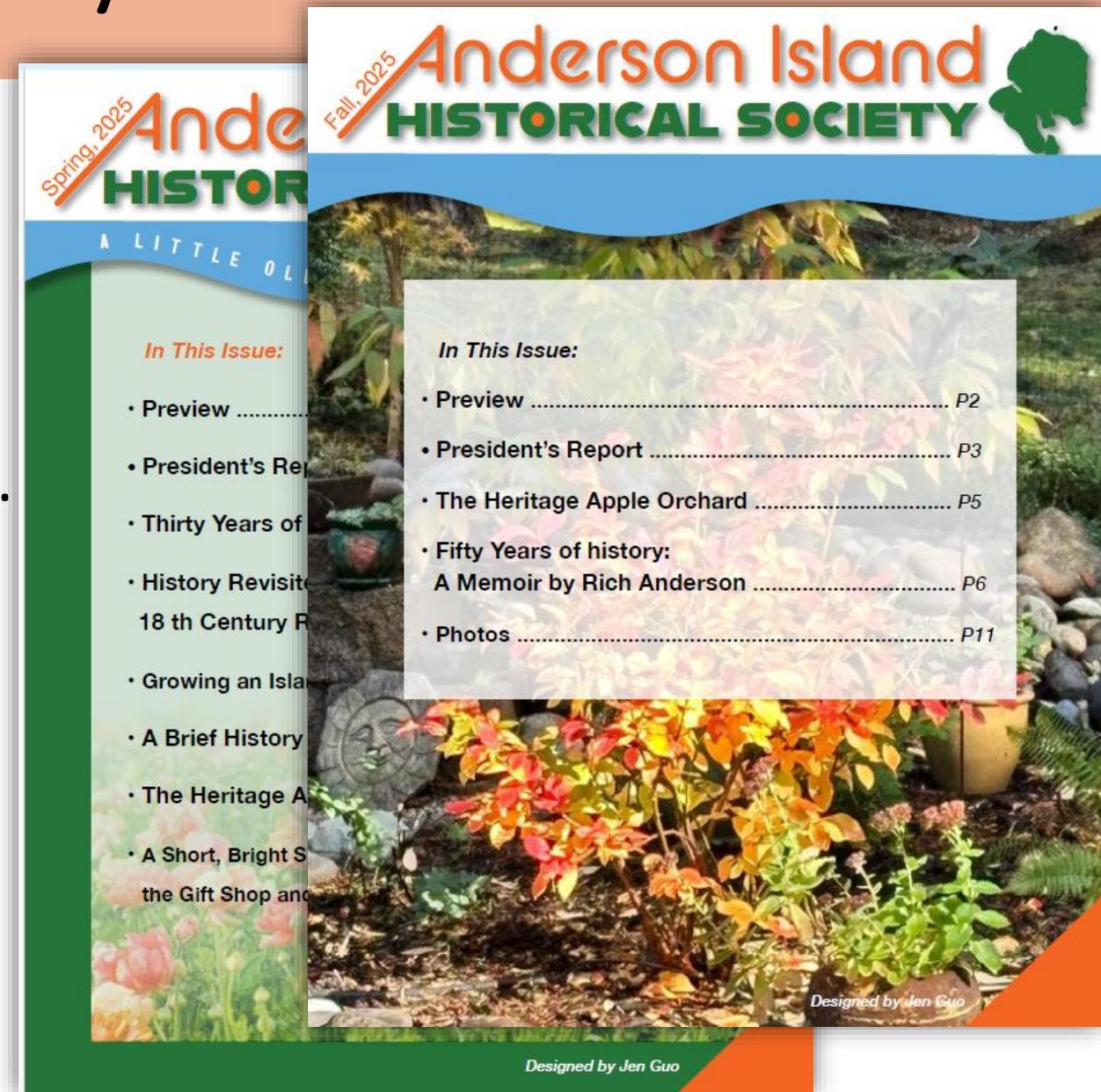
2026 Goals:

- Complete & produce 2026-2027 Island phonebook
- Caulk & paint shop windows. Theme will be similar to the little library out front
- Always looking for new consignors
- Attend gift show in Tigard, OR again in March
- Produce a 2027 calendar



Secretary – Sally Buchanan

- Minutes of all meetings.
(available on our web site)
- Monthly Checklists.
- Newsletter. Spring and Fall.
Edited by Sally Buchanan.
Designed by Jen Guo.



Past President & Archival Building Manager –Ed Stephenson

- Continued maintenance of the eight year old building
- Hosted over 300 scheduled meetings, events and services
- Added a tuned central speaker halfway back for the benefit of those that get here late and have to sit in the bleachers. (100%)
- Graveled half of the upper parking area (100%)
- Modified farm water well power supply for AB supply in emergencies (98%)
- Completed the cabinet additions in the kitchen area. (100%)

2025 Goals

- -Add a repeater monitor on the East wall for supplemental viewing in the back of the hall
- -Add a hood over the stove in the kitchen if feasible
- -Add steps and walk safety lighting at the North end of the building
- -Add weather stripping to the exterior doors
- -paint and caulk exterior facia and siding where needed.
- -Add small under counter hot water heaters to the restroom hot faucets
- -Maintain trees and shrubs around the building exterior to prevent damage to roof and siding and remain clear of heat exchanger fans
- -Continue routine maintenance and repair of the building
- -Continue improving the facility for AIHS activities and hosting community events



Events - Serena Frank

- Our 50th Anniversary party served 240 steak & salmon meals.
- Our community & fund-raising events:
Plant Sales, Farm Day, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze
Garden market, raised over \$40,000.
- The Farm hosted over 300 classes and events.
 - 6 Concerts with Island Arts
 - Winter Art Show (with Island Arts)
 - 84 Monthly meetings, 200 weekly activities
 - 2 weddings, 2 films, and 4 private events
 - 10 workshops and classes
- 100 reservations in our online reservation system.
- 2026 Goals – Keep up the good work.



50th Anniversary Party - August



2025 Apple Squeeze - September

Public Information – Jon Field



Commitment to Engage the Community

- Communication is critical:**

Emails, Facebook Posts, Signage at the Building,
Sandwich Boards,
Signboards at the Store and Garden, Articles In The Sounder,
Flyers, AIHS Web page, Anderson Island Assistant, etc.

- AIHS Is committed to engage with the community:**

Musical Concerts, Art & Writing Workshops, Poetry Nights, Potlucks & Programs, Photo Contest, Holiday Open House, Film Festival, Memorials, Weddings, Anniversaries, Saturday Night Social, Share & Care, Garden Club, Health & Safety meetings etc.

- Traditional AIHS events:**

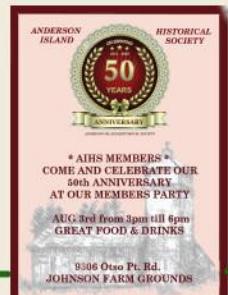
Farm Day, Salmon & Rib Bake, Silent Auction,
Apple Squeeze, Bake Sale, Garden Markets, Plant Sales



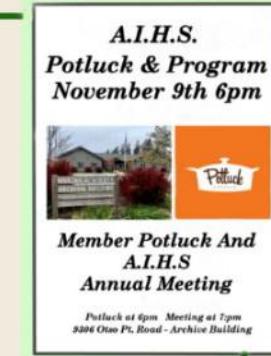
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ANDERSON ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Thank You For Coming
to the
Spirit of 76 Encampment.
Donations help sustain these
events and are very
much appreciated..."



Operations and Facilities 2025 – (Jim Battishill)

Completed in 2025:

- Weekly Maintenance (landscaping, orchard).
- New Welcome Sign
- Rebuilt gravel road by barn.
- Gravel in N. Parking Lot
- Replaced sidewalk between gardens.
- 3 Heat pumps in Coop 2.
- Pallett racks in Annex.
- New stain on Coop 1.
- Electricity monitors in AB, Coop 1 & 2
- And much more...



In Work now:

- Rebuild saw mill exhibit.
- Fencing for new Heritage Apple Orchard
- Disaster Preparedness: generator power to well

Operations and Facilities Goals for 2026

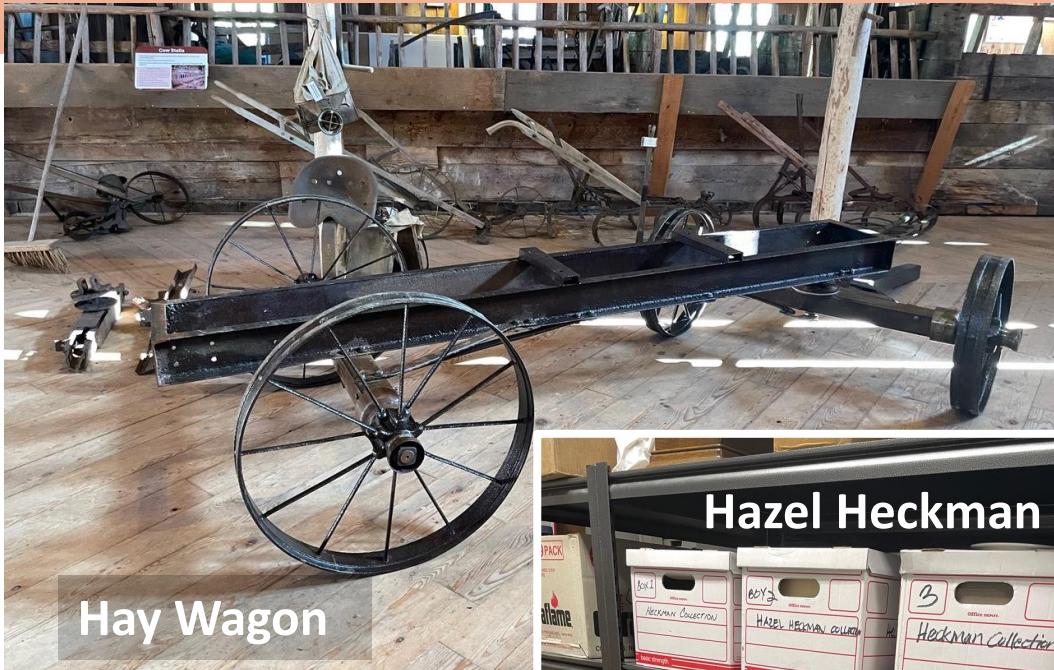
- ***New Operations Director***
- Improve old-saw-mill exhibit
- Finish Heritage Apple Orchard
- Install another well filter.
- Restain coop 2.
- Repaint Archival Building facia.
- Add walk-in fences to Milk Room and Egg Room.
- Fix trailer floor.
- Add title sign to the reader board.
- Improve gift shop signs.
- Upgrade greenhouse tables.



Work Party Volunteers: Wayne Wallace, Jeanne McGoldrick, Jim Battishill, Carol Paschal, Paul Oppenheim, Laurie Opsal, Todd Billett, Luci Janzen, Phil Lutes, Jerry Simonsen, Bob Friend, Phil Laskowski, Val Oppenheim, Bob Folk, Rita, Wes Anderson, Sue Salo, Rick Anderson, Ed Stephenson, Melissa Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Bruce Rogers, Jimmy Ng, Anna Davidoff, Jon Fields, Ralph Philbrook, Guy Bailey, Lori Bailey, Todd Billett, Tim and others ...

Archival Director – Rick Anderson

- Donated Hay Wagon
- Hazel Heckman Collection Editing
- Sawmill renovation
- Heritage Orchard Fence, DNA testing and grafting
- Farmhouse do-over and rodent treatment
- Victrola repair
- Edison Cylinder player Repair
- Island Gallery in the Library
- Coop II environmental upgrade
- Steilacoom Quilt Exhibition
- New farm-implement Signs
- New Maps framed and displayed
- Scans of Photo Contest winners





40 New Signs





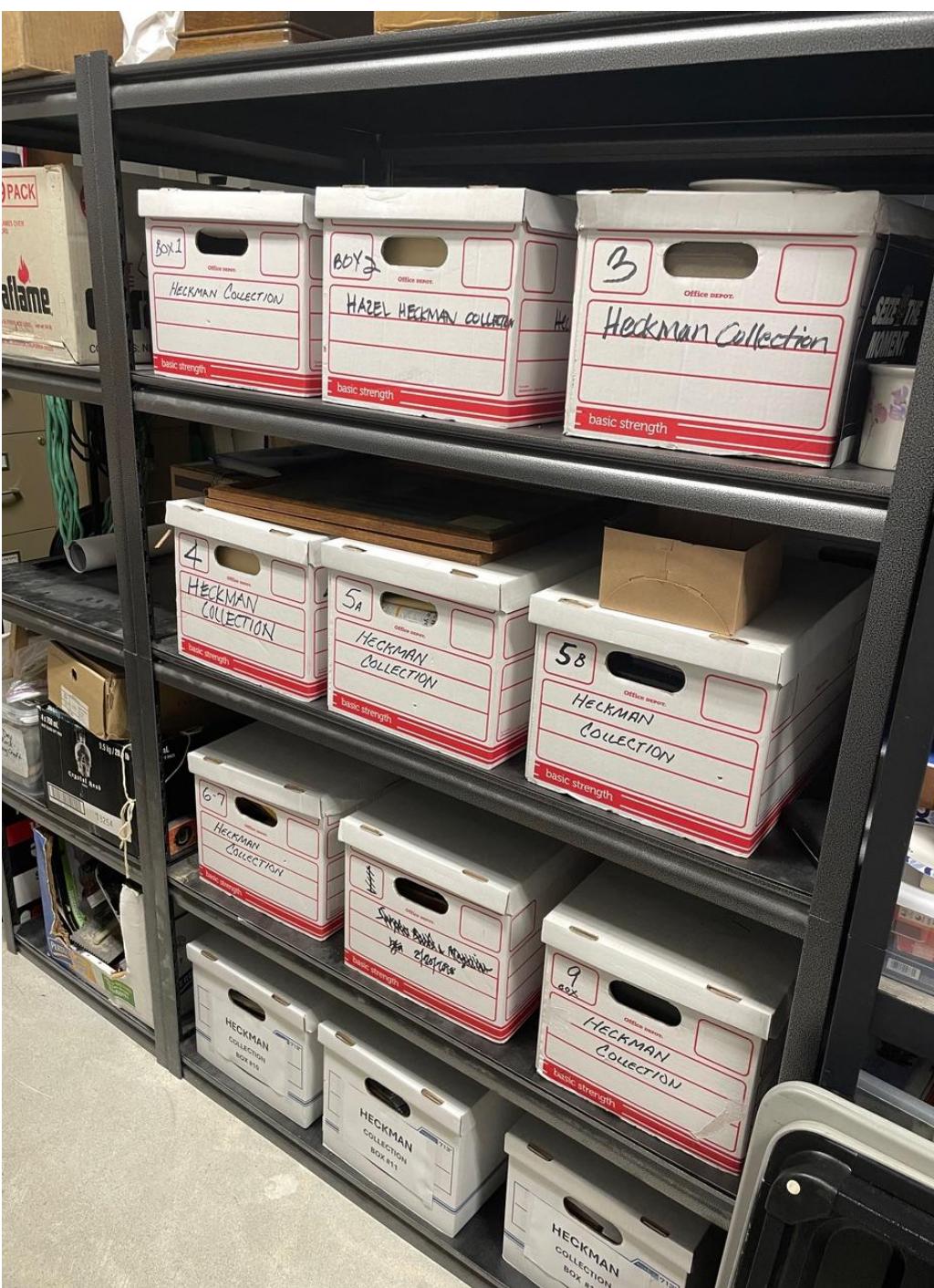
Heritage Orchard





Ev Paschal and the
Victrola







2025 Education Report – Lee Ann Whitaker

Docents, Programs, Presentations, Classes

DOCENTS:

- Added 3 new docents.
- Provide docents for visitors, visitor groups, field trips, and AIHS events, including:
 Tuesday Trotters, A. I. Elementary School Kids
- Improved the Docent Handbook, adding historical information.
- Invited American Legion and A. L. Auxiliary to provide docents.

BUILDINGS:

- Kept buildings open on weekends and during certain events
- Opened the Barn during Historical Reenactment, apple squeeze, and Salmon Bake.
- Opened Chicken Coop 2 and Saw exhibit

POTLUCK SPEAKERS:

- “The Tahoma”
- Joy Ng – Your Story Matters
- Anderson Island Health Advocates
- Dick Throm – Korean War experiences
- Nisqually Land Trust
- Karen Carter-Schwendler- Jacob’s Point Brickyard

PUBLICITY:

- Keep information flowing to the AIHS website, Sounder, AI app, AIHS Newsletter, and Docent Team
- with a lot of help from Jon Field.



Education Report – Lee Ann Whitaker

2026 Goals

- **DOCENTS:**

- Recruit, train, and schedule docents for the Johnson Farm.
- Provide docents for visitors, visitor groups, field trips, and AIHS events.
- Improve the Docent Handbook, adding historical information.
- Invite American Legion and A. L. Auxiliary to provide docents.

- **BUILDINGS:**

- Open buildings on weekends and events
- Open the Barn and Saw exhibits
- Open Chicken Coop 2

- **SPEAKERS:**

- Locate and invite qualified, engaging, and appropriate speakers for monthly potlucks

- **LIBRARY:**

- Maintain AIHS library collection.

- **PUBLICITY:**

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- Adjourn Business Meeting
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Election of Officers and Directors

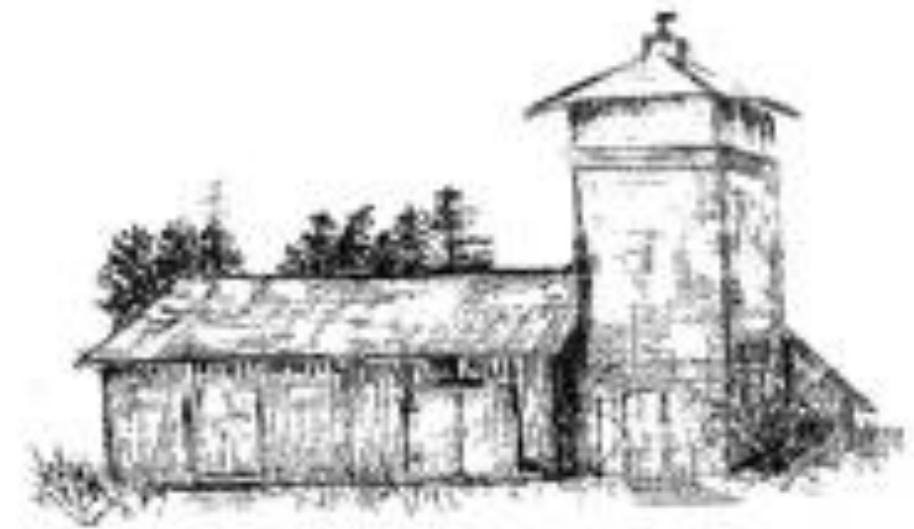
- President: Bob Bedoll, 1 year remaining.
- Vice-President: Carol Paschal, 1 year remaining.
- **Secretary: Sally Buchanan. Term Expiring.**
The board nominates Rikki McGee to a 2 year term as secretary.
- **Treasurer: Todd Billett. Looking for a replacement.**
- **Operations Director: Open. Looking for a replacement.**
- Public Information Director: Jon Field. Remaining 2 years.
- Education Director: Lee Ann Whitaker. Remaining 2 years.
- Events Director: Serena Frank. 2 years remaining.
- Archives Director: Rick Anderson. Remaining 3 years.
- Past President: Ed Stephenson. Term tied to president.
- **Additional nominations from the floor?**
- **Vote**



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 - Any other new business ?
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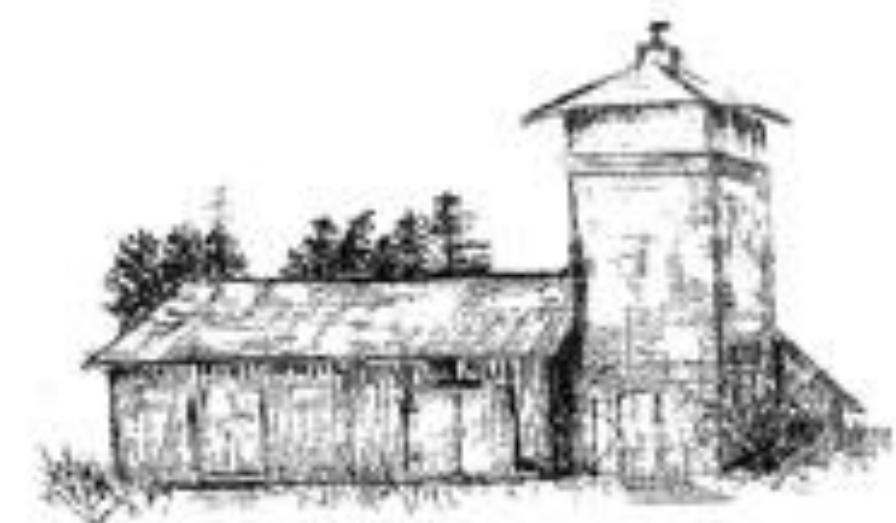
2025 Vision

- **ORGANIZATION**
 - The AIHS is a vibrant organization dedicated to the history of Anderson Island.
 - A significant percentage of the Island population belongs to the organization (and many of them are under fifty).
- **FACILITIES**
- **COLLECTION**
 - An extensive and ever-growing collection of island artifacts and chronicles
- **COMMUNITY**
 - The AIHS actively engages and nurtures the Anderson Island Community



FACILITIES

- **Archival Building:** serves as a Visitor Center for the entire AIHS/Johnson Farm and Museum.
 - Contains an inviting, comprehensive, and well-organized set of displays that tell the story of the history of Anderson Island.
 - **Rotating displays from the AIHS collection.**
 - Meeting hall for many of the AIHS events.
- **Johnson Farm:**
 - Well Maintained buildings, clearly signed displays that tell the story of life on the farm one-hundred years ago.
 - A crew of docents is available for guided tours.
 - The gift store offers Island memorabilia and gift items for sale.





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AIHS President's Award

2025 – ?

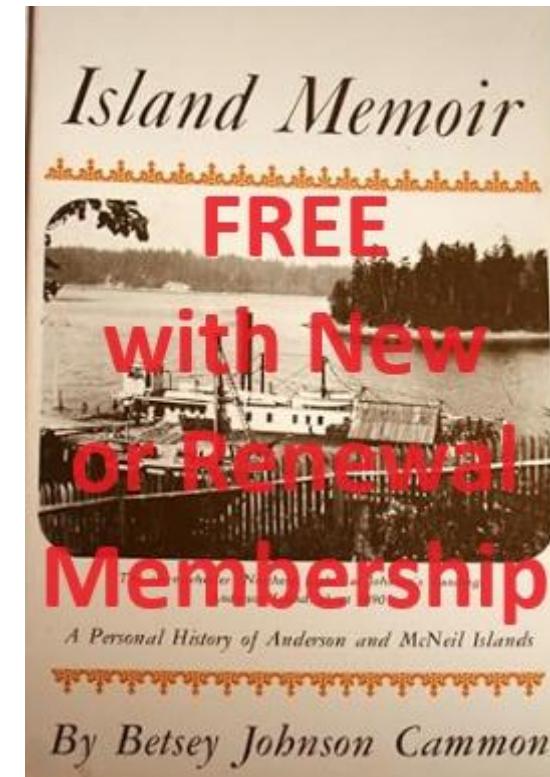
2024- Jill Aschendorf, Phil Lutes,
Jerry Simonsen
2023 – Virginia Cummings, Leslie Lamb
2022 - Jim Battishill
2021 – Sutton & Karen Stephens
2020 – Peggy Hodge
2019 – Lynn & Dave Jacobsen
2018 – Wayne Wallace
2017 – Ed Stephenson
2016 – Rick Anderson
2015 – Carol Duncan
2014 – Marsha Howells
2013 – Jane Groppenberger
Sue Huesby

2012 – Todd Billett, Lucy Stephenson
2011 – Ray Mohr, Kathy Bailey
2010 – Dick Throm
2009 – Jeanne McGoldrick
2008 – Mikey & Terry Sleight
2007 – Bmae Anderson
2006 – Jim Singer
2005 – Bernice Hundis
2004 – Alma Ruth Lang
2002 – Bob & Yolanda Nelson
2001 – Jean & Earl Gordon

2025 President's Award

Announcements & Coming Events

- **Membership:**
 - All new memberships are good through 2026 AND
 - Get a free copy of Betsey Cammon's *Island Memoir*.
 - www.andersonislandhistory.org -> Join/Renew
- **Gift Shop:**
 - Gift Shop open Sat & Sunday noon-4, also Fri Nov 28
- **Upcoming Events 2025:**
 - Vivace Choir, Saturday Dec 6, 5pm.
 - Open House in the AB, Sunday Dec 7, 1-3 pm
- **Upcoming Events 2026:**
 - Potluck and Program: Sat Jan 24.
 - Winter Art Show: Sat-Sun Feb 21,22.



Q&A, Feedback

Thank you
(for staying awake)