Telesco Puget Sound Refinery

Tuesday, May 5
Marine Trades Division Meeting
Chamber Office

Wednesday, May 6
Marking & Promotions Division Meeting
Chamber Office

Wednesday, May 6
Waterfront Festival Unveiling
Trident Foods

Thursday, May 7
Ambassador Luncheon
Chamber Office

Thursday, May 7
Anacortes American 125th Birthday Party
Depot Arts Center

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Economic Development Division Meeting
Chamber Office

Thursday, May 14
Chamber Luncheon
Fidalgo Bay Resort

Thursday, May 14
Governmental Affairs Division Meeting
Chamber Office

Friday, May 15
Finance/Executive Meeting
Chamber Office

Wednesday, May 20
Samish Ferry celebration
Washington State Ferry Terminal
(christening at 1:30 pm)

Thursday, May 21
Business After Hours
Shannon Point Marine Center

Tuesday, May 19
Board of Directors Meeting
Anacortes School District Board Room

Tuesday, May 26
VIC Volunteer Meeting
Chamber Office

Please join us on May 14th at the Fidalgo Bay Resort for a networking luncheon and presentation from Chad Pearson with the Employment Security Department’s Shared Work Program. Chad will present on how to keep momentum when business slows. “It can happen to any business. Demand for your product or service slips. Maybe the market goes in the tank. All you know is your business is in a fix, and you’ve got hard decisions to make. You don’t want to lay off your skilled employees, but what else can you do to cut costs? Employment Security has an alternative called the “Shared Work Program.” Learn why more than 96 percent of enrolled employers would recommend it to other businesses.”

After Chad’s presentation we will have a “speed dating” networking opportunity to expand your connections in the chamber community. Gather your marketing materials, sharpen up your one minute elevator speech, and get ready to tell everyone what it is that you do best.

This luncheon is sponsored by Fidalgo Bay Resort. Proudly owned and operated by the Samish Indian Nation, Fidalgo Bay Resort is located directly on the shore of beautiful Fidalgo Bay. They offer accommodations for 142 RVs and 5 parties in cabins, as well as an event-ready convention center. During 2014, they hosted over 14,000 vacationers, a majority of whom made excursions to Anacortes businesses. The lunch will take place at Fidalgo Bay Resort at 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road, Anacortes, WA, from 11:30am to 1pm and will be $15 in advance, or $18 at the door. Please RSVP online and bring a gift for the giveaway!

Western Washington University is hosting the May 21st Business After Hours from 5:30–7pm at their Shannon Point Marine Center. The center has been a member of the Anacortes community since 1973, and leads undergraduate and graduate marine science education at Western and engages in high-quality research. SPMC has attracted some of the most talented minds in cutting edge science of complex issues such as ocean acidification, eel grass ecology and geochemistry, deep-sea larval dispersal and sea star wasting disease.

Shannon Point recently launched a concerted public outreach initiative pursuing more formal programs with the Anacortes School District (ASD). Through a partnership with the Marine Center, WWU’s Extended Education Youth Programs, and the school district, Anacortes kids have participated in afterschool enrichment programs that focus on marine science and STEM enrichment. Other community programs include Grandparent’s University and summer marine science enrichment camps that are now open for enrollment.

SPMC is located at 1900 Shannon Point Road. For more information call (360) 293-2188. Please join us May 21, 2015 from 5:30–7pm at Shannon Point Marine Center. Beer, wine and light appetizers will be available. RSVP to the chamber and remember to bring a raffle gift for the giveaway.
Visiting Travel Writers

Anacortes welcomed two travel writers to the island on April 2nd and 3rd—they came to a full itinerary (and a full welcome basket) already planned for them! Their accommodations were taken care of, meals were arranged, places to see were recommended, and chamber members were assigned to them as hosts (many thanks to Chris Long, Russ Olivier, and Stina Williams).

Margo Greenman and her husband Aaron visited from Tacoma, and had a busy two days! They explored both Washington Park and Mount Erie, visited Deception Distilling, took a tour around Fidalgo Island with Jolly Mon Charters, and participated in the First Friday Artwalk. Margo already has two stories lined up—one with Sip Northwest, and another with SouthSoundTalk.com that will be published this year. She also has two more scheduled with Northwest Travel Magazine that will be published in 2016.

Nancy Mueller came from Seattle and had a bit more of a leisurely itinerary lined up—she enjoyed being pampered at the Apothecary Spa, and also toured some of the Anacortes Community Forestlands during her two day stay with us.

Many thanks to the following businesses who donated their products, time, and services to make these two days possible:

- 5th Street Bistro
- A’Town Bistro
- Anacortes Arts Foundation
- Anacortes Candle Company
- The Brown Lantern
- Dad’s Diner
- Donatello’s
- Frida’s Gourmet Mexican Cuisine
- Jolly Mon Charters
- Majestic Inn and Apothecary Spa
- Rockfish Grill/H2O
- Ship Harbor Inn
- Skagit Cycle
- Walgreens

Help us welcome our second Olympic Class vessel, M/V Samish to the Washington State Ferries fleet. This ferry will carry 144 vehicles and will go into service on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route in June.

The American Spirit is back for the season! Each Sunday morning your visitor center volunteers greet and tour these guests through old town. If you see them, be sure to say hi! They are always a very happy, lively group.
Trident Seafood Corporation

Trident is proud to be an integral partner in the Anacortes community and is committed to the growth of Anacortes. Trident is dedicated to providing quality jobs with 250 full-time benefited employees and 75 contracted seasonal employees. From the Source to the Plate is not simply a motto but a statement imbedded with pride, dedication, hard work and ending drive to continue the company’s success.

Chuck Bundrant founded the company over 40 years ago and Trident has grown from a single fishing vessel to becoming the largest processing seafood company in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. Their success comes from the remarkable efforts and skill of their fishermen and the dedication of their Trident employees. Trident’s value-added processing facility in Anacortes opened in 1989 and produces an ever-increasing selection of ready-to-prepare seafood items for U.S. foodservice and retail distribution. As a fishing company whose success is dependent on the sustained abundance of commercial fishery resources, Trident Seafoods leads in the protection of our environment and fishery sustainability.

Trident products reflect the company’s diverse access to sources and its commitment to product quality and value. Trident Seafoods Corporation is honored to be an active business partner in the Anacortes Community and are especially pleased to have new opportunities every day to positively impact the lives of the people of Anacortes.

Matt Gill

One of our newest Board Members, Matt Gill, is the External Affairs, Senior Manager for Tesoro.

Originally hired out of Anchorage, Alaska in 2012 to represent the Pacific Northwest region, he and his family were relocated to Anacortes in March 2014. His wife Sara, a Washington State University graduate, and their two young children, Anne and Oscar, have adapted quickly to the snowless winters and beautiful Anacortes summers. Sara grew up in Vancouver, Washington and still has family in Washington State.

Matt comes from four generations of Alaskans who made their way north from Pennsylvania after a brief stop in Anacortes where his grandfather was born in 1905 before taking a steamer to Seward, Alaska.

After graduating with an accounting degree from Gonzaga University in 1992, Matt returned to Alaska and took a job with the local bank. In 1998, he left banking to work in the Alaska State Legislature. After 14 years between legislative finance work and working as an independent lobbyist, Matt took his current position with Tesoro.

As Senior Manager of Tesoro’s external affairs, he is responsible for managing the company’s legislative activities in Washington, Alaska and Oregon. In addition to his legislative work, he’s also tasked with managing Tesoro community outreach in the Pacific Northwest.


He and his family have embraced living in Anacortes and are grateful to have received such a warm welcome into the community. When asked what he liked best about living in Anacortes, he said, “The friendly people, the beautiful location and the strong sense of community.”
Spring Wine Festival

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the Spring Wine Festival a success. We had 31 wineries from across Washington State here in our seaside town to pour a tasting of our state’s superb wine offerings. Over 1,000 attendees enjoyed bites from our local Anacortes restaurants, artwork from the Scott Milo Gallery, and local artisan chocolate and cheese makers from across Skagit County to the festival.

It truly was a full wine weekend with winemaker’s dinners on Friday evening at 5th Street Bistro, 13moons, Frida’s Gourmet Mexican, and Potluck Kitchen Studio. Live music across downtown on Saturday night gave festival attendees great entertainment to enjoy after the festival at 5th Street Bistro, the Brown Lantern, Frida’s Gourmet Mexican, H2O, and the Rockfish. The weekend finished with our first ever winemaker’s brunch at A’Town Bistro. We want to thank everyone who helped plan these extra events and thank the restaurants that served at the festival, 5th Street Bistro, Dad’s Diner, Gere a Deli, Le Crema Bakery, The Rockfish Grill & H2O, and Vivi’s Kitchen. We hope that everyone enjoyed these expanded weekend offerings.

We also want to thank our sponsors whose support provides the means to put together this festival that benefits our community: Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Swinomish Casino & Lodge, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, Anacortes American, Barrett Financial, Colleen Craig with Windemere Real Estate, Heritage Bank, Island Rentals and Supply, Peoples Bank, Trident Seafoods, Scott Milo Gallery, and Tri-County Recycling. Finally to the 100 volunteers who helped leading up to and through the event, thank you for all of your hard work. We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year, as we continue to refine and improve upon this great community event!

Anacortes American 125th Anniversary

The Anacortes American invites all Anacortes chamber members to a special after hours event Thursday, May 7 celebrating the American’s 125th anniversary and the release of the Anacortes Museum’s new book — “Pictures of the Past: Celebrating 125 years of Anacortes History.”

The event is 5:30–7 p.m. at the Depot Arts and Community Center. Come celebrate Anacortes’ proud past and toast its bright future with a glass of Anacortes American Stop the Presses Anniversary Ale. The American has partnered with Anacortes Brewery to create a commemorative beer to mark these milestones.

“Pictures of the Past: Celebrating 125 years of Anacortes History” is a compilation of the best history stories written by retired American editor and publisher Wallie Funk. Wallie’s columns, which were published in the American, are a treasure, and the accompanying photographs are amazing. These books will be for sale at the party.

Historic pictures submitted to the American and images from the museum’s collection have been turned into large posters that will decorate the Depot’s walls. The museum photos will be for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Anacortes Museum Foundation.

Student artwork will also be on display. The American has partnered with the Anacortes School District to sponsor special art projects with a newspaper theme.

Ben Stamer will be at the piano to provide background music from days gone by.

Complimentary snacks, wine and beer will be served. Be sure to take home a special 125th Anniversary coaster. (A $25 subscription offer is on the back.) RSVP on the chamber website.

We hope you can join us. We will be Speaking Fidalgo.
2015 Waterfront Festival

The 26th Annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival is a month away at the beautiful Cap Sante Marina. All of your longtime Waterfront Festival favorites will be back this year along with some exciting new attractions. Make it a full weekend by attending the Waterfront Festival Kick-Off dinner on June 5th hosted by the Port of Anacortes. At the festival you can explore custom classic cars, take a free boat ride with the Anacortes Yacht Club, build memories in the children’s boat making area with the Fidalgo Rotary, and cheer on the Quick and Dirty Boat Demonstration. Be sure to check the festival website at anacortes.org for more details.

In a continuing effort to expand the features of the festival, we welcome a group exhibit of boat related artwork, “Whatever Boats Your Float” at the Depot Arts Center throughout the weekend. This display, along with additional installations at the Museum and City Hall, will celebrate the marine heritage of Anacortes. The Second Annual Community Plaza Dance in honor of Anacortes’s maritime heritage will also take place at the Depot Arts Center from 6-8pm on Saturday evening. This free, all-ages event will feature the A’Town Big Band and fun for the whole family.

We want to thank our community sponsors that help to make this free, family event possible.

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- Eslick Boat & Home Watch
- Island Rentals
- Robin Pestarino
- Scott Richards Insurance
- Washington Federal
- Upstage Boutique and Men’s Store

2015 Waterfront Festival Poster Unveiling at Trident Seafood

Get ready for the big reveal as the 26th Annual Waterfront Festival poster is unveiled on Wednesday, May 6th at Trident Seafoods, 1400 4th Street, 5:30–7:00PM. Trident generously opens their doors to the chamber every year, and clears their dry goods storage area to make room for one of the most festive events of the year! Trident provides Gere-a-Deli with some of their most delectable products from the sea and the spread becomes simply amazing. Hosted bar presented by Rockfish Grill/Anacortes Brewery/ H2O serving their hand-crafted beers and Washington wines. This is our official event that honors all sponsors who underwrite the two day Waterfront Festival and gives everyone a special preview of this year’s poster.
Thank you to Skagit Valley College for sponsoring and speaking about the college at our April Luncheon and to Gere-a-Deli for catering such a delicious feast. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Bayside Specialties
- EDASC
- Express Employment Professionals
- Gentry House & Skagit Adult Day Program
- Louis Auto Glass
- Molly McIntosh
- Peoples Bank
- Port of Anacortes
- Skagit Valley College
- Walgreens

Thank you to Skagit Cycle and H2O for hosting our April Business After Hours and putting on such a great bike fashion show. Remember that May is National Bike Month! Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

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Dinner by Gere-a-Deli • Dance to the Music of D.J. Mike Jenkins
Port of Anacortes
ambassador profile

Mary E. Staley

Mary E. Staley is the longest running Ambassador of the group. When asked why she has continued with the group for so many years. Her answer is simple. “I love Anacortes and more importantly I love being a part of the Anacortes community. Being an Ambassador helps you keep your thumb on the pulse of everything going on in town.”

She loves being able to be a part of the many successful events that happen during the year. She looks forward to meeting the tourists and having the opportunity to chat with them and find out how they learned about the event and what they are planning on doing during their stay in Anacortes. “If I have a chance to share with them all of the amazing things there are to do in this beautiful town….believe me I do! I will talk their ear off.”

Mary enjoys her role as Ambassador during the chamber luncheons and business after hours. She takes pleasure in the role of Rover….she gets to meet the new chamber members and introduce them to others. She feels like this role is very important to help people get over the jitters of being the new person in the room. But more importantly she loves to network with other people. Introducing one business person to another who has been looking for their particular expertise. Mary feels that these introductions are a win/win for everyone!

When asked about becoming an Ambassador... Mary is a cheerleader! “I feel it is the single most important step you can make to networking your business and yourself. It is a giant step in becoming successful.”

2015 Ambassadors

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### 2015 Anacortes Waterfront Festival

**Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th 10am to 6pm**

- Anacortes Yacht Club - Free Boat Rides
- Fidalgo Rotary Club Boat Building
- Corvette & Classic Car Show
- Remote Controlled Model Boat Display
- Quick & Dirty Boat Building
- “Whatever Boats Your Float” Art Show
- 2nd Annual Community Plaza Dance from 6-8pm on Saturday at the Depot Arts Center

**Live Music & Entertainment**
- Beer & Wine Garden
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- Variety of Food Vendors
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- Educational Activities

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