



FRIENDS of  
FORT WORDEN  
STATE PARK

# COMMUNIQUE

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Autumn 2010

## Celebrate Fort Worden!

The Friends of Fort Worden invite you and a guest to taste local wines and meet the winemakers on Friday, December 10 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the USO Building on the Fort Worden Campus.

Mike Cavett of Fairwinds Winery, Richard Sorensen of Sorensen Cellars, and Jim and Christina Pivarnik of Christina James will pour their wines and answer attendees' questions following a brief annual meeting of the Friends.

Admission is free by reservation for members of the Friends and one guest, or \$10.00 each at the door for non-members. Each participant will receive four tickets for tasting, with additional tickets available for a small fee. Wines by the bottle or case will be sold on site by the Friends. Light refreshments provided by Bon Appetit will be available, and a raffle prize will be offered at \$5.00 per ticket.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by phone at 360.344.4459.

This event will benefit the Friends' efforts to provide amenities and enhancements to the Fort that are beyond the State Parks' budget.

## President's Report

Rick Sepler

## Accommodating Contemporary Needs in Our Historic Park

Old buildings often outlive their original purposes. Adaptive reuse, is a process that adapts buildings for new uses while retaining their historic features. In the case of Fort Worden, an old barracks (Building 202) will become a center for higher education; A loved, but "worn-around the edges" historic theater (the Wheeler) can find new life as an exciting venue for the arts and education.

In the pursuit of sustainable development, communities have much to gain from adaptively reusing historic buildings. Bypassing the wasteful process of demolition and reconstruction is a major environmental benefit. This, combined with energy savings and the social advantage of recycling a valued historic site make adaptive reuse an essential component of sustainable development.

The most successfully developed historic adaptive reuse projects are those that respect and retain the building's heritage significance and add a contemporary layer that provides value for the future. Sometimes, adaptive reuse is the only way that a building's fabric will be properly cared for, revealed or interpreted, while making better use of the building itself. Adaptive reuse also has the additional benefit of providing an opportunity to show sustainable energy and restoration practices in action while maintaining buildings that are a part of local history.

The Friends have been active participants in the on-going process to rehabilitate and enhance both Building 202 and the Wheeler Theater. There is growing momentum and a clear commitment to make both of these facilities into special places that will serve our community. These projects will enhance the vitality and viability of the Fort...which is entirely consistent with the mission on the Friends.

Visit our ever-changing website [fwfriends.org](http://www.fwfriends.org)

## Treasurer's Report

David Sepler

Friends and friends of Friends are urged to check out the new merchandise featured at the Guardhouse Gift Shop for their holiday shopping.

The long-awaited installation of wi-fi is nearing completion, and informative guest books are in place in the housing units, thanks to Friends financial support. To date, the Friends have contributed \$11,000 to on-going development projects at the Fort, including the restoration of the Wheeler Theatre.

## Park Manager's Report

Kate Burke

Welcome to Fall. It is at this time of year that Parks undergoes a lot of project work that cannot be accomplished during the busy summer months.

This fall we have completed and are in the process of completing some big items:

Lead Paint Abatement on Non-Commissioned Officers' Row housing – the last of the pastel colors are gone and the original military colors are being applied. The Correctional Industries crews do the abatement and primer coats. Fort Worden Staff will finish the final coats and trim. Our maintenance crew – thanks much to Tom Walker – has repaired, reconstructed and installed new back porches and steps on the Row also.

Roofs and Chimneys – contractors are underway completing new roofs and reconstructed chimneys on Officers' Row houses 4, 9, 11 and 16.

Our beach campground is getting new sewer lines and a lift station as part of the Puget Sound Clean Water Initiative. We are also getting a new comfort station to replace the old 601 comfort station. This will have individualized showers and bathrooms with energy efficient solar panels to assist with hot water demands. The sewer and lift station should be completed by Nov. 16 and the comfort station by end of December.

We have many exciting projects lined up for the upcoming legislative session that will continue our work towards the goal of transforming Fort Worden into a learning center. The partnerships with Fort Worden and Peninsula College, Goddard College, the City of Port Townsend and the Federal Government are supporting the rehabilitation of Building 202 and the Wheeler Theater.

The Marine Science Center has big plans for their space along with the beach. They are embarking upon a campaign to raise funds for the Ocean Sciences Building. This will be the home to Hope, their Orca whale skeleton, who will be the catalyst for teaching so many of us on the health of the Puget Sound waters.

I am so grateful for the energy and enthusiasm shown at the park for our projects and the support to make Fort Worden's vision as a learning center comes to fruition. I cannot do this without the support of you and the committed communities of Fort Worden and Port Townsend.

Happy Fall and see you around the Fort!



## Fort Worden Annual Silent Auction

USO Building

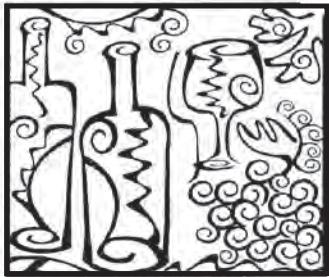
Weds., Nov. 17 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Public is  
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Special Raffle  
Gift Basket of Local  
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- Free with \$25 FFW membership purchase
- \$10 per person otherwise

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