



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.



January & February 2018

A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

I am devoting this issue to celebrating the 2017 track record of Wenatchee Naturalists who made significant contributions to local conservation by either their board service or as volunteers for youth outdoor education. Be sure to extend a word of thanks when you see these active conservationists.

Celebrating Board Service

Local non-profit conservation organizations depend upon hard-working board members who roll up their sleeves and lead by example. Typically, a volunteer board member devotes >100 hours/year to meetings, committee work, outreach, and on-the-ground projects. 22 Wenatchee Naturalists served in 2017:

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust

John Zanol
Suzanne Hartman
Bruce Williams
Jack Mynatt



North Central WA Audubon Society

Penny Tobiska
Richard Scranton
Mark Oswood



Wenatchee River Institute

Lisi Ott
Gary Provo
Gro Buer



Wenatchee Outdoors

Pete Teigen
Ariahna Jones



Wenatchee Chpt., WA Native Plant Society

Casey Leigh
Cindy Luksus
Chris Clausen
Susan Ballinger



Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center

Christine Mallon
Dave Spies



Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club

Penny Tobiska

Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group

Phil Archibald



Erratics Chapter, Ice Age Floods Institute

Kelsay Stanton

Icicle Fund

Heather Murphy

Celebrating Youth Outdoor Education Volunteers

Thousands of our valley's students are introduced to the great out-of-doors through programs offered by organizations and mostly staffed by volunteers.

Wenatchee Naturalists play a key role in helping make it happen!



Volunteers for Wenatchee River Institute:

John Brandt, Leesa Broker, Chris Clausen, Bill Deters, Craig Garver, Ann Leach, Cindy Luksus, Amy Massey, Dan Moody, Myrna Moody, Denise Morun, Deb Nobel, Lisi Ott, Sandra Phenning, Gary Provo, Linda Sarratt, Richard Scranton, Amanda Sherling, Pete Teigen, Mark Weick, Jane & John Zanol

Wenatchee Valley Museum Youth on the Columbia

Annette Jouard
Jaana Hatton
Mara Bohman



Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club Youth on the Columbia

Penny Tobiska
Pat Fitzgerald
Ariahna Jones
Dave Jaecks
Joseph Roy



If I have missed anyone, please send me a note. And, thanks to so many others who have volunteered in other ways as a Wenatchee Naturalist!

Celebrating your service to CDLT, our program sponsor

The Wenatchee Naturalist post-course is a program of Chelan-Douglas Land Trust. In 2017, 25 Wenatchee Naturalists volunteered for trail work, stewardship, restoration plantings, citizen science, events, and more. Thank you!

Patrick Bodell, Barbara & James Brink, Leesa Broker, Gro Buer, Chris Clausen, Bill Deters, Chelsea Evans, Jan Evans, Patrick Farrar, Jaana Hatton, David Jaecks, Annette Jouard, Jock Kinne, Jill LaRue, Denise Monge, Jack Mynatt, Bob Ogburn, Sanda Phenning, Tom Rowe, Joseph Roy, Richard Scranton, Kelsay Stanton, John Taylor, and Susan Ballinger.

2017 Program Statistics

It is exciting to see the tangible results that our collective work has catalyzed. Volunteerism highlights for members of classes #1-7 (2012-2015), who have completed their 2-year post class window for reporting hours, include:

128 total number of "active" Wenatchee Naturalist (excludes 12 people who have moved away within 2 years of class completion, 3 youth, and 1 deceased)

73% of "active" have earned a 20+ hour service pin (94 people)

13% of "active" have also earned a 50+ hour service pin (16 people)

32% of "active" have also earned a 100+ hour service pin (41 people)

8407 total volunteer service hours reported including **1066 hours to CDLT** and **2121 hours to WRI**. For both, most service hours are for board, stewardship, & education service.

2017 Service Pin Awards

A great source of good news is found on the Wenatchee Naturalist website "[Volunteers](#)" tab where you can watch the presentation slideshow celebrating volunteers who earned pins.



2017 Volunteerism recognized in November:

20+ Hour Pin awardees: Myrna Moody, Dan Moody, Erin VanderStoep, Leona Holahan, Tom Holahan, Kathy McKenna, Helen Kjobech, Jill LaRue, Gary Provo. Graham Stansbery, Patrick Farrar, Nancy Duffey, Tina Holm, Joanne Roberts, and Ariaahna Jones

50+ Hour Pin awardees: Kathy McKenna, Helen Kjobech, & Jill LaRue

100+ Hour Pin awardees: Gary Provo, Hillary Clark, Pete Teigen, & Patrick Farrar

A team of 4 teachers at Lewis & Clark Elementary were awarded their **20+ Hour pins** in front of their students at the November assemble: Nancy Navarro, Adelita Solis, Daniz Lopez, and Cindelia delaMora.

Welcome to the 2018 Class!



Visit the Wenatchee Naturalist website [here](#) To view a slide show about the 20 newest Wenatchee Naturalists – the class of 2017. I will be featuring many of their projects on the [Articles](#) section of the webpage.

2017 Class of Wenatchee Naturalists:

Seiko Arakaki, Corinne Bassett, Mabel Bodel, Barbara & James Brink, Nina Carlson, Connie Celustka, Kris Deyerle, Susan Douglas, Chelsea Evans, Jan Evans, Amanda Fisher, Marji Lodwick, Malerie Morgan, Denise Morun, Jackie Reynolds, Tom Ross Petra Swidler, John Taylor, and Mary Timiras.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Citizen Science Projects

Feb. 16-19, 2018 Great Backyard Bird Count.

Join this free, fun easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations.

Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at birdcount.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Stewardship

[Climate Conversations NCW](#)
[Public Group | Facebook](#)

Join this local group of citizens to learn more



about climate issues and their local impact, and to learn how to take effective steps to voice your opinion to elected officials. A once/month Monday evening planning team invites new volunteers to join. To learn more, contact Carolyn Griffin-Bugert at climateconversationsncw@gmail.com

North Central WA Audubon Society

Conservation Committee. A team of NCWAS volunteers are currently involved in several local processes with potentially significant impacts on the welfare of birds in our region. Questions or comments regarding any of these issues, or our conservation work in general – Contact Mark Johnston by email at: S697striata@frontier.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Education

Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural

Center. To volunteer, contact Education Coordinator Selina Danko by email at Sdanko@wvmcc.org. Programs that depend upon volunteers include: Youth on the Columbia (6 weeks each spring and 4 weeks each fall), and Super Summer Adventures (10 weeks in summer)

Wenatchee River Institute Youth Education Field Days. Year-round outdoor education programming. Learn more about volunteer opportunities by contacting Youth Programs Manager, Will Crowley, by email at wcrowley@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS:

Feb. 24, 2018 Native Planting 101 Workshop, offered by Cascadia. Free workshop (noon-4:30pm) in Wenatchee. Topics include yard-scaping, pollinator gardening, weed law, weed identification, and integrated weed management, specifically tailored to our lands in Chelan County. [Register](#) online or call (509) 436-1601 or email: americorps@cascadiacd.org

PROGRAMS/FILMS/CLASSES:

Jan 16 and Feb. 20, 2018 [Wenatchee Valley Environmental Film Series](#), hosted at Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center on Tuesday evenings once/month, Sept.-April. Suggested donation- \$5

Feb. 13, 2018 Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute, hosts guest speakers on the “even” numbered months on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 P.M at the Wenatchee Valley Museum, 127 South Mission, Wenatchee. Free and open to the public. Learn more by contacting Chapter Publicity Chair, Susan Freiberg, at susanf@televar.com.

[Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education](#) offers Nature Appreciation short courses. Susan Ballinger is teaching a 2-night Conifer ID workshop (Jan. 22 & 24) and Susan and Jenny Graevell are teaching an evening Winter Waterbirds class (Mar. 6, 8, & 10).

Feb 15, 2018 Registration opens for [Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest.](#) The keynote speaker is David Sibley (author/illustrator of Sibley Guides) so early registration is suggested for the May 17-20, 2018 festival. Celebrate the return of migratory birds in the midst of peak wildflower season while enjoying field trips, events and free family activities for all ages and abilities in Leavenworth, Washington and throughout the Wenatchee River valley! Sign up to volunteer with Brook Hinton: bhinton@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

Winter is a terrific time to take a walk through the Horan Natural Area. Parking is free at Walla Walla Park, and the heated bathrooms there are nice. Enjoy the views and keep an eye out for winter wildlife, both on the river and throughout the park. Keep an eye out for winter resident bald eagles, merlin, and over 15 species of waterfowl.

