

## FIDALGO BE WILD

-an email newsletter-

Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat project: *fostering a community living in harmony with nature.*

--Feel free to forward, copy, use this material in any way that will help to spread the word about the backyard wildlife habitat project--

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March 10, 2010  
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### COMING HABITAT EVENTS

April 7, 7:00 -Next (tentative) Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat steering group meeting

June 26, 2010 -- Fidalgo Wildlife Habitat Tour  
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### CERTIFICATION PROGRESS

Total number of certified wildlife habitats on Fidalgo Island is now 591.

No progress reports have been recently received from the National Wildlife Federation or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.  
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### MUSEUM NATIVE PLANT PROJECT

Evelyn Adams, Becky Stinson and Rich Bergner are developing plans for a native plant <sup>3</sup>teaching garden<sup>2</sup> at the Anacortes museum.

In September, 2009, the proposed planting site was covered with amendments and straw to prepare the soil for spring

planting. The site is rather small in the southwest corner of the museum grounds.

Purpose of the project: To create on the museum's grounds an area of plants native to Fidalgo and Guemes with interpretive signs noting how the plants were used by native peoples, early settlers, and local wildlife. Such a garden would be in keeping with the museum's mission to educate about the history of the area.

Needs:

- planting soil/compost
  - native plants
  - signs
  - labor
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#### NATIVE PLANT SALE

The annual Skagit Conservation District Native Plant Sale is scheduled from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday, March 19th and from 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, March 20th and April 10th.

====Kristi Carpenter, SCD

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#### NATIVE PLANT GARDEN WORK PARTY---A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Hello Native Plant Gardeners:

A reminder of the work party, planned for next Saturday, March 13th.

As our order from the Snohomish Conservation District has arrived, we will need MANY HANDS to help potting up these fledgeling shrubs and trees.

Also the propagation area needs to be transformed from the dormant winter stage to the active state.

We will have another weekday work opportunity on Thursday, March 18th; please let me know if you are planning to come on that day.

The solar pond pump still needs to be installed. More work needs to be done with the pond as well as the filtration bog.

So please do come and join us at the Native Plant Garden at the WSU-NWREC Discovery Garden. The event is scheduled from 10 am till 3 pm, but any amount of time you can give is most welcome.

Do bring warm clothing, rain protection, lunch and water and your favorite gardening tools.

We will provide juice and cookies.

If you have questions, please call me at (360) 293-5815 or email to [eyrie@cnw.com](mailto:eyrie@cnw.com).  
See you in the garden,

====Marianne Kooiman

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WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

ANACORTES PARKS AND RECREATION  
PLANT WALKS SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS, March 30 through May 25 2010  
10 a.m. to noon, usually

March 30--- Washington Park. Meet in the parking lot by the rest room. This park is a botanical treasure and is especially glorious in the spring. Easy.

April 6---Rosario Head at Deception Pass State Park. Entrance is west of the Bowman's Bay park entrance off of Rosario Road on the north side of the bridge. Rocky headland and sheltered woods. Little elevation gain. Easy.

April 13---Anacortes Community Forest Lands. Meet at the west end of 29th Street off of D Ave, by the green water tower. Woods and open meadows, some pond edges. Some hill. Moderate.

April 20---Bowman's Bay at Deception Pass State Park. Meet in the Bowman's Bay parking lot across from Pass Lake on the north side of the bridge. Park near the pier. Beach, woods and rocky headland. Some hill. Celebrate Earth Day in the woods. Moderate.

April 27---Goose Rock in Deception Pass State Park. Meet in the parking lot at the south end of the bridge. Woods and open bluffs full of spring flowers. Some hill. Moderate.

May 4---Sharpe County Park. Entrance is off Rosario Road just south of Sharpe Road. Pond, woods rich with mosses and lichens and open bluffs. Easy. Moderate if go to the bluffs.

May 11---Washington Park. A return visit. The park should be in full bloom. Meet in the parking lot by the rest room. Easy.

May 18---Kettleholes on Whidbey Island and Fort Ebby Bluff. Spectacular show of native rhododendrons. Meet at 9:00 at the SKAT Park and Ride off SR20 at March Point Road to car pool or at 10:00 at the trail head at the entrance to Fort Ebby State Park. Limited parking. Easy. Bring lunch to enjoy on the bluff.

May 25---Cranberry Lake in Deception Pass State Park. Meet near the vending stands and restrooms on the west side of the lake. Backshore, dunes and other habitat. Easy. Bring lunch to enjoy on the beach.

Information---Call Harold Mitchell, 293-0405 or Ann Dursch, 293-3044

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NEWS FROM *Skagit Beat the Heat*

Join enthusiastic area gardeners and fine-tune your gardening skills at Eat Your Yard gardening classes. Classes are held 6:45 - 8:15 pm at the Anacortes Library. Come early, as the room fills to standing room only capacity.

March 23: Grill The Gardeners! Bring your questions and get them answered by our expert panel of garden gurus and divas of the dirt.

April 22: All About Herbs: Get the what, where, when and why of growing kitchen (culinary) herbs in your garden and how to preserve them.

May 25: Insects & IPM (Integrated Pest Management): Learn how to recognize and support the insects that are good for your garden and control those that cause damage (only 1-5% of insects are actually harmful).

June 22: Growing Organic Fruit in the Home Garden: Find out which fruits and varieties will do well in your yard. Learn tips on how to get the most from your personal home orchard.

#### OTHER UPCOMING (SOON) EVENTS FOR MARCH

March 10: Swinomish Climate Change Report. Ed Knight, senior planner for the Swinomish tribe, will discuss potential climate change impacts on Skagit County. This special presentation takes place at our regular monthly meeting and will begin 6:30 PM, upstairs at Village Pizza. Bring your friends (and members, please bring your annual \$10 dues, due in March!)

March 11: "What happens to all the computers and monitors and televisions that the Aktion Club recycles?" John Friedrich, Executive Director of the WA Materials Management & Financing Authority, will make a presentation on the E-Cycle Washington program--the free recycling of computers and monitors and televisions. The Anacortes Kiwanis Aktion Club is handling the collection of these materials in Anacortes, and Friedrich will talk about what happens to this e-waste after it leaves the collection point on 26th Street. 6:30 PM at the Anacortes Christian Church, 1211 M Ave, downstairs in the Fireside Room.

March 12: If you missed "Artful Persuasion: Helping Scientists Convey the Realities of Climate Change" in Feb, you'll have another couple of chances! Sculptor and science educator Lin McJunkin will show slides of her own work and that of 25 other artists that help to communicate the science of global warming. The first presentation will be March 12, 12-1 PM at the WSU Research & Extension Center at 16650 State Rte 536. The second will be April 9, 7-9 PM, at the Skagit Valley Food Co-op, upper room.

Also on March 12, Dr. Brian Bingham of the Shannon Pt Marine Center will discuss "What Puget Sound Anemones Can Tell Us About the Bleaching of Coral Reefs" Anacortes Library, 7 PM.

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#### THE RETURN OF THE FALCONS

The peregrine falcons have returned for a third year to Mount Erie. Over the past two years, the falcon pair has selected ledges on the mountain and climbers have avoided the nesting area.

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#### BEACH WATCHERS SERIES BEGINS

FREE and open to all ages.

2010 Beach Watcher Lecture Series  
Anacortes Library, 1220 10th Street

March 12, 7:00 pm

*What can Puget Sound Aggregating Anemones teach us about the bleaching of tropical coral reefs?*

Brian Bingham, Western Washington University Shannon Point Marine Center

April 9, 7:00 pm

*Tidal power testing in the Puget Sound*

Craig Collar, Senior Manager Snohomish PUD Energy Resource Development

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## SWINOMISH EARTH ENHANCEMENT CELEBRATION

April 24th 2010

Save the Date!

Join the Swinomish Tribal Community on Saturday April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a rewarding day of activities.

Celebration Agenda:

Meet in the Gym for registration and then come help with the following projects:

- Noxious Weed Removal
- Old Fish Net Removal
- Garbage & Beach Debris Clean Up
- Fruit Tree Planting

Volunteers will be treated to a traditional salmon lunch and have the opportunity to hear about various conservation topics and browse information and education displays!

Dress for the weather and remember to bring:

- Gloves
  - Boots
  - Sunglasses
  - Hand Tools (if you have them)
  - A great big smile!
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## BEGINNING BIRDING COURSE

The Anacortes Senior College will offer a beginning birding course taught by Joe Halton this spring. The course will cover all you need to know to ease into birding, whether you just want to get a better grasp of what visits your yard or you want to turn birding into a lifelong hobby. Classes will cover how to select the things you will need for the hobby, how to improve the habitat around your house, how to discourage predators and recommendations for various feeds and feeders. The class will also cover identification of some of the more common birds of Skagit County. If weather permits interested class members can participate in one or more field trips to find and identify some of the local birds.

For more information regarding dates, times and registration contact the Anacortes Senior College

(<http://www.seniorcollege.info/>).

For more information about the course contact Joe Halton at [joehalt@aol.com](mailto:joehalt@aol.com).

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## HEALTHY HORSES, HEALTHY WATERSHEDS FREE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Skagit Conservation District has partnered with the Horses for Clean Water program to host a FREE workshop series: "Healthy Horses, Healthy Watersheds."

Do you own horses, cows, sheep, llamas, alpacas, or goats?

This is a great opportunity to hear from equine expert, Alayne Blicke. These workshops will provide useful tips and techniques for all livestock. Learn about technical and financial resources that are available for local livestock landowners!

This workshop series is being held as part of the Clean Samish Initiative and supported by funding from the Skagit County Clean Water District. *3Clean Water is Everyone's Business<sup>2</sup>*

Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*Mud, Runoff, Paddocks and Horse Health: Finding a Better Way to Manage Horses*

Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*Black Gold: Great Ideas for Managing Manure*

Tuesday, May 4, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*Managing Small Acreage Pastures and Horse Health*

*LOCATION (all workshops)*

Padilla Bay Research Reserve/Breazeale Interpretive Center Community Meeting Rm  
10441 Bayview Edison Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY APRIL 1, 2010

ATTEND ONE SEMINAR OR THE ENTIRE SERIES. YOUR CHOICE.

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=====Kristi

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## RECYCLING COMPUTERS, MONITORS AND TELEVISIONS

What happens to all the computers and monitors and televisions that the Anacortes Kiwanis Aktion Club recycles?

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His presentation will include information on the de-assembly line for computers and televisions and he'll talk about the total tonnage of e-cycled materials collected in Washington in the past year. (The number is of Carl Sagen-like proportions.)

Mr. Friedrich's will make two presentations on Thursday, March 11.

The first will be at high noon at the Anacortes Kiwanis Noon Club, which meets at the Masonic Hall at 8th and O.

The second opportunity to see this presentation will be at the Aktion Club's meeting at 6:30 PM at the Anacortes Christian Church, 1211 M Ave. The Aktion Club meets downstairs in the church's Fireside Room.

=====Eric Johnson

To find more details about the Aktion Club's recycling, go to the City of Anacortes website. Click on Public Works, then Solid Waste, then Computer E-Waste Disposal. Here is some of what you will find:

#### Recycle Your Computers & TVs For Free

The Washington E-Cycle program in Anacortes is a service of the Anacortes Kiwanis Aktion Club, a club for adults living with disabilities. In the Aktion Club we develop initiative and leadership skills in serving our community. We are jointly sponsored by the Anacortes Noon Kiwanis and Kiwanis Sunrisers clubs.

When: *NEW TIME*: 2nd Saturday of each month, from 10 AM until 2 PM

Where: 1014 26th Street (the old ZAP Lube building).

What's Free: computers, monitors, laptops, and all televisions (including large console televisions).

What's Not Free: Computer peripherals (scanners, printers, etc.), copying machines, other electronics, radios, etc. (We cover our recycling costs by charging, for example, \$5 for a home HP ink-jet printer; other non-free electronics are charged proportionally.)

Need info about wiping your hard drive clean? Want to know more about this e-cycle program? Want to recycle other items? See our web site [www.AnacortesAktion.org](http://www.AnacortesAktion.org), and click on <sup>3</sup>About Recycling.<sup>2</sup>

=====summarized from information provided by Cynthia Richardson

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#### WANT TO RECEIVE THE DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK E-NEWSLETTER?

The monthly email newsletter, CURRENT, is sent to folks who have expressed an interest in keeping in touch with what is happening or in the planning stages at Deception Pass State Park.

If you are interested in receiving the monthly update, please call or email [jack.hartt@parks.wa.gov](mailto:jack.hartt@parks.wa.gov)

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