



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.



SUMMER 2017

A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

Here is a sample of Wenatchee Naturalists who have been active volunteers in May throughout our community. These are only the ones I know about so please send me a note and tell me how you've supported conservation!

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest volunteers included 15 Wenatchee Naturalists: *Jane Zanol, John Zanol, Richard Scranton, Jenny Graevell, Susan Ballinger, Vicky Cibicki, Heather Murphy, Cindy Luksus, Terry Leverenz, Jack Mynatt, Amanda Sherling, Marilyn Sherling, Lisi Ott, Gary Provo, and Joseph Roy.*

Heather Murphy designed and taught a "Sense of Place" art workshop as a new offering for Bird Fest with Wenatchee Naturalists *Dodie Gray* and *Ann Leach Burks* as participants.



Wenatchee Naturalist, *Gary Provo*, recently joined the Board of Directors for Wenatchee River Institute.

In May Climate Conversations NCW (CCNCW) a local group of 330 residents interested



in climate change education, offered the 2-week EcoChallenge. 20 Wenatchee Naturalist participants include: *Jaana Hatton, Hanne Benner, Michele Gedrose, Lisi Ott, Mara Bohman, Layne Knipfer, Hillary Schwirtlich, Leona Holahan, Thomas Holahan, Patrick Farrar, Kelsay Stanton, Cathy Gaylord, Gro Buer, Bruce Williams, Lisa Robinson, Luke Jobe, Jane Zanol, Erin Davidson, Craig Garver, Susan Ballinger.*

The **Washington Native Plant Stewardship Course** with a commitment to give-back as of volunteers for plant stewardship projects included nine Wenatchee Naturalists: *Chris Clauson, Patrick Farrar, Cindy Luksus, Bill Deters, Leesa Broker, Gro Buer, Jock Kinne, Dave Jaecks, Cindy Luksus, and Barbee Teasley.*



Read Wenatchee Naturalist, *Jaana Hatton's* article in the [Foothills magazine](#) about the native plants at Ohme Gardens in Wenatchee.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Citizen Science Project

Starting in July- Bird Study Skin Prep workshops. Wenatchee Valley College and Wenatchee River Institute both have freezers overflowing with birds, each awaiting transformation into a study skin. Experienced people will help volunteers learn how to prepare the skin. Quilters – come share your skills to create new learning specimens. No experience necessary. Stay tuned for details.

■ Stewardship

Jun. 9 (Friday, 8am-3pm) Brender Canyon Restoration Project with Cascadia Conservation District. This riparian restoration site has weeds threatening to choke out our newly planted native plants and shrubs. The work would include hand-pulling, weed whacking, irrigating plants and listening to music as necessary. Contact Sand Letzing (SandyL@cascadiaacd.org 509.436.1601)

■ Stewardship

Sept. 26-27, 2017 Friends of the Forest weekend restoration at Maple Pass. Help plant fragile alpine species along this popular hiking trail (35 miles North of Winthrop in North Cascades National Park). Co-sponsored by the U.S.Forest Service and the National Forest Foundation. Questions? Volunteers can help Sat. and/or Sun. Please contact Natalie Kuehler at nkuehler@nationalforests.org or (509) 996-4057. **Space is limited – register now!**

■ Stewardship

Jun. 16 (Friday 8am-2pm) Botany Field Day for Foster Creek Conservation District, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). We will be pressing and photographing shrub-steppe plants, with a focus on plants vital to sage-grouse ecology. It will be a great opportunity to botanize with a group of knowledgeable people and enjoy some time outside. Meet at the Waterville Courthouse east parking lot at 8 am to carpool to TNC land in the Moses Coulee. We will be back in Waterville by 2 pm. Bring whatever you may need for the day We will have at least one large press and camera. Contact: Aaron Rosenblum-arosenblum@fostercreekcd.org

■ Education

Become a docent at Wenatchee Valley Museum for weekday field experiences. To learn more, contact Selina Danko (Sdanko@wvmcc.org; (509) 888-6243). Volunteers still needed for Jun 6-8 & 29, July 25-26. Help is also needed for the summer fire ecology camp June 13-15 for 9th and 10th grade students enrolled in Wenatchee School District's SOAR (Success and Opportunity through Affordability, Relevance and Relationships) program. The program runs from 9 am to 2 pm, is mostly outdoors and will occur at various locations including Mission Ridge and the Foothills trail systems.

FIELD CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

June. Wenatchee Chapter Washington Native Plant Society offers field trips. Find complete details at

<http://www.wnps.org/wenatchee/home.html>

June 3: Chumstick Mountain (easy)

June 8: Iron-Bear Trail (more strenuous)

June 9: Camas Meadows (easy)

June 17: Chiwaukum Creek (easy)

June 24: Introduction to Grass ID

NEW [Geology Field Tours](#) offered by Wenatchee Valley Museum. Registration now open for:

Ice Age Flood Trail -- June 10

Malaga Geology and Wine Tour -- July 8

Great Escape Tour -- September 9

Fire and Ice Tour -- October 14

True Nature: The Art and Craft of Field Journaling. July 1-2 (9am-4pm). Taught by professional artist & teacher Perri Howard with Mary Kiesau, naturalist at the Methow Conservancy. Workshop held at TwispWorks in Twisp. \$160 includes materials. Contact Mary at 509.996.2870 or mary@methowconservancy.org.

PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Jun 13, Tues. Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute will meet at 7:00 P.M., at the Wenatchee Valley Museum, 127 South Mission, Wenatchee. The speaker, retired geologist Mike McCollum, will discuss

these radical ideas, developed with his EWU geologist wife Linda. 16,000 years ago a single megaflood deposit filled the upper reaches of glacial Lake Columbia to a depth of 1300 feet, extending from Rathdrum Prairie southwest to Fort Spokane. As glacial Lake Columbia filled with flood sediments, rising water levels breached the southern shoreline of glacial Lake Columbia, surging into the Channeled Scabland tracts. What is the implication of this megaflood in relation to subsequent Missoula floods that occurred between 16,000 and 13,000 years ago? Are numerous flood deposits located near the confluence of the Spokane and Columbia rivers the result of flooding from under the Columbia ice sheet lobe. The program is free & open to the public.

NEW RESOURCES:

Sarah Shaffer, Ex. Director of Wenatchee Outdoors has just announced a first-ever membership program with perks including swag, discounts with local retailers, and the chance to feel community comradery. Her goal is to have 100 members by December. Learn more at:

<http://wenatcheeoutdoors.org/member/>

Follow Peter Bauer's new blog, [American Safari](#). Peter is an avid nature and bird photographer who takes readers along on his adventures out his home in Winthrop WA.

Washington Department of Natural Resources invites you to subscribe to any of their online newsletters [here](#). One example is this article - [Potential for Douglas-fir beetle outbreaks in Eastern Washington](#).



I've shared a few photos taken at CDLT Horse Lake Reserve in May: Mule's ears (*Wyethia amplexicaulis*) a singing male Lazuli bunting, a very large bare-stem lomatium (*Lomatium nudicaule*) and the sky-reaching seed leads of Chocolate tips (*Lomatium nudicaule*).