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# Meet the 2013 Herald community editorial board



**Heather Hernandez**  
Publisher



**Colette Weeks**  
Editor

Hernandez and Weeks are joined by five members of the Skagit County community who will participate in offering consensus opinions on this page. They are:



**Sharene Elander**  
Anacortes

**Background:** A Northwest native, former resident of La Conner and a lifelong community volunteer. Served on the Museum of Northwest Art board of trustees, has been involved in various issues in Anacortes, trained in grant-writing.

**Education:** University of Washington.  
**Interest in the editorial board:** "In the 20 years we've been here, there's been such explosive growth. I think the citizenry needs to have healthy debates on how they want this county to go. There is such pressure on the land and how it's going to be used versus the development. I'm interested in being a part of helping people debate this and bring it to the fore."



**Andy Friedlander**  
Sedro-Woolley

**Background:** Retired in 2010 from Skagit Valley College, where he ran the theater program for 26 years and still teaches part-time. He plays in a bluegrass band and has an exhibit of his paintings at Cafe Burlington. Native of New York City, Skagit Valley resident since 1984.

**Education:** Earlham College and Yale University School of Drama.

**Interest in the editorial board:** "I really have looked for, since I retired, intellectual stimulation. I love to think about stuff ... (and) try to bring some thoughtful perspective concerning issues in the valley."



**Tom Heuterman**  
Clear Lake

**Background:** Retired journalism professor from Washington State University, former journalist from Yakima. Retired to Clear Lake in 1996 with his wife. Currently involved with Skagit Widow Support Services, where he has taught classes.

**Interest in the editorial board:** "It comes naturally to want to be around a newspaper."



**Jane Runge**  
Mount Vernon

**Background:** Special education teacher at Little Mountain Elementary. Resident of Skagit Valley since 1996.

**Education:** University of Wisconsin.  
**Interest in the editorial board:** "I'd like to stretch myself to be more open to a more thorough understanding of various points of view. I think it will be an opportunity for me to be a lot more thoughtful ... and to hear many sides of an issue."



**Jerry Willins**  
La Conner

**Background:** Owner and CEO of Holland Health Services. Valley resident since 1968. Previously worked as a pharmacist in Sedro-Woolley as well as businesses in Mount Vernon. Former Sedro-Woolley city councilman.

**Education:** University of Washington.

**Interest in the editorial board:** "The opinion pages ... and thoughtful communications inform the community in a timely manner. I'm tickled to be part of a process that can thoughtfully educate the citizens and myself."