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## Cornerstone Members

- **Puget Sound Refinery**
- **TESORO**

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It’s nearly time for the 56th Anacortes Arts Festival. Filling downtown the Festival backbone is 250 booth artisans from around the country, featuring all variety of art and crafts.

Arts at the Port Fine Art Show is the crown jewel. It opens on Saturday, July 29 at 6pm (free) & remains open during Festival week. It includes three shows in one, and features over 40 regional artists. Arts at the Port transforms the warehouse into a unique exhibition space far from the urban art scene.

Three stages with extended evening hours showcase 32 musical acts. Country, Pop, Rock, Jazz, World music - including local talent like John Van Deusen, Old Town Tonic, Jacob Navarro, A Town Big Band and Miller Campbell.

A new Food Truck Alley and Craft Beer Garden add a new “foody” option to our traditional food vendors and three beer and wine gardens. Runners can start Saturday off with the Art Dash – a certified half marathon, 10k, and 5k run along the waterfront. And there is a creative hands-on area for kids in partnership with local organizations who serve families and children.

A unique festival feature is Working Studios, from 2nd Street to the water. It consists of artists actively working, and demonstrating traditional, contemporary and folk art forms.

These artists are masters of their craft… teachers and organizers with national reputations. It is also the area where the Festival slips in a WOW factor.

This year’s highlight is SAND SCULPTING. Nationally recognized sculptor, Bert Adams, will spend the weekend creating larger-than-life sculpture out of sand. Bert is the founder of Sand in the City – a non-profit that organizes sand sculpting competitions across the country.

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Gearing Up for the School Year

A few years ago, our chamber partnered with the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce in the Experience Work Project (EWP). This is an ongoing effort to bridge the business community and our students by providing robust learning opportunities that help prepare youth and adult students to become valued participants in the local business economy.

EWP also partners with Northwest Workforce Council, serving Skagit Valley Workforce Grant students and will reinvigorate its efforts to serve Anacortes High School students during their junior and senior year.

Experience Work Project’s goal is to help students determine their desired career path and align them with job shadow opportunities in their field of interest. By observing a career first-hand, AHS students will be receiving additional tools that will help them choose a career program (either higher education or certified training) and subsequently the profession they would like to pursue. Experience Work Project will be working with up to 90 Anacortes High School students helping them gain valuable job skills for their post-secondary education plans and join our future workforce.

EWP is a Mount Vernon Chamber Foundation Program, and is highly valuable for the students since both chambers bring robust partnerships within the business community and over 10 years in workforce development efforts.

If your company would like to offer a Job Shadow opportunity for an Anacortes High School student or a Skagit Valley College student and to learn more about the program please contact Silvia Reed at silvia@experienceworkproject.com or 360-428-8545.

Be expecting an email from me asking for you to join us in shaping the future of our youth; my goal is to increase Anacortes job site opportunities to 50 by the time school begins again this fall.

- Stephanie Hamilton
President

Bert is being joined in the area by Steve Backus, a master at chainsaw sculpture. Steve has been carving for 40 years — and is one of a long line of family members who have helped define this craft. Northwest Washington Wood Turners and Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association create beautiful, functional pieces out of local and exotic woods.

Another master craftsman with a big reputation is Anacortes’ own Paul Thorne, Blacksmith. Paul has made a career as an architectural smith and instructor. He’s more than happy to give you a short history lesson about the importance of blacksmithing in the development of civilization — and show you how he can take a molten lump of hot metal and pound it into both functional pieces and fine art.

Katherine Lewis is one of a handful of artists in the US who grow their own willow, from which she weaves traditional baskets. Katherine has the honor of having several baskets on display at the Smithsonian Museum.

Finally, Sean Dietrich will paint the 11th annual Festival mural. Sean has live-painted at over 4,000 events nationwide.

The Anacortes Arts Festival draws people to our community at the most beautiful time of year. This is our opportunity to show off our creativity and hospitality, while making money to support community art and arts education year-round. Visit AnacortesArtsFestival.com for more information.
member profile
Dakota Creek Industries

A privately held, family-run business, Dakota Creek Industries’ history dates back to 1975 when it made its start as a small shipyard on the Dakota Creek in Blaine, Washington. Initially performing repair and conversion work, the company soon outgrew the facility and moved to Anacortes in 1977, and began also building new vessels including fishing vessels, tug boats, commercial and government vessels. Since their move, DCI has steadily grown into a shipyard that is well-known locally and internationally for its quality and craftsmanship, continually updating and improving their facilities. Over the past 42 years, DCI has continued to use tried-and-true practices coupled with the latest in technology and engineering to produce the best possible outcome. This has been proven over the 62 vessels they have delivered, with several more currently in production.

DCI is passionate about the overall well-being of their employees, which is why they provide an onsite medical clinic staffed with an MD, DO, PA, and EMT, as well as a part-time massage therapist, for employees and their families free of charge. And to further round out the needs of their employees, DCI offers free lunch daily made by a dedicated crew in their modern, fully-equipped galley. Traveling from as far as Blaine, Marblemount and Sultan, their devoted staff prove they are committed to the DCI family, where the average person (out of over 315 employees) has been there over eight years.

Not only does DCI love their employees, they care deeply for the community that has helped support them since moving here 40 years ago. Shortly after moving here, DCI became a member of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce in order to be an active participant in the vitality of Anacortes. Additionally, DCI supports this town through donations to Island Hospital, STEM, Waterfront Festival, and more.

Fun Fact: Between their seven cranes, two transporters, Drydock and Syncrolift, the team over at DCI can lift over 15,526 tons (31,052,000 pounds)! That’s strong enough to lift almost 7 Deception Pass Bridges!

Curious about what’s going on down there? Stay up to date with the current projects through their Facebook page: Facebook.com/DakotaCreekInd

board appreciation

Thank you Nels Strandberg, Strandberg Construction Inc., for treating the 2017 Board of Directors and chamber staff to a spectacular ride aboard Blue Moon.
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**ribbon cutting**

Welcome Escape Anacortes! What a tremendous asset to Anacortes!  
If you haven’t checked them out you need to for birthday parties or business team building. www.escapeanacortes.com

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**2017 ambassadors**

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Please join us for an open house at  
the Majestic Inn and Spa’s  
new private rooftop Lounge  
419 commercial Avenue  
Wednesday, August 2nd from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm  
(weather permitting due to outdoor venue)

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- **Sarah Sanders** - Cap Sante Court Retirement Community  
- **Veronica Spencer** - Take Shape For Life  
- **Brianna Vyrostek** - Bob’s Chowder Bar & BBQ Salmon  
- **Charles Yousling** - Waddell & Reed Inc  
- **Heather Zelazowski** - Bank of the Pacific

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"Your parade and town spirit are wonderful! We were visiting my sister, who fell in love with Anacortes and recently moved there from Seattle. Thanks for a great 4th!" Kathy Jones, from San Juan (Puerto Rico)
Bier on the Pier returns to Anacortes October 6th & 7th. Now in its 7th year, this popular festival brings beer lovers from across Washington, Oregon and British Columbia to our coastal community for a weekend of great beer, music, and food. 2,800 guests will sample the best from 30 Northwest breweries and 10 cideries.

**Become a Sponsor!**

With attendance split evenly between local attendees and visitors from across the region, Bier on the Pier is a great opportunity to promote your business to an enthusiastic crowd. Sponsorships for this event can include Facebook mentions, a banner at the festival, a sponsorship listing in the program, tickets to the festival, and/or your logo on the informational poster. We are also working to create more interactive sponsorship to promote festival supporters. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Nancy Rytand-Carey at the chamber, 360-293-7911 or nrytand.anacortes.org. She would love to work with your business to find the best way for you to be a part of this popular event!

**Volunteer!**

This two-day festival takes many hands to make light work. Volunteering is a great way to get involved with Bier on the Pier and comes with a great perk – a free ticket to the festival! From ticket sales to brewery assistants, this festival has lots of ways that you can help. Volunteer on a Friday and enjoy the festival on Saturday, or vice versa. Come meet great people in the Anacortes community and have fun while greeting guests to our town and celebrating the best of Washington beer. You can sign up to volunteer online, go to anacortes.org/bier-on-the-pier/ and click on the “volunteer” tab or call 360-293-7911.

On Thursday, July 13th we held the Candidates’ Forum at City Hall. The room was full with community members ready to meet and greet prospective candidates. Thank you to all the volunteers who lended their time and expertise with facilitating the forum.
new members

Majestic Glass Corvette Club
John Lucke
360-424-6918
edgarmgcc@gmail.com
2230 W Parkway Dr.
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5528
www.majesticglass.org
Majestic Glass Corvette Club is a non-profit organization presently covering six Western Washington counties. Our goal is to develop friendship and pride among Corvette enthusiasts and owners.

Douglas N Owens PS
Doug Owens
360-299-3990
dougowens@seattlerelawyer.com
1610 Commercial Ace, Suite 207
Anacortes, WA 98221
www.anacortes-realestate-lawyer.com
Legal Services
Anacortes real estate attorney who can help your real estate investing business succeed.

Crowe, Debra
425-495-1092
breathelife37@gmail.com
Consulting
Wellness consulting with a holistic approach. Consultation for individuals, groups, and corporate entities. Consultation includes assessing one’s changes/transition in order to be healthier.

Guinn, John
johgui@comcast.net
Anacortes, WA 98221
Individual

Gypsy’s at Anacortes
Beth Hallen
gypsysatana@gmail.com
414 Commercial Ave
Anacortes, WA 98221
(360) 399-7372
Retail - Clothing
New clothing and gifts at great prices. Espresso & tea bar.

member renewals

• Anacortes Family Center
• Autumn Leaves Bed & Breakfast
• Ballow, Gail @ John L. Scott Real Estate
• Buer’s Floral and Vintage
• Cap Sante Inn
• Darden, Mike - Re/Max Gateway
• Express Employment Professionals
• Frontier Building Supply
• Furin & Company, P.S.
• Garner’s Northwest, Inc.
• Highland Woods, LLC
• John L. Scott Real Estate/Anacortes
• Lake Campbell Lodging
• Lang, Kelli @ RE/Max Gateway
• Martin, Marty
• Northwest Rigging
• Pacific Biodiversity Institute
• Piston Service Auto Plus
• Red Door Thrift Shop Community Support of Christ Episcopal Church
• San Juan Safaris/San Juan Outfitters
• Sebo’s Hardware & Equipment Rentals
• SERVPRO of Skagit County
• Sound Experience
• West Yachts

thanks...

Thanks to the Swinomish Casino & Lodge for hosting our July Business After Hours. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

• Anacortes Oil and Vinegar Bar
• Bank of the Pacific
• Central Payment Corporation
• Classic Style & Company LLC
• Swinomish Casino and Lodge

It was a great evening at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge. Stay tuned for the grand opening of their remodel currently underway.
On Wednesday, June 28th and Friday, June 30th, 200 chamber members were treated to a free ride aboard the new Island Explorer 5. There was a $10 donation request per passenger and $1,730 was raised to go towards beautification efforts in our community. Thank you Shane Aggergaard and your team!

VIC appreciation

On Tuesday, June 27th, the Anacortes Visitor Center Volunteers gathered at Seafarers Park to celebrate them. This is a favorite event for the volunteers and the chamber every year. The staff provide the chicken and the volunteers bring their favorite side dish, appetizer or dessert. It's always fun to see who brings what and who get the last piece of the key lime pie!

The VIC volunteers are instrumental in greeting guests to our island as well as providing information for our locals.

Anacortes wouldn't be what it is without these smiling faces helping people everyday.

Please stop in and say hello. They would love to get to know more about you and your business.
vic (visitor information center) statistics

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Thank you, volunteers!

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