



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.



November 2016

A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

We've received a national award - 2016 [ANROSP Volunteer Project of the Year](#) given by the Alliance of Natural Resource and Service Programs. Wenatchee Naturalist, Leslie Bigos, volunteered 100+ hours to design and produce the new Wenatchee Naturalist [website](#). Thank you, Leslie!



Please plan to come to our **2016 all-Wenatchee Naturalist Volunteer Recognition Gathering-Sunday, Nov. 20, 3-5pm**. Our program will feature Wenatchee Naturalists, Michael and Valarie Sarratt, who will tell their story as landowners who experienced the Carleton Complex Fire and later floods. Pens for 2016 volunteer service will be awarded. Bring a finger food snack to share- friends and family welcome! Location is Chelan PUD Auditorium, 327 N. Wenatchee Ave.

ASAP: send me your volunteer hours so I can prepare your recognition pens. You can help by emailing me a 1-sentence description of your total 2016 volunteer hours along with a photo to (skylinebal@gmail.com)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Citizen Science Projects

Stay tuned for North Central Washington's Audubon Christmas Bird Counts. All levels of birders are invited to join one of 7 area teams in late December and early January. On-going monthly bird surveys at Beebe Springs and Walla Walla Park welcome participants at any levels of birding skills. Visit the [website](#) for details or to sign up for a Saturday Nov. 5 waterfowl field trip.

■ Education

Nov. 4, 7pm. Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn Friday talk, "The Myth of the Bull Trout." USFWS Judy Neibauer sorts out the facts from fiction about our native char. By donation

Nov. 10, 7-8:30pm Washington Native Plant Society meeting with a presentation about mushroom and their place in the natural world. Wenatchee Valley Museum at 127 N. Mission Street. Free & open to all.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

4 November Tuesday evenings, **Adapting to Climate Change: A Scientist Speaker Series**, Wenatchee River Institute will be at Milepost111 in Cashmere Register with Brook at programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org,

PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Tues, Nov. 15, 7-9pm. View the film, *To Make a Farm* that explores what the future of farming looks like in a hopeful voice. Local farmers will answer questions the film. \$5 suggested donation.



NEW RESOURCES:



Audubon magazine features [Brad Wilson's owl photos](#) Visit the page to check your ID and learn a bit about these birds.

Read [Northwest Climate Magazine](#) – an annual publication that shares stories about NW climate research and adaptations efforts related to the issue of water availability in the Northwest. One article, "[Leave it to Beavers](#)" shows how beaver reintroduction to western rivers is restoring watersheds.

Watch a video featuring the [Glass Flowers of Harvard](#) Collections Manager, Jenny Brown, showing the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, the "Glass Flowers." This unique collection of over 4,000 models, representing more than 830 plant species, was created by glass artisans Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka, a father and son from Dresden, Germany.

Visit photographer John Marshall's new [website](#) to view photo stories about eastside fire ecology.

Do some holiday shopping gifts related to wildlife watching and natural history with the British online bookstore, [NHBS](#)

[Attacking Invasive Cheatgrass at its Roots.](#) Read about TNC and WSU's new research findings for effective control of annual cheatgrass – using a bacteria that inhibits root growth.

Thanks to Wenatchee Naturalists who shared items for this column - Lisi Ott & Hillary Schwirtlich.



Signs of beaver activity on a live black cottonwood, bank of the Methow River, 3/9/14



Western larch at Clara Lake near Mission Ridge on Oct. 23, 2016

