



Wenatchee Naturalist's mission is to cultivate awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Wenatchee River region by developing an active corps of well-informed community volunteers.



April 2017

A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

Spring is in full swing out in the shrub-steppe with blooming yellowbells and singing Say's phoebe and Western meadowlarks. This enews edition is filled with ways for you to get outside and to engage in our community. Plan now how you will celebrate Earth Day 2017- see page 2 for ideas!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Citizen Science Project**
Apr. 25 & 27, 6-8pm, [Weed Alert Training at Wenatchee Public Library](#). CDLT has teamed up with Chelan County Weed Board staffer, Julie Sanderson, to teach about 15 new weeds that haven't yet invaded the Wenatchee foothills.
- **Citizen Science Project**
Apr.-Oct [eBird projects at CDLT Horse Lake and Mountain Home](#). Join Susan Ballinger on Thurs. mornings as part of a team conducting bird surveys. Learn more on CDLT website.
- **Stewardship**
Apr. 13, 4:30-8:30pm Arbor Day, volunteers are needed to help prepare plants at Ballard Ambulance, 1028 N. Wenatchee Ave. Contacts: call Bill Sandborn (509.661.4508) or Bonnie Orr (509.884.5069) greater.wenatchee.arborday@gmail.com

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- **Education**
Mon. &/or Tues. Apr. 10 & 11, 10am-1pm Docent Training for Youth on the Columbia, a youth outdoor education program offered by Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Learn indoor stations on Mon. and outdoor stations at Confluence State park on Tues. RSVP & learn more- Debbie Sawyer (dsawyer@wvmcc.org).
- **Education**
May 9, 10, & 11, 8:00-2:30pm, Kids in the Creek at Entiat Fish Hatchery - an awesome hands-on, and sometimes feet-wet, educational program for high school students is an inspiring and fun program. Learn more and sign up to volunteer with Amada at Cascadia (([509\) 436-1601](tel:5094361601) or AmandaL@cascadiacd.org)
- **Education**
Apr.-June volunteers needed for [Field Days at Wenatchee River Institute](#).- learn more and see all dates.
- **Education**
Apr. 18-21 Wenatchee School District's 5th Grade Science Field Experience - Explore the Shrub-steppe and Climb Saddle Rock. To volunteer, contact Jill Fineis, K-8 Science Coordinator at 663-9106 x251 or email fineis.j@wenatcheeschools.org

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Sat.-Sun. Apr. 29/30, [Wildflowers and Vistas with John Marshall](#), a field class offered by Wenatchee River Institute.

Sat. May 6, 9-4pm [Geology of the Upper Wenatchee River Valley](#) with Kelsay Stanton, a field course offered by Wenatchee River Institute.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Sat. Apr. 22, 8:30-3pm, [Outdoor Classroom: The Art of Field Journaling](#) (STEM clock hours) using Confluence State Park. Instructors are both Wenatchee Naturalists-artist Cordi Bradburn and science teacher Kristen Bates.

Sat. Apr. 22, 11:00-1pm: [Wenatchee Valley Science March](#) Plan to join the march designed to emphasize the value of scientific research and fact-based decision making. Come dressed in your field gear.

Sat. Apr. 22, 1:00-3:00 pm *Meet a Scientist* Family Education program at the museum. I am seeking two volunteers to staff a Wenatchee Naturalist booth with mammal tracks and scat. Contact me to learn more: skylinebal@gmail.com

Sat. Apr. 22, 6:00pm at Pybus Market, **Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center annual fund-raising dinner**, celebrating 26 years of wildfire education. Reserve your ticket by calling Board members Dave Spies (509.670.48.75) or Wenatchee Naturalist Chris Mallon (509.784.1860)

Sun. Apr. 23, noon-4:00pm, **Lion's Club Park Leavenworth Earth Day Community Fair-** a community celebration of environmental awareness and sustainability. In its 8th year, the founding organizers include Wenatchee Naturalists Lisi Ott and Barbee Teasley. Visit the website to learn how you can volunteer to help!

Sun. Apr. 23, 7:00pm **Climate Change presentation** by Bishop Emeritus William

Skylstad will present "Moral Dimensions of Climate Change: A Call to Prudence, the Common Good, and Environmental Justice" at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliott Ave, Wenatchee, WA. Sponsored by Climate Conversations NCW and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.



Look for low bluebells and serviceberry shrubs in bloom early in April, followed by arrowleaf balsamroot.



PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Tues. April 11, 7pm Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute will meet at the museum with a talk by Jim O'Connor, Portland-based USGS hydrologist, "**The Bonneville Flood – A Veritable Debacle.**" 18,000 years ago, at Red Rock Pass in eastern Idaho, unconsolidated materials gave way to sudden overflow of Glacial Lake Bonneville. One of the largest floods on earth, the Bonneville Flood was a catastrophic outburst, with discharges lasting a year or more. GK Gilbert first discovered the flood in the 1870s while looking for the outlet of an inland sea that had cut prominent ancient shorelines above Great Salt Lake. His explorations led him to that spillway. Flooding carved canyons, cataract complexes, and built massive boulder bars, all of which help interpret megaflood processes and model hydrodynamics and landscape analysis today. The program is free & open to the public.

Tues. April 18, 7pm The Buzz on Native Bees at the museum. This slideshow talk by Dr. Don Rolfs. Most people have no idea that there are at least 600 species of native bees in Washington State. Some are yet to be discovered, and many (about 10 percent of species in Washington State) do not have names. With meticulous care, Dr. Don Rolfs, a life-long naturalist and retired dentist, is building a field guide. He hopes to inspire an appreciation for the rich diversity of **native bees and their vital role in pollination.** "If we care about flowers and food, we should care about native bees," Rolfs says.

FESTIVALS:

May 18-21, [Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest.](#) Registration opens on April 10. Sign up now to be a volunteer with festival organizer [Brook Hinton](#) at Wenatchee River Institute.

May 5-7, [Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival](#) - a terrific way to start learning peeps!

May 12-14, [Yakima River Bird Festival](#), in Ellensburg - register now for this new festival!

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in our Foothills!



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Find out how to identify the 15 most noxious weeds that threaten our native plant communities after wildfire.

SLIDE LECTURE: Tues. April 25, 2017 • 6-8pm Wenatchee Public Library Auditorium 310 Douglas St.	HANDS-ON-PRACTICE: Thurs. April 27, 2017 • 6-8pm Wenatchee Public Library Auditorium 310 Douglas St.
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Wenatchee naturalist instructor, Heather Murphy, created the 2017 Leavenworth Bird Fest Program Art, featuring a pair of western tanagers in ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.

