

Strawberry Festival – June 24, 2023

A Great Success!

MICA's annual Strawberry Festival, held June 24, 2023 at the Nordland Garden Club, was a resounding success with a great community turnout for fun and games and, of course, the delicious strawberry shortcakes. The event wouldn't happen without a lot of hard work by community volunteers and MICA members.

This family event has lots of fun and games including the North vs South tug-of-war, won by neighbors in the North. Games were organized by MICA board member Radha Newsom with help from Johnny Colden and Richard Sloane. We were also treated to music by guitarist and neighbor John Matthieson.

A special thanks goes to past-President and Citizen of Year Bud Ayres mother, Katherine Ayres, for donating the shortcakes baked by Pan d'Amore Bakery in Port Townsend. Strawberries were purchased from Graysmarsh farms in Sequim. Thanks, as well, to all islanders and friends for donating toward the strawberries.

Strawberry shortcakes were served by Nordland Garden Club members Liz Hazen, Joyce Lauterback, Shari Wright, and MICA Secretary Colleen Ebken. Thanks also to Carol Woodard and Andrea Carlson for access and set up help at the Garden Club building.

Chief Bret Black, along with volunteers Mike Harte and Chris Moore from East Jefferson Fire and Rescue were a big hit for participating, handing out kids' fire helmets and other home safety information.

Dave Blythe documented the event with many photos which will be posted here on the website as soon as possible.

Below is a list of volunteers who helped make the Strawberry Festival a success this year.

Community Members

- John Matthieson, Music
- Katherine Ayres, Shortcakes
- Steve Burns, Strawberry Fetcher
- Johnny Colden, Games
- Richard Sloane, Games
- Dave Blythe, Photographer

Nordland Garden Club

- Liz Hazen, Server, Garden Club Life Member
- Joyce Lauterback, Server, Garden Club VP
- Shari Wright, Server, Garden Club trustee
- Andrea Carlson, Garden Club Trustee
- Carol Woodard, Garden Club President

Vendors

- Giselle Blythe, Jewelry
- Cynthia Rowe, Marrowstone Shirts
- Carolyn Doe, Art
- Andrew & Nat Lantz, Thai Tea
- Suzi Clinefelter, Custom Embroidery

Information Tables

- Beckie Mermod, Friends of Fort Flagler
- George Sibley, Friends of Fort Flagler
- Lee-Alison Sibley, Friends of Fort Flagler
- Cheryl Brunette & Jim Nurenberg, Marrowstone Island Foundation
- Patricia Earnest and Committee Members, Name the New Bridge

East Jefferson Fire and Rescue

- Bret Black, Chief
- Mike Harte, Volunteer
- Chris Moore, Volunteer

MICA Board

- Gary Rowe, President
- Jessica Lowe, Vice President
- Barry Lerich, Treasurer
- Colleen Ebken, Secretary (strawberry shortcake server)
- Radha Newsom, At-large (games)
- Linda Secord, Past President (current)
- Bud Ayres, Past President

Of course, we thank everyone who joined us and made it a great event!

We look forward to another great festival next year.