

Stanwood Area Historical Museum

Although Stanwood is on the mainland, their history and that of Camano Island are inextricably linked. The neighboring communities once shared destinies as logging and milling towns, poised perfectly to take advantage of all the commerce happening on Puget Sound. The two continue to share resources and community spirit today.



The Stanwood Area Historical Museum features exhibits and amazing collections of stories. Artifacts across several historic buildings reveal the connection between Stanwood and Camano Island histories. Starting in the D.O. Pearson House, home of the first Mayor of Stanwood, the museum has grown to encompass a whole historic corner, including the Tolin House and a former Oddfellows Hall. Today the hall is known as the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center and serves as a community gathering place for events.

The sprawling museum and cultural center has no central reception area, so wander around and don't give up if you don't meet someone right away. There is plenty to see before you even go inside, such as the Fir Log Cross Section representing the logging boom of the area. Felled in 1928, the tree was approximately 1,200 years old and 150 feet tall. It's worth seeking out a docent to hear tales of this time and walk you through the many other intriguing displays.

Located at 27122 102nd Avenue NW, Stanwood. Look for a volunteer tour guide in the Eldridge Center or the Tolin House. Go to sahs-fncc.org for hours and events.

TOP RIGHT: The D.O. Pearson House, built circa 1890. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Stanwood-Leque Island Bridge over the West Pass of the Stillaguamish - dedicated in 1909. Photo: courtesy of Stanwood Area Historical Society.

