

# August Wheeler News

## July was a busy month for Sequim Wheelers volunteers.

In addition to our weekly rides, many were involved, more than once, in two fun and successful social events benefitting our organization. The Ice-cream Social and our first booth at the Lavender Festival.



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### **A SHOUT OUT to all those who volunteered to make our first booth a success at the Lavender festival**

- **Lavender Festival Committee:** Christine Goodson, Sue Heffernan, Jackie Ragghianti, Char Reeves, Morgan Stevenson, Gayle Selby.
- **Festival Booth Spray Painting and Vendor Parking:** Bob Fitton, Rick Higginbotham, John Gagan, Jean Gurnee, Jeff Gurnee, Sue Heffernan, Grant Herman, Roberta Larson, Paul McDevitt, Char Reeves, Grant Rollins, Morgan Stevenson, Rich Wyatt
- **Loading/Trailing/Unloading Booth Supplies and Bike:** Tom Coonelly, Jean Gurnee, Jeff Gurnee, Norm Hieger, Grant Rollins, Chuck Seelye
- **Festival Shift Volunteers:** Sandy Berryhill (2 shifts), Arnold Bleicher, Tom Coonelly (x2), Bob Fitton, Ann Flack, John Gagan (x3), Joann Garner, Christine Goodson (x2), Sue Heffernan (x2), Grant Herman, Roberta Larson, Nicole Lepping, Kathy Mahnerd, Eric Mahnerd, Jackie Ragghianti, Char Reeves (x2), Grant Rollins (x2), Chuck Seelye, JoAnne Yerkes

The Sequim Wheelers' first (and hopefully annual) Lavender Festival booth was a great success thanks to so many who helped pull it together. Volunteers were involved in planning for and putting together the booth that included a raffle, helping to set up/spray paint booth locations and vendor parking in Carrie Blake Park, loading booth supplies and trailering one of our Duet bikes for the booth, 2-hour shift work over the 3 days of the Festival and taking down/packing up and trailering items/bike back to the Shed.

Visitors to the booth (local, but many from out of the area) shared positive comments about our program, expressed interest in private rides, and showed interest in/signing up to volunteer. \$1,000 was donated by Walmart for the Lavender Festival. Almost \$600 was raised during the festival and Fun was had by all!



### **Big Thanks to:**

- **Joy Jay (Sequim Pickler) for donating all the beautiful lavender**
- **The Friends' Place & Tim's Place for putting together our Wheelers' special gift cups for the Lavender Festival. They constructed approx. 300 adorable cups!**





## IN THE KNOW



**A BIG Thank you to the Sequim Prairie Grange for thinking of the Sequim - Dungeness Valley's very own unique nonprofit to benefit from their fun event on a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon in July.**



Community members and Sequim Wheeler volunteers, family members, and friends joined together on Sunday, July 13th, for delicious, icy treats of banana splits and root beer ice cream floats at the Sequim Prairie Grange. Sequim Wheeler volunteers trailered and put on display the Opair, Fun2Go, and Trishaw bikes and helped to serve the ice cream treats. Volunteers had the opportunity to visit and share information about our program and show off our bikes. Thanks to the generosity of Nancy (owner of the Shed and Barn) and Sequim Prairie Grange, proceeds from the event benefited Sequim Wheelers. Dollar amount "To be determined"

**Kudos to the following volunteers:** Cheryl Daniels, Bob Fitton, Norm Hieger, John Gagan, Christine Goodman, Sue Heffernan, Roberta Larson, Char Reeves, Grant Rollins, Chuck Seelye, Gayle Selbey, Sheila Walters, and JoAnne Yerkes.







**A \$10,350 donation from Chris** (left), a friend of Eric Mahnerd, is sufficient to cover the cost of one of the Opair bikes that are currently in transit to Sequim.

## IN THE KNOW



**A big thank you** to all these amazing artists who contributed items to the Wheelers to raffle off at the Lavender Festival: Macaria D. Patapoff, Bob Selby, Lisa Gilbert, Diana Miller, and John Frick.

# Sequim Wheelers' "Ambassadors Bureau"

## CALL TO ACTION

### Purpose

The Sequim Wheelers have a strategic goal of "Community Engagement." To help accomplish this goal, the Sequim Wheelers are seeking volunteers (including non-Board members) who wish to participate as members of the Sequim Wheelers' "Ambassadors Bureau." Ambassadors would attend various luncheons and resource fairs and help coordinate the team effort of manning a booth at festivals and/or farmers' markets.

Long term, the Sequim Wheelers are looking for a Board member to lead this effort regularly by helping to provide "ambassadors" from the Sequim Wheelers to various functions throughout the Sequim-Dungeness Valley community. This is a fun and unique opportunity to meet your neighbors.

### Objective

Currently, the Sequim Wheelers provide a representative to various functions around Sequim on an "ad hoc basis." ... the goal is to make this activity more predictable and permanent.

### Expense Reimbursement Policy

The Sequim Wheelers will reimburse ambassadors for any registration fees or other out-of-pocket expenses necessary to attend the event. Food or drink for the ambassadors is paid for by the ambassador.

### Call to Action -Contact

Board President John Gagan at [john.sequimwheelers@gmail.com](mailto:john.sequimwheelers@gmail.com) or 360-460-1453

The updated  
Sequim  
Wheelers  
rack card!

## IN THE KNOW



New poster  
to show all  
our bikes!



Reminder to take part  
in the Cider Ride...

August 7th from 1-4 pm.

Olympic Bluffs Cidery and Lavender Farm  
1025 Finn Hall Road in the Agnew area  
for a cider tasting

- For a donation of \$50 per person to the Wheelers
- Participants would get a guided tour with an interesting explanation of the cidery operation
- Plus a sampling of the ciders available (approximately 6 different tasting ciders)
- **Contact Arnold at [ridesequim@gmail.com](mailto:ridesequim@gmail.com)**

**We need sign-ups. Encourage  
friends & family to go!**



## CALL TO ACTION



**Ride regularly with us!**

*“To ensure a vibrant and supportive  
community for our Wheelers”*

- We encourage our volunteers to participate in at least 2-3 rides or events each month.
- Regular involvement helps build camaraderie and keeps our wheels—and spirits—turning.
- Of course, we understand that life can be busy, so we’re always happy to work with your schedule.

## New website Launch!

**We are up and running!**

Thank you to  
Jason & Heide Backus  
for donating & updating  
our new website.  
[sequimwheelers.com](http://sequimwheelers.com)

Sequim Wheelers  
Serving the elderly and disabled  
with assisted bike rides!

