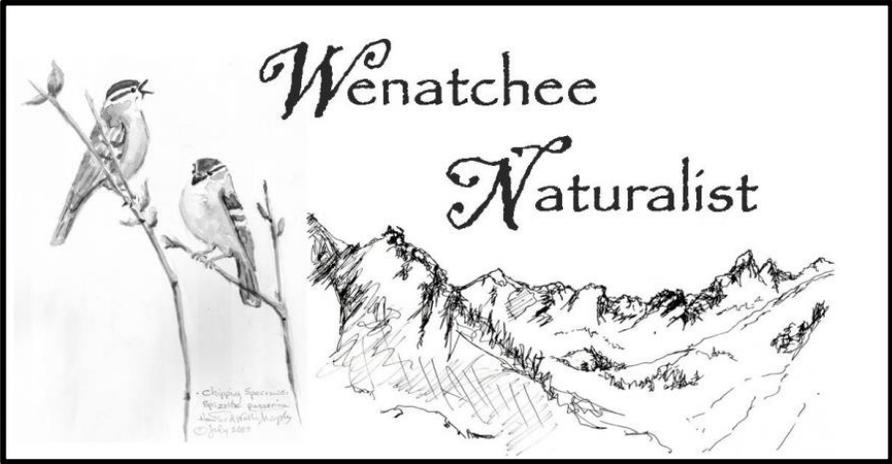




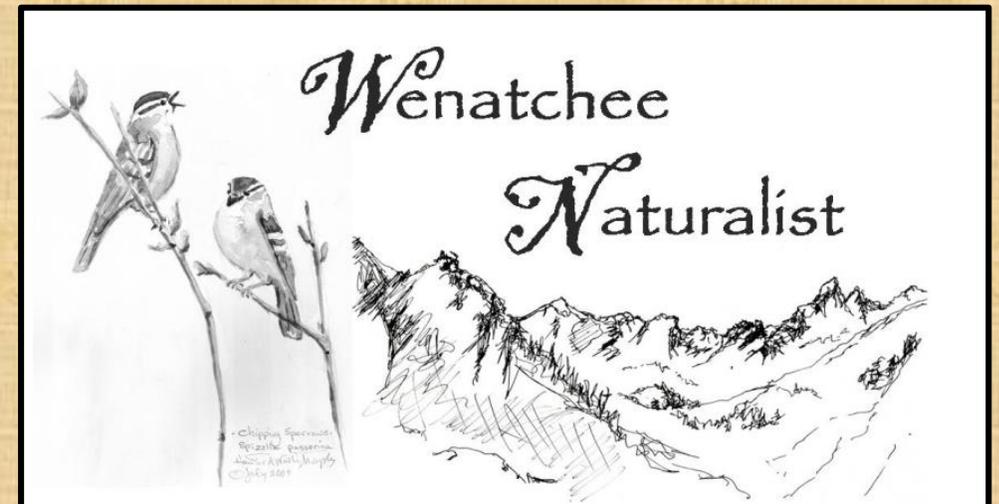
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Annual all-*Wenatchee Naturalist* gathering and Volunteer Recognition

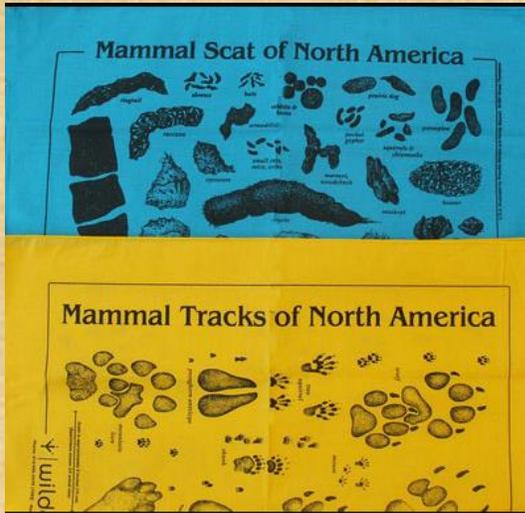


Volunteer Pledge for Conservation

- *As a Wenatchee Naturalist graduate, I pledge to help foster awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Wenatchee River region in my community.*
- Each person can choose the type of service that best fits their interests, abilities, and time constraints.
- There are four basic areas of service:
 - **Board Service and Stewardship Projects**
 - **Education/Interpretive**
 - **Citizen Science Projects**
 - **Program Support**



**20+ hours volunteering
for conservation- no time
limit!**



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**Within 2 years of course completion, recognizing
100+ volunteer hours 50+ volunteer hours**



Hours collected annually in late fall

Wenatchee Naturalist Program Statistics 2012 – present

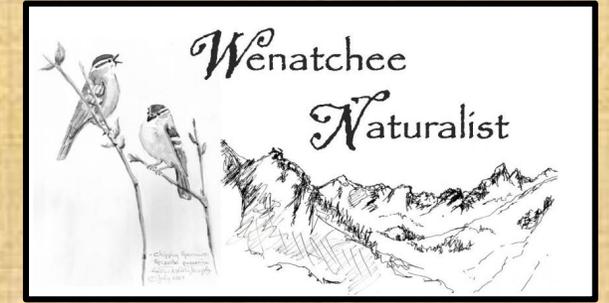
Volunteer hours
submitted upon
class completion

Volunteer hours
within 2 years of
class completion

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Class #	Class year	Class size	# Teachers K-12 & college	People with 20+ hours	People with 50 + hours	People with 100+ hours	Total hours reported
1	Spr 2012	21	6	17		10	1964
2	Fall 2012	26	5	18	5	6	1627
3	Spr2013	25	8	16	3	9	1442
4	Fall 2013	24	4	12		7	1475
5	Spr 2014	19	11	10	3	2	428
6	Fall 2014	16	0	9	4	2	694
7	Fall 2015	19	2	7	1	4	777
8	Fall 2016	17	3	5		1	
9	Fall 2017	21	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTALS:		188	39	94	16	41	8407

Our numbers...2012-2015 classes



- **128:** Total number of “active” Wenatchee Naturalists, 2012-2015
Excludes 16 people who have moved away within 2 years of class completion, 3 youth, & 1 Deceased)
- **39** Public school teachers- K-12 and community college (2012-present: tallied as “20 hrs”)
- **70%** % of “active” who have earned a 20+ hour Service Pin (94 people)
- **13%** % of “active” who have also earned 50+ hour Service Pin (16 people)
- **31%** % of “active” who have also earned 100+ hour Service Pin (41 people)
- **8407 Total Service Hours**

Class of Fall 2012



Myrna Moody 20+ Hours Service Pin

- 2012 & 2013 Citizen Science volunteer for Audubon's Christmas Bird count
- 2012-2014, volunteer guide for snowshoe tours at the Leavenworth Hatchery
- 2013-present, volunteer leader for Wenatchee River Institute Youth Programs
- 2017 Leavenworth Bird Fest volunteer
- Volunteer at Salmonfest

Class of Fall 2012



Dan Moody 20+ Hours Service Pin

- 2012 & 2013 Citizen Science volunteer for Audubon's Christmas Bird count
- 2012-2014, volunteer guide for snowshoe tours at the Leavenworth Hatchery
- 2013-present, volunteer leader for Wenatchee River Institute Youth Programs
- 2017 Leavenworth Bird Fest volunteer

Class of Spring 2013

- Helped a Choice High School, Tonasket, WA science teacher take her students to work on a riverside improvement project with Okanogan Conservation District.
- Assisted Choice High School Students doing trash pick-up and stream macroinvertebrate surveys.
- Weeded at the school garden



Erin VanderStoep 20+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Fall 2013

- Led the Link Transit NCW EcoChallenge, May 13-26, 2017, leading her team to first place rank. As a participant, implemented energy-saving measures at home, planted a home garden, and began a seed-exchange program at work.
- Added climate awareness components to Link Transit *ArtLink* program, presented to 1000 3rd graders annuals in 2 counties
- Participated in “Plastics-free” July



Leona Holahan

20+ Hours Service Pin



Our awareness of the plight of our planet, and the urgent need to change our ways was a seed planted during the Wenatchee Naturalist program where we realized just how delicate the balance is between man and nature. We have our tools, books and knowledge with us when we camp and our curiosity and love of nature are enriched by it but our greatest effort has been towards creating a waste-free home and lifestyle.

Class of Fall 2013

Co-captained the 2017 LINK Transit Eco-challenge team, promoting Earth-friendly awareness at work and in the community, a program of Climate Conversations NCW.

Constructed backyard garden beds to convert grass into food production enabling growing all of their own produce.

Installed energy-efficient programable thermostat in their home.



Tom Holahan 20+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Spring 2014

- Applies Wenatchee Naturalist course concepts about local native plants to her teaching of the “Life Cycle of Plants” science unit.
- Annually guides her student on the Jacobson Preserve as they learn about native animals and plants during their science field experience.

Nancy Navarro-Ortiz, 1st
Grade teacher, Lewis & Clark
Elementary, Wenatchee
20+ Hour Service Pin



Class of Spring 2014

- Applies what she learned in the Wenatchee Naturalist course to teaching her students about the native plants and animals in Wenatchee Foothills.
- Annually leads her students on their science field experience to the CDLT Jacobson Preserve.
- Celebrates seeing her students' enthusiasm & their deepen learning as they make connections about the science they learned in class to their outdoor experiences.

Adelita Solis, 1st Grade Teacher, Lewis and Clark Elementary, Wenatchee
20+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Spring 2014

- Applies Wenatchee Naturalist course concepts to her teaching as she prepared her students for their geology/landforms/soils science field experience.
- Devotes extra time to preparing her students to learn science concepts taught in the field

Daniz Lopez, 2nd Grade Teacher
Lewis and Clark
Elementary, Wenatchee
20+ Hours Service Pin



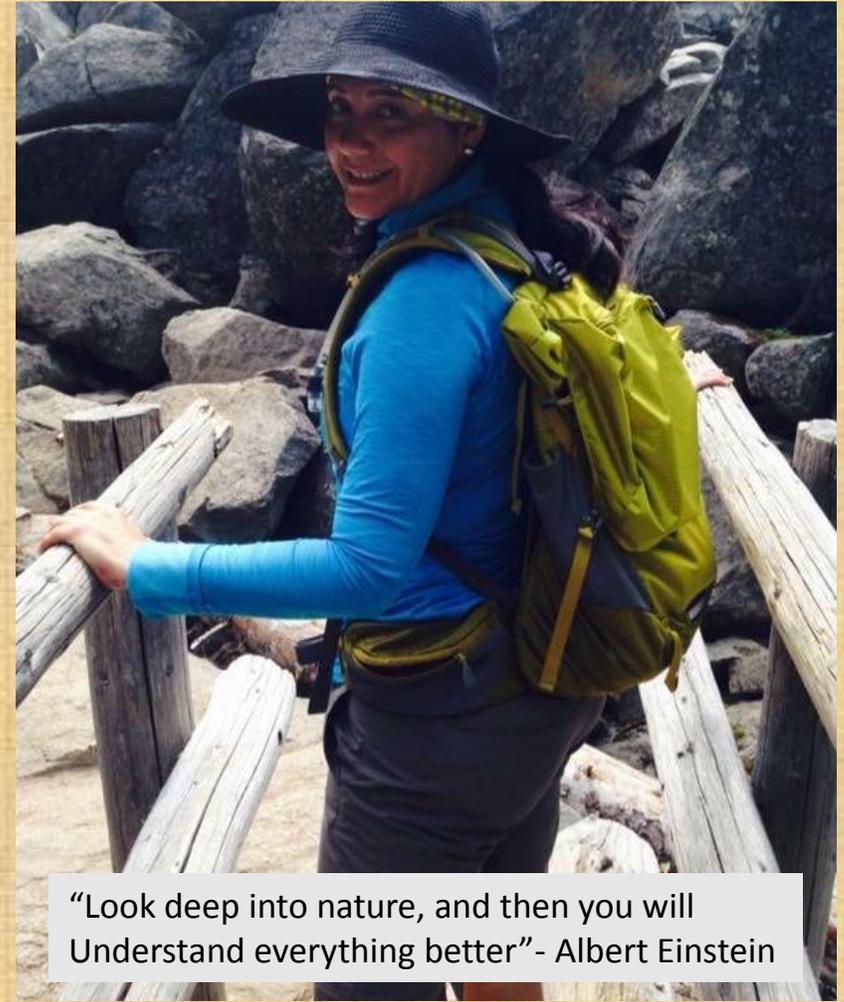
Class of Fall 2012

- Intentionally applies Wenatchee Naturalist course ideas and resources to her own teaching.
- Daily, nurtures her students' excitement for exploring nature outside of school.
- Bridges student learning by connecting field experiences to science concepts.



Cindelia leads her students at Leavenworth Salmonfest each fall.

Cindelia delaMora, 3rd grade teacher, Lewis & Clark Elementary, Wenatchee 20+ Hours Service Pin



"Look deep into nature, and then you will Understand everything better"- Albert Einstein

Class of Spring 2014

Kathy's husband, Jim passed away in 2015, one year after they both took the Wenatchee Naturalist course.

Jim was a life-long lover of the great outdoors. He began in childhood hiking in the Cascades, and as an adult, enjoyed fishing and hunting in Washington and Montana. His brother, Jim, was a taxidermist who mounted many of Jim's favorite upland birds and mammals, all hunted with a bow. He was a long-time supporter of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, and other non-profits in support of wildlife.

To honor Jim, the family wanted to share his collection of beautiful mounts. Kathy researched potential homes for the mounts and selected Wenatchee River Institute as the home for Jim's collection. Future generations of children will have a chance to marvel and admire a diversity of birds of mammals when they visit WRI.

Kathy McKenna

20+ & 50+ Hours Service Pin



16 people*- Class # 8: Fall 2014.

2 year period post-course ends in Dec. 2016

20+ and 100+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Cindy Luksus
Gary Provo

20+ and 50+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Helen Kjobech
Terry Leverenz
Sandra Phenning
Cindy Rietveldt
Jill LaRue

20+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Leesa Broker
Bill Deters

694 Volunteer hours reported

56% of class members have earned a pin to date



Class of Fall 2014

Helen Kjobech

20+ & 50+ Hours Service Pin

Citizen Science Volunteer for Project Feederwatch. Observed birds using a protocol, recorded observations on a field form, and entered the data into the Cornell lab's eBird database. Observation period runs from November-March annually.

Helen has volunteered for 15 consecutive years for this citizen science project



Class of Fall 2014

- Trained to become a RareCare Volunteer for the University of Washington Botanic Gardens. The program monitors rare plant populations in WA
- Volunteered as a citizen scientist for the 2017 Year 3 of the Sagebrush Songbird Survey Program



Jill LaRue

20+ and 50+ Service Pin

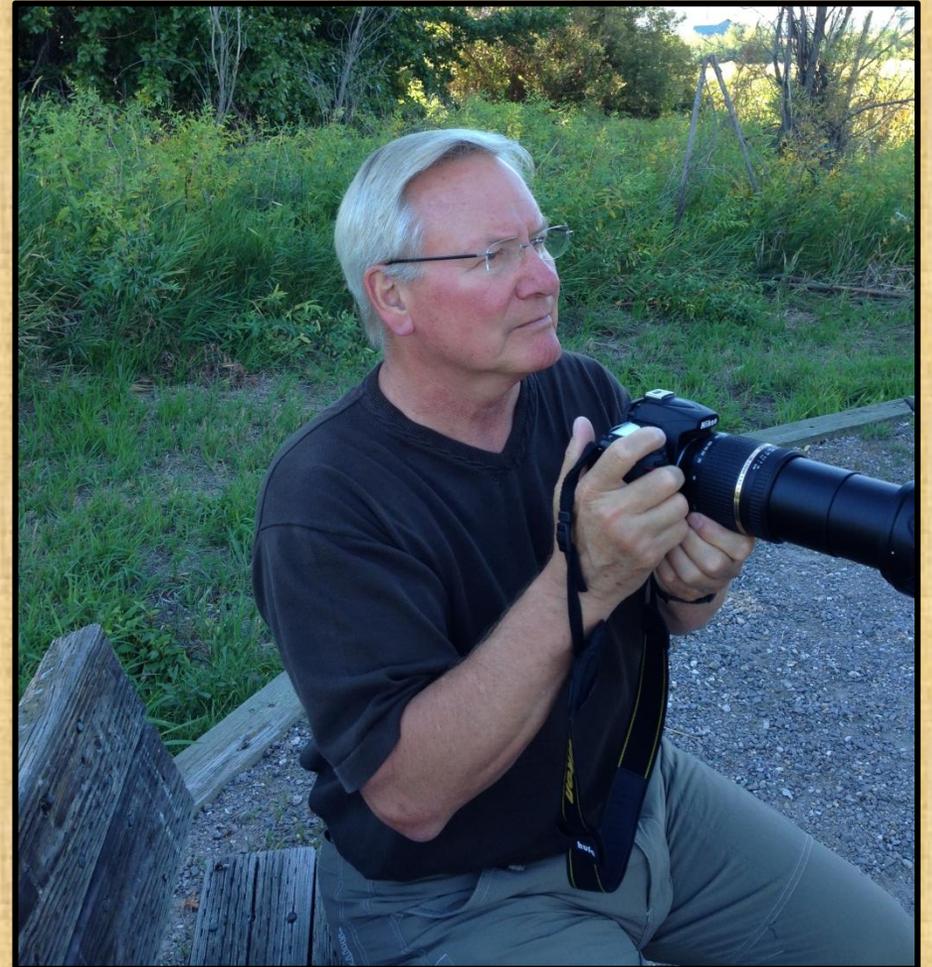


Class of Fall 2014

Gary Provo

20+, 50+, & 100+ Hours Service Pins

- Board member, Wenatchee River Institute, serving as Board Vice-president and on the Executive, Strategic Planning, and Fundraising Committees
- Finance Committee Member, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust



19 people*- Class #7: Fall 2015

2 year period post-course ends in Dec. 2017

20+ and 100+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Leslie Bigos
Hillary (Schwirtlich) Clark
Amanda Sherling
Pete Teigen
Marilyn Sherling (2nd set of 100+ hours)



20+ and 50+ Hour Pins awarded to:

David Hillestad

20+ Hour Teacher Pins awarded to:

Graham Stansbery
Jan Woodley



777 Volunteer hours reported

57 % of class members have earned a pin to date

*4 class members have since moved out of the region; 1 was a youth



Class of Fall 2015

Hillary Clark

20+ & 100+ Hours Service Pin

18-months service as a
volunteer Board Member
for Wenatchee River
Institute



Class of Fall 2015

Volunteer Board service for Wenatchee Outdoors. Participating in regular board meetings, writing grants, assisting with fund-raisers, participating in community outreach events, and offering guidance for governance, fiscal responsibility, and strategic direction for the organization.



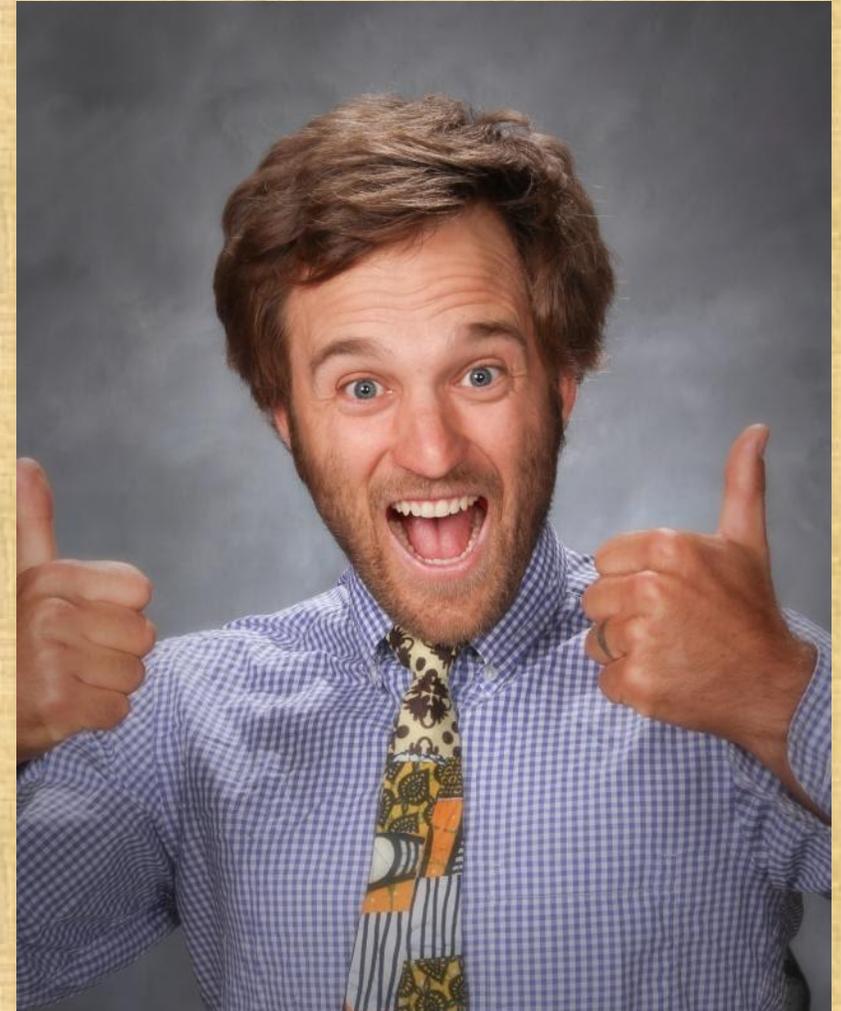
Pete Teigen
20+, 100+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Fall 2015

Graham Stansbery, Science teacher,
Wenatchee High School
20+ Hours Service Pin

- Applied Wenatchee Naturalist course concepts to develop new curricula for high school science courses including Advance Placement Environmental Science.
- Designed field activities to complement classroom learning.



17 people- Class #8: Fall 2016

2 year period post-course ends in Dec. 2018

20+ and 100+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Patrick Farrar

20+ Hour Pins awarded to:

Nancy Duffey

20+ Hour Teacher Pins awarded to:

Tina Holm

Ariahna Jones

Joanne Roberts

160 Volunteer hours reported

30 % of class members have earned a pin to date



Class of Fall 2016

- Volunteered with Cascadia Conservation District on a riparian planting project at Mission Creek and for a tire clean-up on the Little Chumstick Creek.
- Volunteered with The Nature Conservancy to map resources, field-check mapped features, and realign a hiking trail in Moses Coulee.
- For Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, surveyed a sharp-tailed grouse lek in Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area.

The Nature
Conservancy 



CASCADIA
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Washington
Department of
FISH AND
WILDLIFE

Patrick Farrar 20+ & 100+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Fall 2016

- Led a neighborhood group in collaboration with Chelan County Fire District Staff to plan and apply FireWise principles to private home properties that adjoin wildlands.
- Coordinated use of heavy equipment and neighbor volunteers to cut and remove woody shrubs, reducing fuels.



Nancy Duffey 20+ Hours Service Pin



Class of Fall 2016

Tina Holm, Science Teacher, Eastmont Jr. High School 20+ Hours Service Pin

Incorporated local flora and fauna into Ecology science unit. Planned and taught an end-of-year fire ecology unit that culminated in a post-fire recovery study field trip to the Wenatchee foothills for 28 students. Led nature-journaling & photo monitoring during a 3-mile hike on a super hot day.



Class of Fall 2016

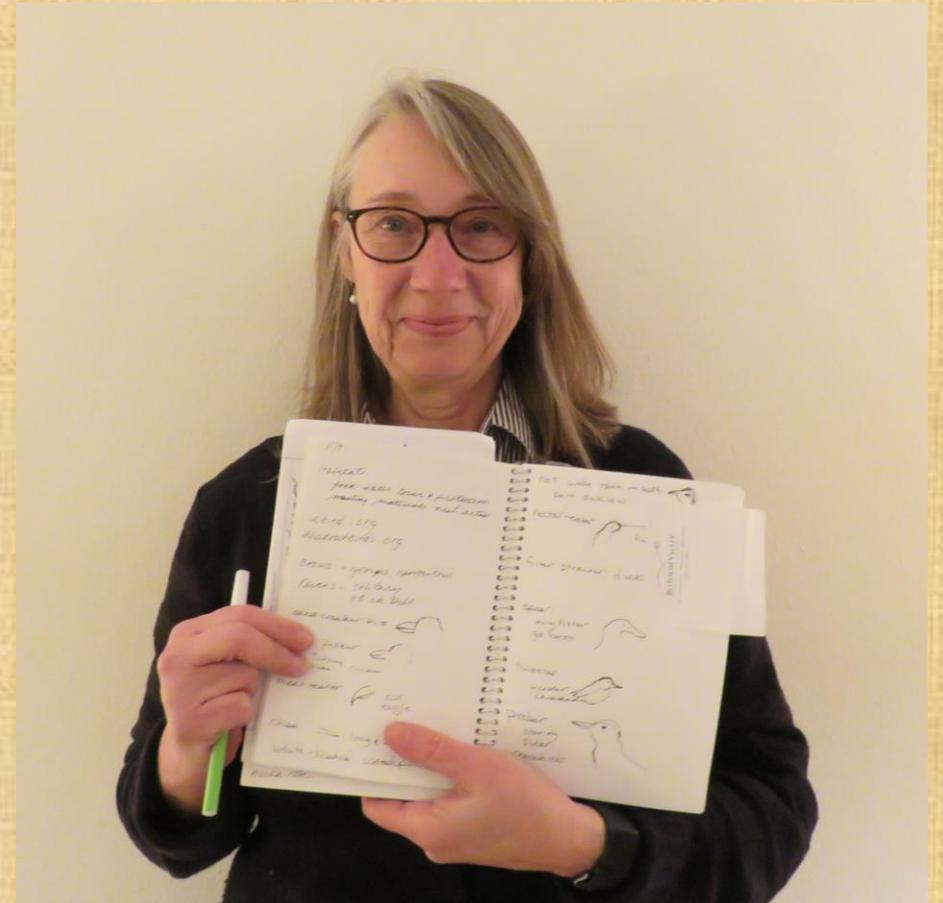
Joanne Roberts, Teacher, English-language Learners, Wenatchee Valley College.

20+ Hours Service Pin

Used place-based concepts learned in the Wenatchee Naturalist class to design personalized curricula to best suit adult language learners.

Examples include:

1. Students used the local map of ice age flood map to visit a site, take a selfie photo, and write about their experience. Many students took their families along.
2. Students participated on a sustainability walk on campus and wrote about applying sustainability to their own lives
3. Students participated on a tree identification walk on campus to learn about native conifers.



Class of Fall 2016

Applied “Sense of Place” knowledge and journaling techniques learned in the Wenatchee Naturalist course on every outing with students and with Outdoor Club members.

Strives to foster students’ connection to their local ecosystems, growing understanding, appreciation, and the ethic of stewardship.



Ariahna Jones, teacher for Outdoor Recreation Management AA Degree Program Wenatchee Valley College 20+ Hours Service Pin

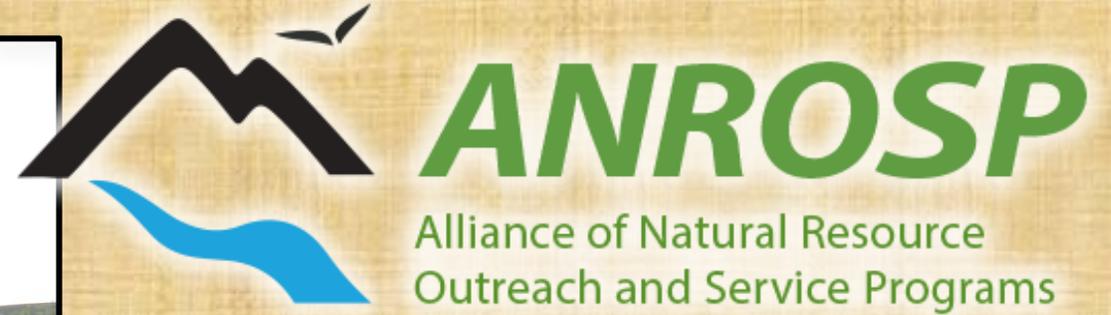


21 people- Class # 9: Fall 2017



Welcome to our newest learning community of Wenatchee Naturalists. We look forward to hearing your volunteer stories at near year's gathering!

2016 ANROSP Outstanding Volunteer Project



Susan presented at the national ANROSP meeting in Portland, OR, Sept. 18-21, 2017

Wenatchee Naturalist, Leslie Bigos (left) and Wenatchee Naturalist Program Leader, Susan Ballinger (right) holding the 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Volunteer Project Award.

Leslie completed the 50-hour Wenatchee Naturalist course in December, 2015. Leslie then completed her volunteer pledge to support conservation by working for 100+ hours during summer, 2016, to design and create a new website, www.wenatcheenaturalist.org.

Wenatchee Naturalist and CDLT joined as Community Partner for 2017-18

- **The Seven Principles**
- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Thank you to our Post-course sponsor: Chelan-Douglas Land Trust

CDLT sends out monthly Wenatchee Naturalist eNews



CDLT hosts a [Wenatchee Naturalist webpage](#)

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November/December 2017

AII-WENATCHEE NATURALIST Gathering

Nov. 19, 3:00-5:00pm, Wenatchee Valley College Theater (free parking on Sundays) Bring a finger-food potluck snack to share (wine/beer/coffee/tea provided). Friends and family welcome! We will celebrate the 2017 volunteers supporting conservation. Scientific illustrator, [Marlin Peterson](#), will highlight the art he created for the newly published book, *Improbable Destinies*, by Jonathan B. Losos.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Home Garden Stewardship Project**
Leave the Leaves!
Besides providing the right plants, and protecting your garden from pesticides, one of the next most valuable things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. Frequently however, this is the hardest pill for gardeners to swallow. Read more on at the Xerces Society
- Pledge to be a Lazy Gardener** and vow to not clean up your garden until spring, 2018. Read this fun article with practical tips.
- Citizen Science- Christmas Bird Count**
Join in on the fun at the 2017 Leavenworth Christmas Bird Count on **Sat., Dec. 16**. Birders will be assigned a route and meet their leader at a designated area. Lists will be compiled at 4pm at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. To learn more and to sign up, contact Gretchen Rohde (509.393.0088 or design@thedesignteam.com).

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Listen for the song of an American dipper while standing under a four hundred year old cedar tree. Feel the fur of beavers and the soft grey feathers of a great blue heron. Share lunch with a new friend in the breezy shade of a ponderosa pine. Learn from local experts, and find new places close to home to return to time and again.

These are just a few of the experiences Wenatchee Naturalists have during this 12-week course. This class is designed to inspire a deeper connection to the wonders of our valley and to bring new sources of joy to your everyday life.

Visit the Wenatchee Naturalist website [here](#) @ .

Thank you to our course sponsor: Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education



50 hour Wenatchee Naturalist course offered through Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education, September-December

Workshops and field classes offered Winter and Spring Quarters

New 2018 volunteer opportunity- Snowshoe Nature Tours at Leavenworth Fish Hatchery

Contact Marjie Lodwick, marjorielodwick@fws.gov or 509.669.6941



New 2018 citizen science project: Learn to prepare and preserve bird study skins



Join Dr. Dan Stephens in this in-depth class. Jan. 22- March 12, 2018
Monday & Wednesday evenings, 6:00-9:00pm. \$149. WVC Cont. Ed.

Welcome to our guest speaker
Marlin Peterson, artist, teacher, &
scientific illustrator

Visit Marlin Peterson's [website](#)



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