



Stillwaters Environmental Center

RIPPLES AND REFLECTIONS

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

"That was the Week that Was . . ."

Do you remember the news program by that name? The phrase comes to my mind when looking back on some weeks here at Stillwaters. So many things can happen in any given week, but here's a sampling of

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF STILLWATERS

Monthly Stream Monitoring started Saturday night with setup in the shop. Sunday at 9 am, two of us calibrated equipment, followed by a team taking water quality measurements at 4 sites on Carpenter Creek. Water samples were taken to the Twiss lab for analysis.

Meanwhile, Cindi Nevins did some **vegetation identification** in the marsh, while Tom Nevins worked on the construction of a **stream simulator** education tool.

Our new **Data Base** got a trial run on Sunday afternoon, when Naomi had some quiet time in the office.

Intern Brandon Kindschy arrived Monday morning, and every morning of the week, for a day of work in the salt marsh. His individual projects include tagging and documentation of large woody debris and underwater photo monitoring of fish activity in the stream and marsh.

From Monday through Thursday, he joined Joleen and Cindi and Tom Nevins to **lay out transects in the Salt Marsh**.



These transects determine the stable locations for ongoing measurements topographic fluctuations, vegetation changes, and macro-invertebrate sampling. This is the critical setup for several years of monitoring — both pre- and post-construction of the new bridge. It was very helpful to have the use of good equipment, like the more accurate GPS unit borrowed from the County.



The **Architecture Committee** met on Monday night to review construction budgeting and recent repairs to the campus, and to make plans for needed campus upgrades. (See the project list on page 6.)

Tuesday, **Sue Michaelis** came by to **list books online** for our book sales. She is also our primary book sorter and would love more help with both tasks. Bibliophiles welcome! The book sale raises over \$12,000 per year.

Kari got the **New Stillwaters website** ready for first review. (Go to address above to link to the new site.) It will be fully launched very soon and will greatly improve our ability to stay connected with all of you.

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“That was the Week that Was . . .”

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Tuesday evening brought the fourth class in the **“Interpretation: Telling Your Story”** training series, with Monica Van der Vieren as our trainer. This excellent series has one more class on May 12—see page 5 and consider joining us!

Intern Fawn Harris arrived on Wednesday morning, as she does most every week, for a day of working on our monitoring data. She has organized and charted much of our data from the past 15 years, making it useful, meaningful, and instructive to us and to all the interested parties involved.



After school, our regular high school volunteers, **Nolan Platz** and **Charlie Golden**, worked on trails and property projects.

At their meeting on Wednesday night, our **Development Committee** covered many topics, including plans for the all-important fund raising day on May 5—the Kitsap Great Give and Seattle Give Big. See page 3 for details.



Thursday morning brought a visit from Jenise Bauman, professor and intern coordinator at **WWU—Huxley College of the Environment on the Peninsulas**, which is housed in Poulsbo, and also in Pt. Angeles. We are very excited about the terrific interns Jenise is sending to us for their field studies, and we're glad to host Huxley graduate students in the near future. Any day with a visit from Jenise is a brighter day!

Monthly Estuary Monitoring that afternoon once again involved setting out and calibrating the equipment before a team of three took to the field to test four sites in the salt marsh, estuary and cove. Again, water samples were taken to Twiss labs.

Bright and early on Friday, Kari attended a **Social Marketing Seminar** (which is different than social media marketing) to see how we can improve our strategies for education in the community. The Program Committee is always striving to make the most of our education work.

Back at Stillwaters, **Mauro Heine, from Kitsap County**, came to train staff, interns and volunteers on the use of better equipment for documenting the locations of monitoring sites. We used the loaned equipment right away!



Naomi and Kari set up the **Earth Day Plant Give-Away**, which started on Saturday morning. About 200 trees and shrubs of 14 varieties—some from our nursery and some purchased from the Conservation District—were set out and ready to be adopted, along with planting information for each species. We were happy to give away over 125 plants to celebrate Earth Day and re-forest the watershed.

At noon on Saturday, Jenise and **18 WWU students** from Everett, Pt. Angeles and Poulsbo campuses arrived for a **watershed field trip**. Joleen and Steve Heacock hosted them on tour of restoration sites in the watershed, plus a look at Carpenter Lake.

The students then spent an hour salvaging native plants for us. Their final stop was our regular fish seining down at Arness Park, where they helped our staff, Paul Dorn and volunteers to take fish counts in the cove near the Stillwaters Fish Passage.



To round out the week, Bob Johnston from the Navy Environmental Department came here on Sunday morning to talk with Joleen and our monitoring team about their **mussel studies**, and to look at the blossoming mussel beds under the Stillwaters Fish Passage.

And “that was the week that was”! Not an unusual week, but an exciting one, as most of them are.

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. More work is being done on data interpretation. Beach profiling, monthly water quality monitoring on stream & estuary, & the monthly bird count. Monitors needed! See page 6.*
- **Interns from U.W. Program on Environment & WWU-Huxley** — *connecting students to the watershed & field work has been excellent training for them & helpful for us. Fawn Harris & Brandon Kindschy are our current crew. Four new interns are starting with us this summer.*
- **Training & Teaching** — *New Monitors are training on the job. Interns from WWU-Huxley are learning from their field work here. The WWU environmental science class had a half day field trip in the watershed. Watershed tour for volunteers & guests. The Interpretation Training Series is a smashing success and very useful to the participants. We're planning summer Nature Camp, EcoFest, Beach Walk & EcoCruises, too.*
- **Trail, Campus, & 'Earth' Work** — *WWU students salvaged lots of native plants for restoration or nursery use. We completed significant repairs to the deck, Triangle boardwalk and bridge railing and the campus is getting spruced up for EcoFest!*
- **Outreach** — *Creating interpretive signs for the watershed in 8 locations. Creating a new website for Stillwaters.*
- **Event Planning** — *EcoFest planning is in high gear; it will be on May 30. We are also planning for our annual Fund Raiser, on October 24. More Event Planners are needed!*
- **Fund Development** — *our usual fund raising continues while we collect funds to remodel the Tree House & improve the campus.*
- **Book Sale & Native Plant Sale** — *Our Annual Used Book Sale is a year-round activity — with books to sort, & lots to list online. Book listers,*



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sorters, & donors are needed! Native Plants are for sale, available whenever we're open. For Earth Day we gave away 125 plants to restore the watershed!

- **Office Assistance & Mailings** — *these are critical! Jump into a mailing party or help out in the office regularly.*
- **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 lots of community support. See p. 6, call to sign up, & join us this summer!

Thanks for these special donations:

- ◆ **Building Supplies** from Jeff Thomas.
- ◆ **Office Supplies & Padded mailing envelopes** from many of you
- ◆ **Used Books** from many folks—*don't stop!*
- ◆ **Pest Control** from Critter Ridders
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- ◆ **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



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE (cont.)



GREAT GIVE/GIVE BIG DAY — TUESDAY, MAY 5

This is the day to donate to your favorite cause (Stillwaters, of course) online at either our Kitsap Great Give site or our page at the Give Big campaign of the Seattle Foundation. You can donate anytime between midnight Monday night & midnight Tuesday night. You'll find the links to either site at www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org.



Why give on May 5? Your gift will be 'stretched' with donations from the sponsor funds. Last year we got an 8% match from Seattle, and a 17% match plus prize money from Kitsap! With the prize money, we got a 42% match for our donations via the Kitsap Great Give.



Kitsap Great Give Contests — there are ways to increase our donations by winning contest prizes.

- * **Most donors during the day.** *Last year we missed first place by TWO donors—we would have received \$500 more if two more people each gave \$10! Don't be one of those two!*
- * **Most donors in the environmental category.**
- * **Golden Ticket**—randomly selected donation every hour from 9 am to 9 pm.
- * **Early Bird**—organization that raises the most money before 9 am.

Join us at the **CLEARWATER CELEBRATION** that evening—6-9 pm on May 5th. This is in the new

Clearwater Convention Center next to the casino—it's smoke-free and you don't even have to walk through the casino to get there! **FREE** appetizers and a cash bar are included.

Just for fun, the first 100 people to arrive get free tote bags filled with Clearwater goodies. **AND**, there will be a raffle for the following prizes:

- * 3 pairs of Kiana Brewfest Tickets on June 7
- * 1 Pair of Kiana Wine Dinner Tickets on May 27
- * 1 Set of White Horse Mother's Day Buffet tickets **AND** 2 rounds of golf at White Horse.
- * 1 Hotel Package (room & dinner for 2 in Buffet or new Cafe)

Oh, and if you get one of the prizes listed above in the raffle, then you also automatically get a free cozy spa robe!

Another contest to earn money for Stillwaters: When you donate online during the day, save your 'receipt' (paper or on your phone) and take it with you to the Clearwater. We get 'votes' for every receipt counted there, and the donation size does not matter. Donations made from the party that evening can be counted, too. The organization with the most 'votes' gets a **\$2000 prize!**

REMEMBERING
We are grateful for gifts in memory or in honor of friends & loved ones, from

- * *Betsy & Ken Cooper, for Jack Humm*
- * *Fiona Shannon & Todd Gruenhagen, for Ben Strobel & April Ryan*



16th Annual

EcoFest

**May 30 — 11am—3pm
at Stillwaters**

A FREE Family-Friendly Sustainability Fair

"Take an Earth Voyage & Discover Her Treasures!"

SUMMER EDUCATION



Find more information on the Program Flyer enclosed. Please register at 360-297-1226 or info@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org — see you this summer!

INTERPRETATION: Communicating Science & Technical Info to Regular People

Tuesday, May 12 — 6:30 pm — At Kingston Fire Hall on Miller Bay Road. COST: \$10 donation.

BEACH SEINING – SEE THE SEA LIFE

Sundays, May 17 & June 14 — 3-5 pm — at Arness Park. Join Paul Dorn, fisheries biologist with the Suquamish Tribe, to see what kind of sea life is hanging out in Apple Tree Cove. FREE!

LOW-TIDE BEACH WALK

Saturday, June 6 — 1 pm — Starts at our booth at the Kingston Farmers' Market. Suggested donation for beach walk: \$5/person.

MARINE ECO-TOURS

Sundays, June 28 — July 19 & 26 — or Sept 20
10am-1pm or 1:30-4:30 pm
— A three hour tour with Paul Dorn & Betsy Cooper, marine biologist. COST: \$35 person/\$55 couple



NATURE CAMPS 2015

Eco Science Camp (grades 5-7)

July 13– 16, noon—5pm
Fee: \$125 per child (\$110/members)

Nature Camp (grades 1-4)

July 27-30, 9:30am - 2:30pm
Fee: \$125 per child (\$110/members) (currently taking names for waiting list only)



Polliwog Camp (Ages 4-6)

July 20-23, 9:30– noon
Fee: \$85 per child (\$70/ members)

If you need assistance from the Rea Mowery Scholarship Fund, contact us.

www.stillwatersnaturecamps.weebly.com
To register: call 360-297-1226 or email kari@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

GOT BOOKS????



Annual Used Book Sale dates:

September 11 thru October 11

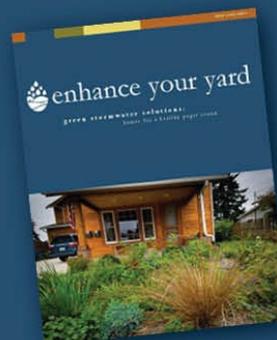
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 10 am - 4 pm

We need your books NOW! What can we use? All kinds of books—new and old. What NOT to bring us . . . Any encyclopedia, Readers Digest novels, dated computer books, or badly damaged books.

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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 2014 — Thanks!! 15+ hours **50+ hours ***100+ ****250+ hours



Jeff Adams
Wendy Armstrong
Gayle Barber
Frederick Branchflower
Bob Buck
Darcy Cary
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Selene Convy
Kinley Deller*
Patti Pearson-Deller
Dave Dixon
Paul Dorn
Vicki Evans
Shari Evans
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Charlie Golden
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Jonah Jacobson
Severne Johnson
Byron & Sara Kane
Nancy Karle
Ann Kilby
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Linda Nelson
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Kathy Peters
Nolan Platz
Tara Prendergast
Mardie Prescott
Priscilla Prescott
Paul & Kayleen Pritchard
Jessica Randall
Greg Relaford
Sonja Selboe
Fiona Shannon
Marty Simpson
Shelley Stephan
Monica Van der Vieren*
Carolina Veenstra
Judith Weinstock
Audrey Wolf*
Laurie Yamamura*
WWU Students (14)

Thank you!



STILLWATERS' WISH LIST



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

For the Monitoring Program, Trails & Property:

- "Car Stop" curbs for parking area
- Pop-up tents in good condition
- Animal cages or hutches
- Garden tools, Hammers, Pliers, Measuring Tapes
- 6-foot or 4-foot folding tables
- BOOKS for the used book sale
- Lumber & construction materials in usable, good condition
- Re-bar and PVC type pipes, flagging tape
- Non-perishable snacks for camp or meetings

For the Office:

- Scratch Paper - 8 1/2 x 11", staples removed
- Bond paper, 8 1/2 x 11", white or color—recycled paper is great!

OR See our Amazon.com wish list for more ideas

VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS around Stillwaters!

You can get on our email list to be notified of projects & respond when you can. Check out our "Project List", or make yourself available for some of these ongoing opportunities:

- ♦ **SPRING CLEAN-UP AND ECOFEST ASSISTANCE:** Help needed NOW—no specific work parties scheduled—just let us know when you can help out for an hour or more. We will have tent set up day on **May 29, 10am—4 pm**. We also need help at EcoFest on **May 30**. Call now to sign up!!! We need YOU!!!!
- ♦ **STREAM & ESTUARY 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.
- ♦ **SORT & LIST BOOKS:** The books for our Book Sale can be sorted now. Your schedule is fine, once we show you the system. We also need people to list books online, in the office—we make half of our book income with online sales.
- ♦ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Help needed now for EcoFest or Dinner Planning, Architecture Committee, & Development Committee.
- ♦ **PROPERTY & TRAIL WORK:** Special gardening, painting, clean-up, & other odd jobs.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- * Office assistant
- * Trim trails
- * Weed planted areas
- * Fix gutters on barn
- * Fix Tree House roof
- * Paint door & rails on porch of Tree House
- * Put out native plant signs on trails
- * Build alcove & install windows in Gathering Room
- * Add insulation above Gathering Room
- * Install solar lights on driveway
- * Remove Ivy & Blackberries at monitoring sites
- * Plant cedars in upper wetland
- * Pond Trail – repair/rebuild
- * Apple Tree Pruning
- * Native Plant Nursery tending, potting plants



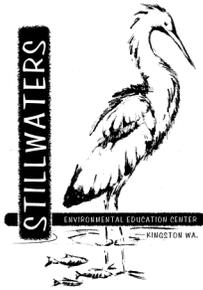
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STILLWATERS' STORE



NEW STILLWATERS SHIRTS

HABITAT HOLLOW kids' Ts feature a very favorite spot at Stillwaters. Artwork is done by a former Nature Camper, Gianni Nguyen. Blue or Green shirts, Children Sizes xS, S, M, L, XL \$ 15



HERON SERIES Ts — The favorite heron logo on either long or short sleeved shirts, women's style or unisex style. All **ORGANIC COTTON**, high quality shirts! Note: Women's style sizes are fitted, & run smaller. Sizes S, M, L, xL in all shirts.

Unisex sizes — traditional style Ts

Charcoal gray short sleeve with blue ink, \$20
Navy long sleeve, with light green ink, \$22

Women's style — scoop neck Ts —

Wasabi green short sleeve with white ink, \$20
Purple long sleeve, with white ink \$22

STILLWATERS CLASSICS — Our traditional logo on cozy organic cotton hoodie sweatshirts or a roomy grocery bag style tote.



Women's hoodie in Black, with white logo. Women's style sizes run smaller. Sizes S, M, L, XL \$45

Unisex hoodie in Olive green, with white logo. Sizes S, M, L, XL \$45

TOTE — Ecru tote with navy logo. \$ 10



NEW EARTH DAY OWL T-SHIRT

100% cotton short-sleeve T with our logo on the sleeve & a fun Earth Day owl in scrapbook patterns on the front. Dark Chocolate color. Sizes S, M, L, xL, xxL \$ 15

MEMBERSHIP & SPECIALTY GIFTS

Give someone a Stillwaters membership or a donation to Stillwaters in their name. Send us their name and address and we'll send them a card, or we can send the cards to you. \$25—\$150

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___ Hoodie sweatshirts (\$45 ea)

___ Totes (\$10 ea)

___ Owl T-shirts (\$15 ea)

(enclose all details of style, color and size)

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_____ Exp. Date: _____

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THAT DAY TO GET YOUR
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TUESDAY, MAY 5 is a very BIG day for us! This is the day to donate to your favorite GREAT cause (Stillwaters, of course) online at either our Kitsap Great Give site or our page on the Give Big campaign of the Seattle Foundation. You can donate anytime between midnight Monday night & midnight Tuesday night, from the comfort of your home, or on the run on your smart phone. Visit www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org, & you'll find the links to either site for donations to Stillwaters.

See Page 3 inside for all the ways to stretch your donation and have some fun! For example, don't miss the

CLEARWATER CELEBRATION
May 5 — 6-9 pm

At the Clearwater Convention Center
by the casino
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