



Nov. 17, 2019
Annual all-*Wenatchee Naturalist* gathering
and Volunteer Recognition



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50-hour Wenatchee
Naturalist course offered
September-December

Hosts annual social

Workshops and field classes
offered Winter and Spring
Quarters



Class of Fall 2019 Welcome to 24 participants!

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November/December 2017

ALL-WENATCHEE NATURALIST Gathering
Nov. 19, 3:00-5:00pm, Wenatchee Valley College Theater (free parking on Sanders)
Bring a lunch-sized potluck snack to share (bring to or coffee tea provided). Friends and family welcome!
We will celebrate the 2017 volunteers supporting conservation. Scientific illustrations, studio tours are, will highlight the art he created for the newly published book, *Inevitable Distances*, by Jonathan B. Lewis.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Home Garden Stewardship Project**
Learn the Lesson!
Besides providing the right plants, and protecting your garden from pesticides, one of the most important things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with clean water cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. Regularly however, this is the landscape for gardeners to evaluate. Read more on the Insect Society.- Christmas Bird Count**
It is in on the for the 2017 Christmas Bird Count on Sat, Dec. 16. Birds will be assigned a route and meet their leaders at designated area. Lists will be assigned in logs at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. To learn more and to sign up, contact Gretchen Rabold (509.282.0083 or grabs@chelanlandtrust.com).

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Wenatchee Naturalist

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.

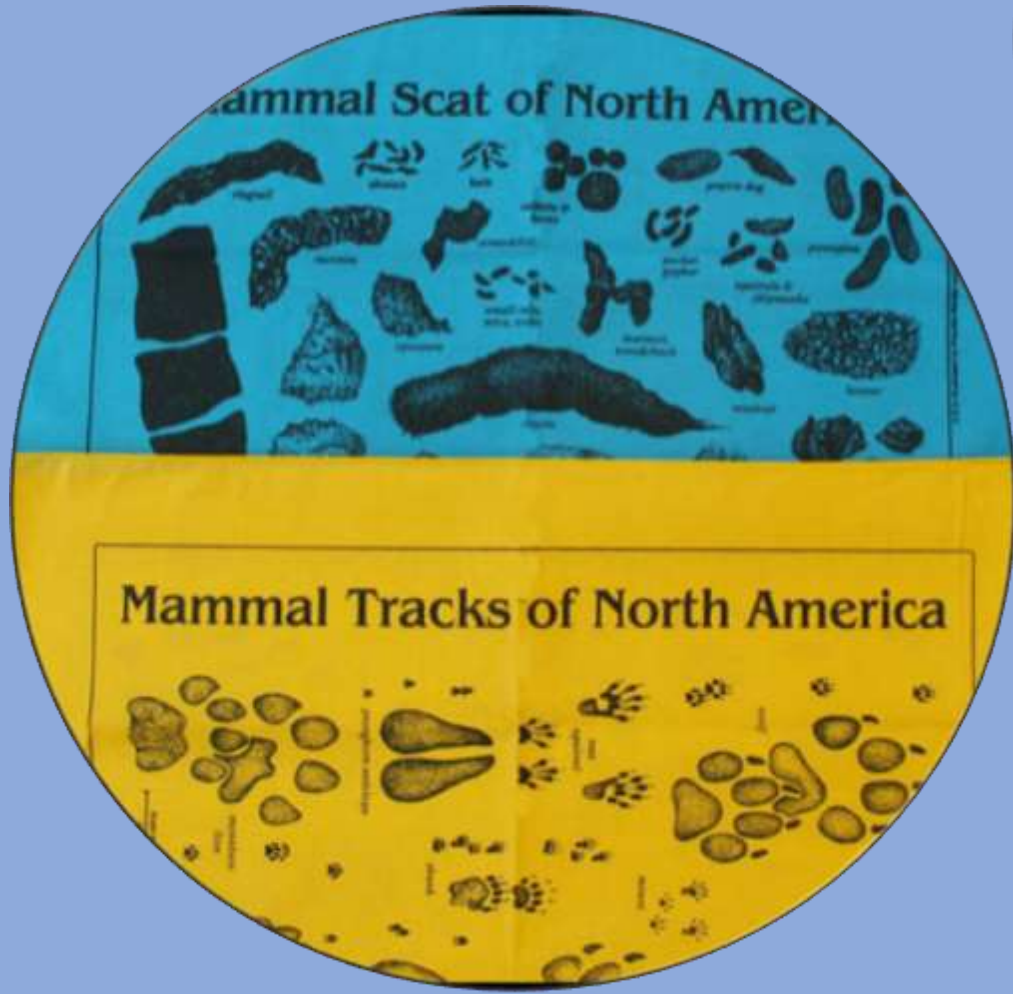
Volunteer Pledge for Conservation

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**
- **Community Science Projects**
- **Program Support**



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



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

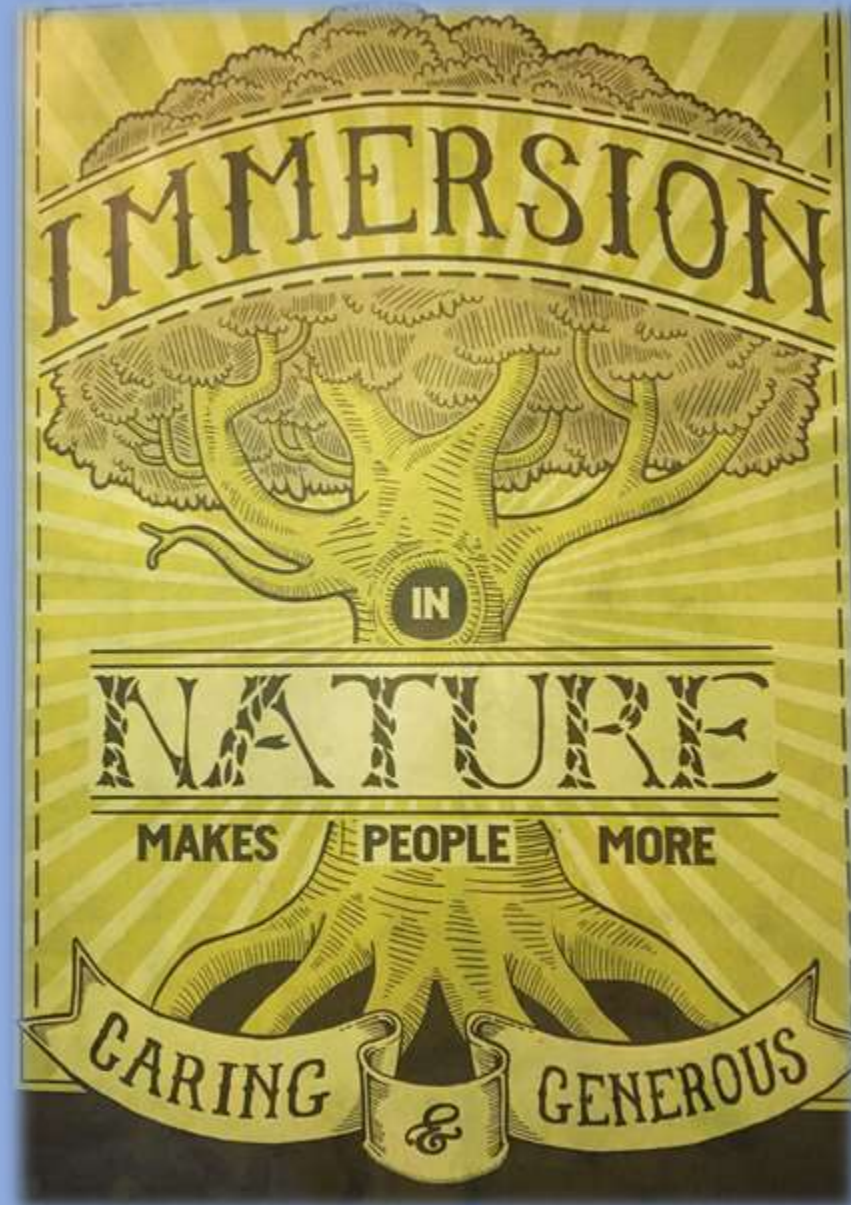


Hours collected annually in late fall

Why a Service Pin program?

...It is important to share and celebrate local volunteer stories as inspiration and encouragement to others who then contribute in ways that uniquely fit their own talents, time, and passions...

--Susan Ballinger,
Wenatchee Naturalist founder



Numbers to Celebrate! - 10 classes

185 Total number of Active Wenatchee Naturalists*

44 Public School Teachers (K-college)

65% have earned a 20+ hour service pin (120 people)

15% have also earned a 50+ hour service pin** (28 people)

25% have also earned a 100+ hour service pin**(46 people)

10,039 TOTAL volunteer hours in support of conservation

*Excludes 19 people who have moved away within 2 years of class completion, 3 youth, & 1 deceased

** Volunteer hour tally is kept for two years of course completion.

21 people Class # 9 Fall 2017

- **2 year period post-course ends Dec. 2019**

- **9 20+ Hour Pins awarded to:**

Barbara Brink, James Brink, Chelsea Evans, Marjie Lodwick, Jan Meredith-Evans, John Taylor, Tom Ross, Mabel Bodell, Corinne Bassett, Nina Carlson, Malerie Morgan, Denise Morun, Kris Deyerle,

- **2 20+ Hour Teacher Pins awarded to:**

Susan Douglas, John Taylor

- **10 50+ Hour Pins awarded to:**

Barbara Brink, James Brink, Susan Douglas
Mabel Bodell, Tom Ross, Nina Carlson, Chelsea Evans, Jan Meredith-Evans, Marjie Lodwick, John Taylor

- **723 Volunteer hours reported**

- **70% of class members have earned a pin to date**



Class of Fall of 2017

Pulls invasive baby Russian thistle weeds on daily dog walks along the Sage Hills Trails, Wenatchee Foothills.



Prickly Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*)

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kali_tragus

Corrine Bassett
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2017

Malerie is passionate about native medicinal & food plants of WA.

As a volunteer with The Plant Ally shop in Leavenworth, she leads collaborative plant identification walks and workshops. She discusses plant collecting ethics as part of her programs.



Malerie Morgan
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2017

By intention, she is paying closer attention to the native plants and animals she knows. Whenever she is with someone else out-of-doors, she shares her natural history knowledge.

She actively promotes participation with *Team Naturaleza!* to her friends and family



Denise Morun
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall 2017

Volunteer guide for
snowshoe tours,
Leavenworth National
Fish Hatchery

2 trash clean-up projects
in Wayne National
Forest, Ohio, with
grandchildren

Year-round trash pickup
on trails

Nina Carlson

20+ & 50+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2017

Participated on a 2019 NCW EcoChallenge Team, trying new ways of sustainable living, for the 2-week competition.

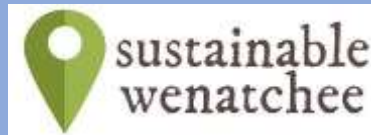
Prepped and staffed Cascadia Conservation District's native plant sale & weeded Saddle Rock Native Garden.

Volunteered for CDLT mailing parties

Transitioned the MEND Gleaning Project to her successor

Chelsea Evans

50+ hours service pin



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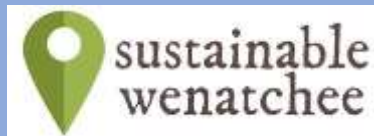
Prepped and staffed Cascadia Conservation District's native plant sale

Volunteered for CDLT mailing parties

Taught 2nd graders, WSD field experience

Began a long path as a nature educator for a first grandchild

Jan Meredith-Evans
50+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2017

As a weekend volunteer for *Friends of NW Hatcheries*, she has led snowshoe hikes, trained boy scout leaders in wildlife ID, helped with bird walks, and chaperoned youth backpacking trips.

Marjie loves helping other people fall in love with the outdoors. She works as a Park Ranger for the US Fish & Wildlife Service.



Marjie Lodwick

50+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2017

In 2019, they continued to steward their own 5-acres of shrub-steppe habitat by planting natives, hand-watering them, and eradicating weeds.

Additionally, they did volunteer weed control work on the adjoining CDLT property.

Barbara & James Brink
100+ hours service pin



Class of Fall 2017

Offered a variety of free educational events for the public through the *Wild Birds Unlimited's* Wenatchee store. Her wall-mounted dissected owl pellet is a bit hit!

2018 Community science volunteer for Cornell Lab's Project FeederWatch program.

Mabel Bodell

100+ hours service pin



24 people Class # 10 Fall 2018

2 year period post-course ends Dec. 2020

- **8 20+ Hour Pins awarded to:** Martha Bean, Carole Ann Borshard, Sherry Doolittle, Betsy Dudash, Carolyn Kinkade, Darlene Schoenwald
- **20+ Hour Teacher Pins awarded to:** Memory Visscher, Rachel Endelman
- **2 100+ Hour Pins awarded to:** Sherry Doolittle, Betsy Dudash
- **535 Volunteer hours reported**
- **40% of class members have earned a pin to date**



Class of Fall of 2018

As a Dean's Advisory Board member for Huxley College of the Environment at Western Washington University, Martha hosts regular gatherings for graduates living in North Central Washington.

Community science volunteer for eBird projects with CDLT



Martha Bean
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

As a grandmother care-giver for a grandchild, she participates in nature exploration hikes with other families, seeking animal tracks, wildflowers, and topography to explore.

Guides her granddaughter to observe insects and then create a habitat enclosure for a “pet” beetle.

By caring for her granddaughter, her son-in-law has been free to volunteer for CDLT trail work parties.

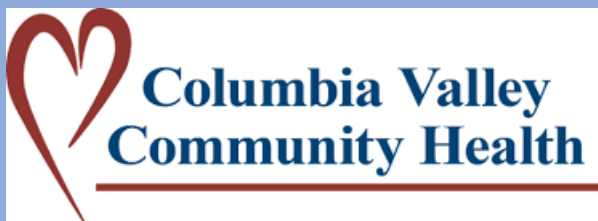
Carole Ann Borshard
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

Served as a CDLT Ambassador, assisting leaders on outings at Nason Ridge and the White River.

Assisted at monthly “Hike for Health” events, offered to patients and staff of Columbia Valley Community Health in partnership with CDLT



Kris Deyerle
20+ hours service pin

Class of Fall of 2018

As a Wenatchee High School Biology teacher, developed and taught a unit about pikas in the North Cascades and the impact of global climate change on this species.

Designed and taught a lesson about biodiversity and invasive species featuring cheatgrass.



Rachel Endelman
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

Attended an all-day community science training for the *Sagebrush Songbird Survey* (WA Audubon & WDFW)

Served as a CDLT Ambassador, assisting leaders on outings in the Wenatchee Foothills.

Participated on NCW Audubon Society field trips where observations were entered into eBird.

Carolyn Kinkade
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

As a 4th-5th grade science teacher brought in native conifer and shrub samples and used them for classroom nature journaling lessons.

As a 2nd grade teacher, designed & taught lessons about local geology features and rock types. Created an October classroom calendar using a variety of leaves so students could identify patterns.

Memory Visscher
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

Volunteered with the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation's Beaver Project, in Winthrop, WA. She fed and cared for beavers being held at temporary shelters. She recorded data, helped with beaver releases, and monitored sites for evidence of beaver.

Darlene Schoenwald
20+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

As a volunteer professional landscape designer, developed and taught a "designing with native plants" workshop for Cascadia Conservation District and for Earth Day.

As a *Sustainable Wenatchee* Board member, staffed events, taught composting workshops, and fulfilled board duties.

Working with WVC staff to get the Wenatchee campus certified as a Tree Campus USA.

Betsy Dudash

20 & 100+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

Over 231 hours in 10 months!!

Wenatchee Valley
Museum docent and
teacher for youth
programs like *Youth on
the Columbia*

Monthly volunteer
host for Environmental
Film Series



Sherry Doolittle

20 & 100+ hours service pin



Class of Fall of 2018

Over 231 hours in 10 months!!

Field data recorder for cheatgrass study

Trail work party regular volunteer

Land Trust Ambassador for events, outings, and Halloween trick-or-treaters at the office.

Sherry Doolittle

20 & 100+ hours service pin



Wenatchee Naturalist Inspirational Story of the Year

Kathi Rivers-Shannon 1st Class Spring 2012

Kathi's current writing project honors Leavenworth's Peg Stark (1917-2016).

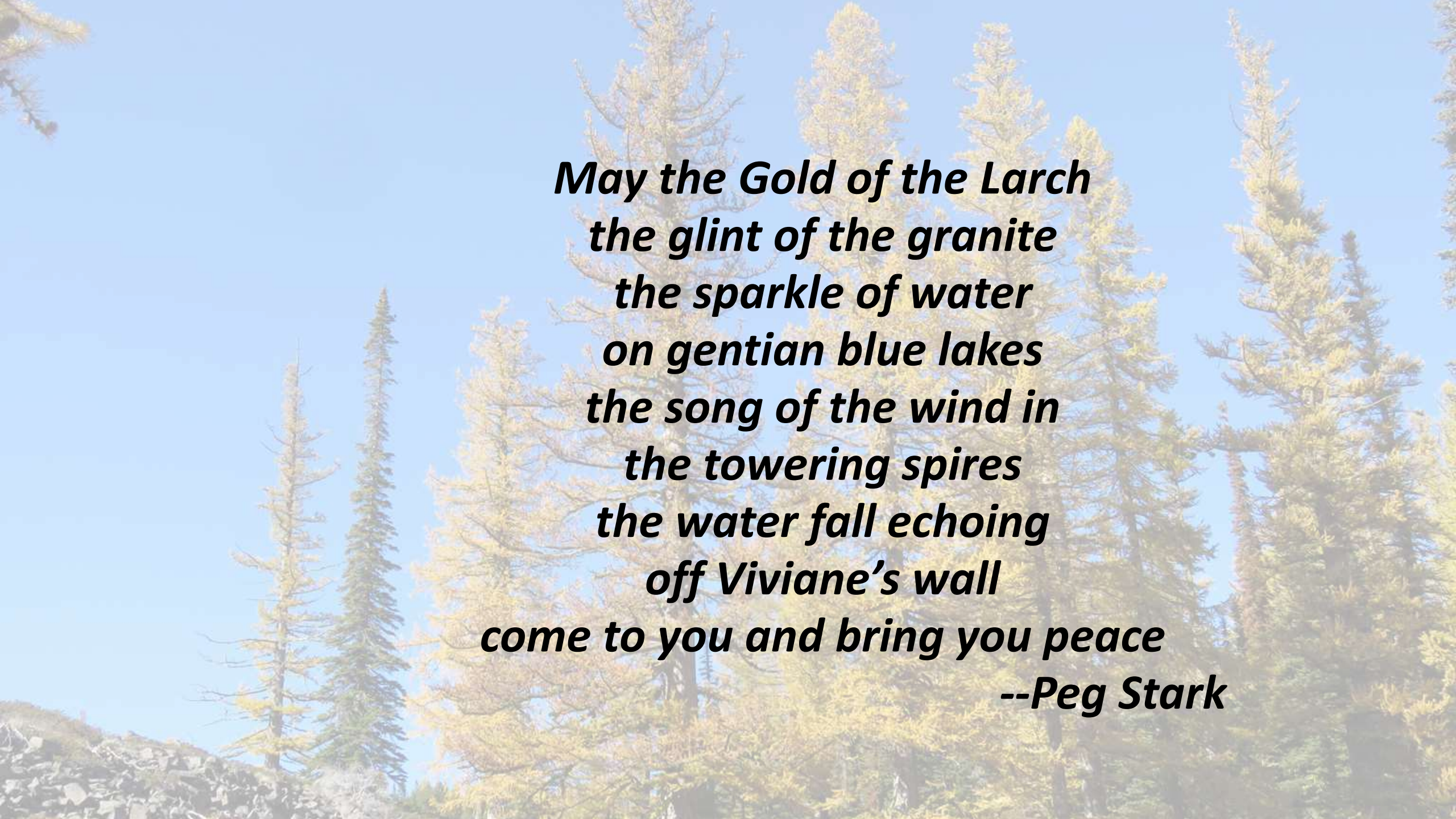
Peg, a naturalist and writer, visited the Enchantments with her husband Bill from 1959 to 1996 and worked to preserve them as part of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.



Kathi is nearing completion of a memoir with natural and social history of the Enchantments threaded throughout, including past and current efforts to preserve and protect the area.



Kathi with Peg - in her mid-90's
Kathi calls Peg her
mountain grandmother



***May the Gold of the Larch
the glint of the granite
the sparkle of water
on gentian blue lakes
the song of the wind in
the towering spires
the water fall echoing
off Viviane's wall
come to you and bring you peace
--Peg Stark***