



Stillwaters Environmental Center **RIPPLES AND REFLECTIONS** *Spring, 2018*

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

One year ago this month, we were anticipating the bridge construction and looking back . . .

“On April 17, 2017, work will begin in earnest on a very long-awaited restoration project. In 2000, we invited agents from many federal, state and local agencies to come stand with us on W. Kingston Road and see the benefit of removing the tiny 5’ culvert and roadbed that were choking the estuary at that point. They all agreed—yes, it was a great restoration project that would have big benefits!”

For many years now, we have studied the estuary and marsh. What we are seeing, along with collecting useful data, is that the marsh and estuary are full of wonderful mysteries, things that are revealed only in this fecund kind of habitat.



As we predicted a year ago, “humans, eagles, pileated woodpeckers, beavers and their friends are all going to be a little upset with the construction noise and inconvenience.” So we think we all need a BIG party to celebrate the completion of this very important project!



Since the 1890’s, the road “diked” the estuary & marsh.

Finally, 18 years later, we are ecstatic that on **February 13, 2018**, the estuary finally was freed — for the first time since the 1890’s when the roads were built.

The estuary and marsh are critical habitat to restore and protect, especially in our growing, more urbanized landscape. As they are encroached upon by human houses and our deadly cars, the opening up of the estuary at this point allows the ebb and flow of a big ecosystem. The grasses, fish, invertebrates, birds, and mammals — all the species that depend on the marsh bounty — are celebrating with us, now that the dike of a road is removed.



Since February 13, 2018, the estuary is free!

You are Invited!
Celebrate! Estuary Liberation Day!!!
Saturday, June 9, 2018 — 11 am—1 pm (ish)
At Stillwaters—see more details on p. 5

WHAT YOU CAN DO



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY — Lots of options!!! More than ever, NOW is the time to get involved! Do whatever you can to stand up for Earth .

MARCH FOR SCIENCE — Saturday, April 14, in Seattle.

Join the regional March for Science! It's a great way to keep speaking up for Earth. See the info on Facebook at "March for Science-Seattle". Make sure you have the 2018 version! There's lots of interesting science info there, also. And get on our email list to get the details as the date gets closer— see below.

ADOPT-A-ROAD SPRING PICK-UP DAY—Friday, April 20, 10 am in Poulsbo. Join our Stillwaters team as we clean up litter on our stretch of Hwy 305. Call Marilyn in our office, our team leader, to sign up and get details. (360-297-1226)

EARTH DAY E-RECYCLE & DOCUMENT SHREDDING — Saturday, April 21—10 am-2pm — at Windermere offices in Kingston, Bainbridge, Poulsbo, and Silverdale. Besides shredding your documents, they will take desktops, laptops, monitors & TVs, gently used clothing, & small household items. For info call 360-297-2661.

EARTH DAY ACTION — DONATE TO STILLWATERS ON THE GREAT GIVE SITE ON APRIL 22! (see p. 5 & 8) To donate, go to the Great Give link on our website— www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org. THANKS MUCH!

ADVOCACY OPTIONS — 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. Raise your voice for EARTH!

"Be a nuisance when it counts. Do your part to inform and stimulate the public to join your action. Be depressed, discouraged, & disappointed at failure & the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption & bad politics — but never give up." —

Marjory Stoneman Douglas, a journalist, environmentalist, and activist whose name is now forever linked to the school shooting that rocked Parkland, Florida.

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If you or your business would like to join this auspicious group in 2018, contact us (360-297-1226).

GET CURRENT NATURE NEWS BY EMAIL

You can receive weekly updates on Stillwaters activities, many of the latest local nature activities, & action suggestions, too.

Just send your email address to naomi@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

General Environmental Advocacy Sites — [The Sierra Club](http://www.sierraclub.org) (sierraclub.org) Sign up for their alerts about environmental issues of all sorts. A trusted organization.

[Natural Resources Defense Council](http://www.nrdc.org) (www.nrdc.org) climate, health, energy, water, food & communities, with links for advocacy.

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

OUR NEWEST BOARD & STAFF



ALICIA OLIVAS, Board Member
BS Environmental Sciences

Alicia was born and raised in the high desert mountains of the Southwest along the border of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Alicia migrated to the Northwest through her military family travels before her husband retired from the US Navy. She and her family, since 2009, consider northern Kitsap County home. She enjoys applying scientific studies across various disciplines as they interplay in environmental work. Alicia has experience working with diverse community members on science-based decision-making, specializing in salmon recovery efforts, focused on environmental issues affecting habitat. She has past experience working in non-profit management, education, and working with military families.



SHAUN STEPHENSON, Board Member

Shaun's career began in 1979 at the young age of 18, learning the banking industry from the ground up. Shaun began as a teller, and he worked his way through the various facets of the industry including new accounts, accounting,

operations assistance, supervisor, consumer and commercial lender, Assistant Branch Manager and Manager. Shaun currently manages the Kingston Branch of Columbia Bank.

Shaun is the youngest of seven children. Growing up in rural Edmonds, Shaun enjoyed the open spaces and developed a deep appreciation for the environment. When he is not working Shaun is out trail riding with his horse J-DEE. He also enjoys skiing, hiking, and bicycle riding. Shaun has been a resident of Kingston for over fifteen years.

TANIA ISSA joined the board very recently and will be introduced in our next newsletter!



MELISSA FLEMING, Monitoring Assistant
BA Biological Sciences, PhD Psychology-Animal Behavior
Melissa moved to Washington from Massachusetts in 1985 to attend graduate school at the University of Washington. As a post-doctoral fellow at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, she learned molecular genetics techniques that she later applied to her conservation research at the University of Alaska Museum and with the Museum of Southwestern Biology in New Mexico.



She has lived in Kitsap County since 1999 with her husband, John Ellsworth, and daughter, Kit. She currently volunteers with Kitsap 4-H and Kingston High School Fine Arts Boosters and is 4-H Poultry Superintendent at the Kitsap County Fair. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to "think globally, [and] act locally" by applying her skills to help Stillwaters' scientific and educational mission.

JENNIFER DONALDSON, Admin Assistant
AA Marine Carpentry, BA Geography, MBA

Jennifer is a native to the Puget Sound area, having grown up in Kingston and West Seattle. She has worked for contractors and for the BI School District, in a variety of roles that will be beneficial for her work at Stillwaters. While 'between jobs' and taking care of her kids, she decided to get her MBA. She lives in Eglon with her husband and three young daughters. Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family working in the garden, camping and renovating their 110 year old farm house.



NATIONAL PARKS & THE WALL



Our national policy debates often omit environmental impacts of significant changes. The U.S.-Mexico border wall is an example. Just a couple of impacts: A wall would fragment habitats & disrupt migration routes for many mammals, and fences and walls will compound storm damage, building up silt and debris.

The Dept. of Homeland Security has power to 'waive all legal requirements' to build such a wall, including all environmental impact reviews and cultural studies. Six national parks are along the border, but the National Park Service would have no authority to do anything. See www.npca.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



Find a place to jump in . . .

- **Stillwaters Watershed Monitoring** — Citizen Scientists and interns are doing monthly estuary, stream & salt marsh monitoring and bird survey, Green Crab monitoring, sediment analysis, recording data collected, marsh photo reference log, drainage channel characterization, Large Woody Material survey, metals monitoring, invasive Green Frog monitoring, vegetation & insect surveys and always more! Monitors needed! Training Provided!



- **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. Jonathan Olsen from WWU continues to help with GIS mapping. Colin Piwtorak (above) from U.W. just completed his internship project drafting protocol for our macroinvertebrate studies.
- **More Education** — In March, a Kingston Middle School class enjoyed Part 1 of a 2-part field trip; 25 students, plus chaperones learned about our monitoring, the bridge project, science work, and estuary restoration.
- **Trail, Campus, & 'Earth' Work** — The Stillwaters Adopt-A-Road crew did our first litter pick-up in January, cleaning LOTS of trash from the roadside and stream along Hwy 305 in Poulsbo. We do it again in April—sign up! See p. 5.
- **Outreach** — We shared the story of the marsh and the estuary restoration (aka bridge work) with several community groups. Our new videos, "Stillwaters-A Tale of Restoration" and "Stillwaters Is" are helpful and beautiful tools added to our repertoire.



MOST EXCITING THING HERE . . .

Is watching the progression of the W. Kingston bridge and the re-opening of the estuary and marsh. The bridge won't be open to traffic for a few more weeks, but the estuary tides are once again flowing freely into the marsh, 120+ years after the road dikes were first built!

- **Event Planning** — 2018 will be busy with the big Estuary/Bridge Celebration in June, the Annual Dinner in November, and potlucks and other fun things in between. Event Planners are needed! It's fun! Join us!
- **Board Development** — New members are invigorating our board as we plan for moving Stillwaters into the future. See p. 3.
- **Office Assistance & Mailings** — these are critical! Jump into a mailing party or help out in the office regularly.
- **Book Sale & Native Plant Sale** — The Used Book Sale is a year-round activity — with books to sort, & [lots to list online](#) (where we raise most of our funds). 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:

- ♦ **Used Books** from Hillary Eichler & many folks
- ♦ **Garden Carts** from Dan & Nancy Martin, repair by Waylon Finch
- ♦ **YSI Equipment parts** from Ken Patterson
- ♦ **Legal Advice** from Beebe, Roberts & Bryan
- ♦ **Chiropractic Services** from Gaitlink Chiropractic Center in Pt. Gamble
- ♦ **Access to their land** for monitoring from Suzanne Arness, Jenny Davis, Steve & Sally Heacock, Kingston Hill Homeowners

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11 am—1 pm (ish) — At Stillwaters

An event 18 years in the making deserves a big party! Join us for

- ◆ **FOOD & BEVERAGE**—what’s a party without lots of food & drink?
- ◆ **LIVE MUSIC**
- ◆ **A FEW DIGNITARY SPEECHES**—well, it is a momentous occasion
- ◆ **TOURS TO THE MARSH**
- ◆ **RIBBON CUTTING & VIDEO VIEWING**
- ◆ **FUN WITH THE STILLWATERS TRIBE!**

WHAT’S COMING UP



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GIVING TO EARTH TUESDAY, APRIL 24 —Join the Stillwaters Community in the **Kitsap Great Give!** This is our largest single online Giving Day of the year—**because your gift is stretched with matching funds.** Share the info with your friends and neighbors. Don’t let them forget Stillwaters! We need your help to make it great!



DONATE EARLY—any time after April 10th! Your donation will be held until the big day, so you can relax and not worry about forgetting to get online that day. **You can also send a check to our office marked “Great Give.”**

NATIVE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE—Saturday, April 28 — 1-5 pm, at Stillwaters’ members Sally Manifold & Tom Schroeder’s home. See their spring blooms in a very native, very gorgeous landscape on their 5 acres, and get inspired to plant natives! Address is 18740 Diamond Drive NE, between Poulsbo & Suquamish, off Widme Rd.

Sally is also hosting a **Native Plant Workshop—Showy Native Plants in Small Gardens**—Sunday, May 20, 1-4 pm. For info, call 360-598-2343.

STILLWATERS SPRING POTLUCK— Monday, May 7th — 5:30 pm — hopefully at Downpour Brewing in Kingston, on Hwy 104 & W. Kingston Road. We had a GREAT time last year—join us!

SPRING CLEAN-UP for SUMMER FUN — Help needed NOW—work parties scheduled: **May 19 & June 1, 10 am—3 pm ish.** Cleaning up the campus and trails to get ready for the summer activities. Come to a work party or come on your time. Call now to sign up (360-297-1226) We need YOU!!!!

SUMMER STILLWATERS POTLUCK PICNIC — Sunday, August 12 — 4:30 pm at Stillwaters. Great time to greet your Stillwaters community, and see the activity at Stillwaters — with guided tours.

SAVE THE DATES . . .

Annual Used Book Sale — Sept 21—Oct 7 — Fridays-Sundays, 10 am—4 pm

Annual Dinner & Auction — Sunday, Nov. 4 — 4 pm at the Indianola Clubhouse

STILLWATERS’ WISH LIST



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

For the Monitoring Program, Trails & Property:

- Garden tools, Hammers, Pliers, Measuring Tapes, Loppers
- 6-foot or 4-foot plastic top folding tables
- Used Books for Book Sale—see p 7.
- Lumber & construction materials —usable
- Pop-up tents in good condition

For the Office:

- Padded mailing envelopes
- Scratch Paper - 8 1/2 x 11”, staples removed
- Bond paper, 8 1/2 x 11”, white or color
- **SPECIAL REQUEST** — *Loan of a large screen TV for June 9 event*

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 for 2017 — Thanks!! *15+ hours **50+ hours ***100+ ****250+ hours



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Jenise Bauman*
Mark Baze
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Thank you!

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; we'll show you how.
- ◆ **SORT BOOKS:** The books for our Book Sale can be sorted on your schedule, once we show you the system.
- ◆ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Help needed now for Event Planners, Architecture/Property, & Development Committees.
- ◆ **PROPERTY & TRAIL WORK:** Special gardening, painting, clean-up, & other odd jobs. You can work on your own. OR Group work parties scheduled: May 19 & June 1, 10 am—3 pm ish.

MORE — CURRENT PROJECTS

- * Native Plant Nursery tending
- * Office assistant, help with mailings
- * Restore a trail, sweep the boardwalk



Some busy beavers are not volunteers—well, not humans, anyway. A few local beavers tend our wetlands & make sure ponds are adequate & vegetation is controlled.

VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS around Stillwaters!
You can get on our email list to be notified of projects & respond when you can.
To volunteer, call 360-297-1226 or email to info@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

STILLWATERS' STORE



Our Most Popular Shirt is back . . .
MAY THE FOREST—sweats & T's—
 Heavy Dark Brown Hoodie—\$32
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 T-shirts—\$18
 T's in dark brown or woody
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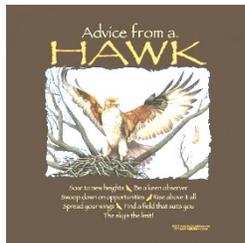
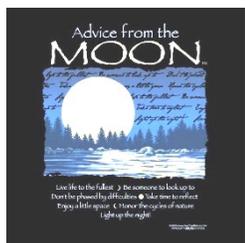
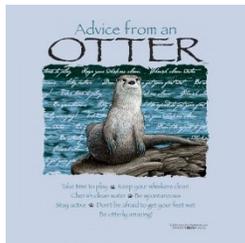
EARTH DAY OWL T-SHIRT

Dark Chocolate cotton short-sleeve T with our logo on the sleeve & Earth Day owl in scrapbook patterns on the front. Children's and adult sizes — S, M, L, xL, xxL \$ 10



NEW!! ADVICE FROM . . .

An Otter—Light Blue T's, S--xL \$15
The Moon—Black T's, S--xxL \$15
A Hawk—Dk Brown Crew Sweatshirt, S, L, xL only \$27
 All have Stillwaters' name and logo on the sleeve.



STOCK DONATIONS & RMD's



Did you know that it's quite easy to directly **donate stock** to Stillwaters? You can donate it directly to Stillwaters and avoid that capital gains tax. You will need our routing and account numbers for our brokerage account; email Naomi (naomi@stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org) or call 360-297-1226.

Taxpayers over 70 1/2 are required to make **annual distributions**—"RMD's"—from their IRAs, which are then taxable. The IRA allows you to make donations directly to Stillwaters from your IRA, without counting those donations as taxable income, and therefore, without paying taxes on them. Contributions need to be made directly from your IRA trustee.

GOT BOOKS????



Annual Used Book Sale dates:

September 21 thru October 7
 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.

TO SUPPORT STILLWATERS



My membership gift of \$25.00 is enclosed
 My \$ _____ donation is enclosed for the General Fund Property Fund
 Make it a monthly or quarterly pledge donation of \$ _____

Please send

- Long-sleeve T-shirts, (\$15 ea)
- Short-sleeve T-shirts, (\$15 ea)
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- Owl T-shirts (\$10 ea)

(enclose all details of style, color and size)

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JOIN THE FUN — TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 — go to www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org

Donate to Stillwaters online on **APRIL 24**** to **STRETCH** your donation — do even more for Earth & the Nature Scientists of the Future!



****Great News!** This year you can make your online donation starting **April 10th**. Schedule it online from the 10th to the 24th and it will go through on April 24.

OR—send a check to our office marked “Great Give”.

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