

The Historic Farm Today



Historic Farmhouse - 1912



Historic Barn - 1917



Chicken Coops – 1920
held over 1000 chickens each

Monthly Events at the Farm

January – Annual Island Arts Art show
February – Monthly potluck and program
March – Monthly potluck and program
April – Monthly potluck and program
May – Farm Day: Plant sale, food, activities.
June – Juneteenth Celebration
July – Annual Salmon and Rib Bake
and Silent Auction
August – Outdoor band concerts
September – Monthly potluck and program
October – Annual Apple Squeeze
Monthly potluck and program
November – Annual meeting and potluck
December – Holiday Open House
Holiday concerts



Annual Salmon & Rib Bake



Location

9306 Otso Point Rd., Anderson Island WA 98303
Anderson Island is the southernmost island
in Puget Sound. It is reached by a twenty
minute ferry ride from Steilacoom, Washington.
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AIHS is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

ANDERSON ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserve, Present, Engage



The Anderson Island Historical Society was founded in 1975, to preserve the historic Johnson Farm. Our mission is to preserve and present island history, and engage and nurture the island community.

We

- **Maintain and operate** the farm as an island history museum.
- **Host 40 community Gardens**, and a weekly Garden Market.
- **Sponsor monthly island events.**
- **Operate a new Archival Building** as a museum and a community event center.

The Farm History



John and Alma Marie Johnson

established the Johnson Farm in 1896, on forty acres they purchased from their friend, Bengt Johnson. They paid for the farm by cutting cordwood for Bengt, which he sold to the many steamers that sailed in Puget Sound.

The Johnsons had 4 children: two daughters, Alida and Ruth, and two sons, Oscar and Rudolph. Alma Marie died in 1907, but John and the family continued to work the farm, concentrating on poultry and dairy products, and the farm prospered.

When John died in 1924, his two sons, Oscar and Rudy, continued to operate and improve the farm. They never married, and lived on the farm until their deaths in 1969 and 1975.



Rudy Johnson

The Historical Society History

When Rudolph Johnson passed away in 1975, they had no direct heirs. The farm passed to their sister's daughter, Alma Ruth Lang. The farm had become a marginal enterprise, with little economic value, but great historical value to islanders.



To preserve the farm, a group of islanders incorporated the *Anderson Island Historical Society* in October, 1975, and Alma Ruth Lang donated the farm and outbuildings to the new organization. Later, John and Karen Park donated an additional 20 acres of the original farm.

Over the past 47 years the volunteers of the society have restored the 14 buildings to their original glory, including the historic 1912 farmhouse and 1917 barn.



In 2016 the volunteers built an Archival Building to house the Society's collection of artifacts and memorabilia, and to serve as a museum and an event center for the island.

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Today the society enjoys a membership of over 200, with many members volunteering for monthly events and weekly work parties. AIHS is an all-volunteer organization

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Open weekends during the summer



Archival Building Museum