



Stillwaters Environmental Center

RIPPLES AND REFLECTIONS

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WHAT'S ON OUR MINDS - Reflections from the Stillwaters staff & board members

*"When elephants fight,
it is the grass that suffers."*

Pretty much all of our staff, board members, and other volunteers have been slowly coming back from the shock of the threatened changes that will be coming our way with a new president. It's been good to have our Stillwaters "tribe" talking to each other and sharing, if not optimism, at least determination to keep fighting to protect Puget Sound and all of the Earth in every way we can.

It's hard to remember that just as recently as October, the director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) visited Puget Sound & met with the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP), Tribal officials, & Governor Inslee. She announced a number of federal actions for Puget Sound. It was clear the PSP's regional priorities were now becoming shared national priorities! Two large scale habitat projects were approved by the Army Corps for \$450 million. Another \$100 million was dedicated for a project on White River. And another \$248 million, half state & half federal, was allocated for Puget Sound to continue PSP priorities. Such great news!

But oh what a difference an election makes. Hopefully, none of those successes will be undermined, but this is an uncertainty. Many environmental priorities are now being challenged. We will undoubtedly feel the effects here in fewer dollars allocated for restoration efforts. There will be battles to fight for protection of many natural spaces across the country, too. Just the threat to the National Parks and Forests—for logging, mining, or oil extraction—sends shivers of dread and panic.

What do we do? We can't give up or let down our guard! Now more than ever, let's make ourselves heard! NOW — Earth needs us!



From one of the Stillwaters tribe: *"It is now more important than ever for us to continue our environmental work - even though it is only at the local level. In two months we will have a 'loose cannon' in the white house that will do everything he can to turn our country into a wasteland."*

Talking with others who feel the same way about Earth is helpful. But the time has come to make our bodies follow our mouths—to put ourselves into action. Think of this time as the national crisis it is!

- Donate to every environmental group you can, as you can afford — start with Stillwaters, and then branch out!
- Put your body into action—whether protesting, volunteering, or making lifestyle changes to use even less of Earth's resources.
- Think LOCAL even more than ever—to build a local resiliency of our communities.
- Pay attention —don't tune out! Be vigilant—send emails & sign petitions! See p. 5 for websites.
- HANG IN THERE—we need to be "deliberative, adaptive, and relentless"!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



Find a place to jump in . . .

- **Stillwaters Fish Passage Monitoring** — Citizen Scientists are doing estuary, stream & salt marsh monitoring, sediment analysis, setting up equipment, recording data collected, & monthly birding. Last summer we also did Green Crab monitoring in the Estuary, in conjunction with U.W. Other work included vegetation & insect surveys, fish presence photography, metals monitoring, tidal elevation and more. Monitors needed!
- **Interns from U.W. Program on Environment & WWU-Huxley College of the Environment**— connecting students to the watershed & field work has been excellent training for them & helpful for us. WWU interns were here last summer, and one intern from UW will be working with us next quarter.
- **More Training & Teaching** — New Monitors are training on the job. Camp Indianola was the site for a one-day field trip for Suquamish Elementary, and students came here from schools in Bremerton and Kingston. Community members joined our monthly birders for on-site bird watching tips. EcoFest, a low-tide Beach Walk & EcoCruises were well-attended summer education for all ages. Joleen & Beth Berglund explained the importance of water quality at the Hansville Community Center.
- **Trail, Campus, & 'Earth' Work** — Trails get groomed whenever we have folks to do it. Some WWU students and other volunteers really spruced up the campus before our August dinner, including cutting up downed trees.
- **Outreach** — We're working with Kitsap County to spread word about the W. Kingston Bridge—coming in 2017. Our volunteers &/or display were at the Kingston Open House, Kitsap Arts & Crafts Festival, Columbia Bank, our Book Sale, & Fish Park Salmon Day.
- **Event Planning** — The annual Stillwaters Dinner on August 14 took lots of planning, but was a lovely, intimate evening! 2017 EcoFest & Dinner planning is starting soon, and more Event Planners are needed!



- **Board Development** — A clarification of our mission, vision & strategic plan were the focus of two retreats. Our usual fund raising continues while we make plans to remodel the Tree House & improve the campus in the future.
- **Adding to our staff** — While sad to see Kari Pelaez move on, we are delighted to welcome Patti Pearson & Fawn Harris! See p. 4.
- **Office Assistance & Mailings** — these are critical! Jump into a mailing party or help out in the office regularly.
 - **Book Sale & Native Plant Sale** — Our local Used Book Sale was a great success this year, raising \$6500. It is a year-round activity — with books to sort, & lots to list online (where we raise even more funds). KHS Interact Students (right) helped with setup and taking down tents this year. Native Plants are for sale, available whenever we're open.
 - **Meeting & Planning** by the Stillwaters Staff, Board & Committees — New members are needed on the board & several committees.

That's a lot going on! No way to do all this without volunteers. See p. 6, & join us!

Thanks for these special donations:

- ♦ **Catering for Annual Dinner** by Anna Moore
- ♦ **Office Supplies & furniture** from Ron & Cindy Eber & many of you
- ♦ **Used Books & LP's** from many folks
- ♦ **Pest Control** from Critter Ridders
- ♦ **Legal Advice** from Beebe, Roberts & Bryan
- ♦ **Chiropractic Services** from Gaitlink Chiropractic Center in Kingston
- ♦ **Access to their land** for monitoring from Suzanne Arness, Jenny Davis, Steve & Sally Heacock, Kingston Hill Homeowners

THE OTHER BRIDGE IS COMING!

West Kingston Road

BRIDGE PROJECT

A project 17 years in the making is finally happening!

CONSTRUCTION COMING

Stillwaters is so very happy and proud to partner with Kitsap County, the Suquamish Tribe, & the Department of Fish & Wildlife, using mitigation funds from the Navy, to complete a major restoration improvement for our estuary habitat! This is the culvert we wanted most to replace—to open up the estuary at the mouth of the salt marsh. The current tiny, 5' culvert is being replaced with a 150' span of open estuary. The 150' of roadbed that is currently a giant dike in the middle of pristine estuarine habitat will be gone by this time next year. Stay tuned to find out what will happen when 6,000 sf of additional estuary is opened up, with tides flowing freely.

The project replaces the existing culvert with a two-span, 150-foot bridge, restores the tidal function in the Carpenter Creek Estuary, and enhances fish passage. Safety benefits include, wider travel lanes, street illumination, a pedestrian sidewalk and bike lane.

For project details go to <http://bit.ly/WKingston>

ROAD CLOSURE IS EXPECTED FROM APRIL - DECEMBER 2017

No vehicle or pedestrian access during closure



- NEW Bridge will include:**
- Two 12-foot travel lanes
 - A bike lane and sidewalk (north side)
 - 6-foot paved shoulder (south side)



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FUN LEARNING ON THE WATER



70 5th graders, teachers & parents

spent a day in June with our staff & docents at Camp Indianola, as part of their outdoor camp week. The Stillwaters day



included lots of chances for the kids to practice monitoring with real science equipment.



ECOFEST in June was another day of science learning for all ages!

ECO CRUISES are fascinating & fun no matter what the weather! Cruises in May & July exposed students



of all ages to the wonders of Puget Sound.



GREET OUR NEW STAFF



Kari Pelaez was finally able to move to Bothell to live with her fiancé Dan Beisel, and we couldn't be happier for her! They are enjoying life together, without a ferry to keep them apart, as well as fixing up their new home in Kenmore.

Two great Stillwaters people have come to work with us since Kari left, and we're so glad to have them both!



FAWN HARRIS is our Monitoring Secretary, assisting Joleen to keep the monitoring program running smoothly. She was an awesome intern with us in 2014 before graduating with

honors from Western Washington University in 2015. She is now working on her Master's Thesis at Evergreen State College using the Carpenter Creek watershed as her research study site.

Hiring Fawn greatly increases our capacity to manage and organize our Carpenter Creek restoration monitoring data and make it more accessible to the public, as well as other researchers.

PATTI PEARSON is our new Administrative Secretary, helping to "keep the wheels on"! You will meet her on the phone or in the office.



Patti has been involved at Stillwaters for 14 years, including being on the board for many years. She and her partner, Kinley, spent two years in Mongolia, but they now call Eglon home. They live in a small, off-grid house with their two daughters, Nara and Ameena, and lots of animals.

Patti is also a regular volunteer with Kingston Farm & Garden Co-op's Giving Garden, raising & harvesting produce for the food bank at ShareNet.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



More than ever NOW is the time to get involved! Do whatever you can to stand up for Earth . You probably dislike advocacy emails in your inbox as much as any of us, but now is not the time to send them all to the spam box. Check out some of these (or other) websites. Find at least 3 or 4 (here or elsewhere) that resonate with you, & get on their mail lists. And then **RESPOND** — learn more, sign their petitions , donate, or volunteer. Make your voice heard!

Natural Resources Defense Council: climate, health, energy, water, food & communities, with links for advocacy. www.nrdc.org

Center for the New American Dream: a little of everything to be sustainable. www.newdream.org

Union of Concerned Scientists: campaigns & actions relating to climate, energy, food, nuclear power & nuclear weapons. Also includes tips & tool kits for advocates. www.ucsusa.org

Earth Justice: focusing on environmental & wildlife protection, clean energy, food safety, clean water & air, & climate change. www.earthjustice.org/action

National Wildlife Federation: Wildlife education & protection. www.nwf.org

Audubon: natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, & their habitats. www.audubon.org/takeaction

Wildlife News: information site about actions affecting all wildlife & public lands in the West. www.thewildlifeneeds.com/

Green America: links to campaigns about food safety, clean energy, world trade practices. www.greenamerica.org

GET CURRENT NATURE NEWS BY EMAIL

You can receive weekly updates on some of the latest local environmental activities & action suggestions, too .

Just send your email address to naomi@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

WATERSHED WONDERS



Just a few of the welcome sights reported by our monitors lately —

SALMON IN THE STREAM — always a welcome sight this time of year! This one, & another like it, were found by Site 1 of our Carpenter Creek monitoring sites, possibly left by a bear who fancied only the heads? More live salmon were heard/seen that day in the stream.



BEAVERS have also been noted, with some new dam building in the stream. It's always good to know the wetland engineers are still at work in our watershed.



VIRGINIA RAILS have been seen & heard by our birders at Carpenter Lake for the first time! This beautiful bird is pretty secretive, so we don't have a picture.

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Volunteers are Making it Happen!

All of what we do at Stillwaters is done by or with our volunteers! Join us! Call 360-297-1226. Here's our crew so far in 2016 — Thanks!! *15+ hours **50+ hours ***100+ ****250+ hours



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Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS around Stillwaters!
 You can get on our email list to be notified of projects & respond when you can.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **HABITAT MONITORS:** Collect water quality data monthly in the estuary or creek. We do stream monitoring on Sundays; estuary monitoring dates vary. We also need monitors to help with the salt marsh & estuary sampling of soils, bugs, & more. Training is provided.
- ◆ **LIST BOOKS:** We need people to list books online, done in the office—it's fun to list the books & see them sell! We'll show you how.
- ◆ **SORT BOOKS:** The books for our Book Sale can be sorted starting in January. Your schedule is fine, once we show you the system.
- ◆ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Help needed now for Event Planning, Architecture Committee, & Development Committee.
- ◆ **PROPERTY & TRAIL WORK:** Special gardening, painting, clean-up, & other odd jobs . . .

MORE — CURRENT PROJECTS

- * Help install interpretive signs
- * Native Plant Nursery tending
- * Office assistant, help with mailings
- * Trim & sweep trails
- * Plant cedars in upper wetland
- * Fix gutters on barn
- * Remove Ivy & Blackberries at monitoring sites
- * Build new stairs to office
- * Add insulation above Gathering Room
- * Install solar lights on driveway

REMEMBERING ROGER STOLESON

We are grateful for gifts in memory of Roger Stoleson from *Don Swensson, Ardyce Haugen, John Niemann, Bylund & Phyllis Wik, Bill & Jean Ware, James & Ronine Riggins, Jerry & Donna Begley, & Tri Ply Construction. Roger passed way in October.*

Roger was a long-time devoted Stillwaters volunteer, especially working with the stream monitoring program.

To volunteer, call 360-297-1226 or email to patti@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

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Contact Naomi Maasberg at 360-297-1226 or naomi@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org.

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- Re-bar and PVC type pipes, flagging tape
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- Pop-up tents in good condition
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Tapes, Loppers

- 6-foot or 4-foot plastic top folding tables
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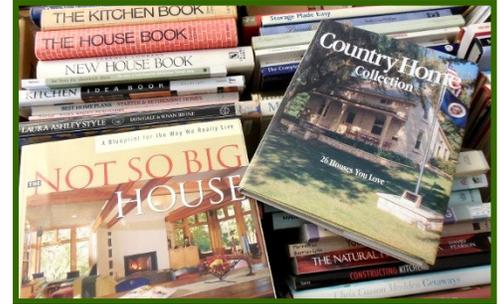
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We have a large selection of used books at the gift shop, priced from \$2 up to \$100. Not as many books as our September sale, to be sure, but a good variety of fiction & non-fiction.

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