

FIDALGO BE WILD

-an email newsletter-

Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat project: fostering a community living in harmony with nature.

--Feel free to forward, copy, use this material in any way that will help to spread the word about the backyard wildlife habitat project--

August 13, 2008

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---August 23, 2008---COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION CELEBRATION -- the celebration for being designated a Community Wildlife Habitat

THE COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION CELEBRATION IS AUGUST 23

YOU ARE INVITED.

We have reached an important milestone in our wildlife habitat project. For the past three years the Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat group has been working to foster Fidalgo Island as a community living in harmony with nature. The community has been responding in a very positive manner by certifying over 500 yards, 14 businesses, 4 school grounds, and 5 parks and by attending educational events, yard tours, and participating in community habitat projects.

IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

You are invited to the Community Certification Celebration,
a **FREE** event,
Saturday, August 23, 11:00 am
in front of the Snagboat Heritage Center located at 7th & R in Anacortes.

The Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat group has been notified by the National Wildlife Federation that Fidalgo Island/Anacortes has met all the requirements to earn the national distinction of being a "Community Wildlife Habitat." Fidalgo Island/Anacortes is the 4th community in Washington State and the 26th in the nation to earn this community wildlife

habitat designation.

The celebration will include a few short speeches, the presentation of the community certification by Anne Bikle of the National Wildlife Federation, some music, cake and refreshments will be provided by the Skagit Conservation District, and a surprise or two. Literature on certifying a yard and other topics will be available. No RSVP necessary.

The mayor of Anacortes, Dean Maxwell, has proclaimed August 17-23 as "Community Living in Harmony with Nature" week. The week will culminate with the August 23rd Community Certification Celebration.

I have included a copy of the proclamation below.

Feel free to spread the word about the August 23 celebration.

Thank you for certifying your yard to help us meet the goal of certifying 500 yards by August 2008.

Our habitat project will continue although with a focus on certifying neighborhoods, participating in habitat projects, and education events such as our annual yard tour.

Keep encouraging your friends and neighbors to certify their yards so that we can add even more certified yards to our total.

This monthly email newsletter will continue as long as Fidalgo continues to be wild.

=====**Rich**

MAYOR MAXWELL PROCLAIMS 3COMMUNITY LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE2 WEEK

-----**Proclamation**-----

WHEREAS the citizens of Anacortes and Fidalgo Island have responded favorably to the challenge of being a community living in harmony with nature; and

WHEREAS over 500 yards have been certified as wildlife habitats through the National Wildlife Federation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's habitat programs; and

WHEREAS fourteen businesses, four school grounds, five church grounds, and five parks in Anacortes and Fidalgo Island have been certified as wildlife habitats; and three habitat projects have been completed on school grounds or by school members; and

WHEREAS Anacortes/Fidalgo Island has become the twenty-sixth community in the country to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS Anacortes/Fidalgo Island has become the fourth community in the State of Washington to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS a group of dedicated citizens have donated many hours serving on the Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat steering committee, meeting monthly for the past three years; and

WHEREAS the steering committee has worked with numerous official and unofficial partners such as the National Wildlife Federation, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, City of Anacortes, Skagit Conservation District, Evergreen Islands, Friends of the Forest, Salal Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Skagit Audubon Society, Anacortes School District, Deception Pass State Park, Shelter Bay Community, Skyline Garden Club, Anacortes Soroptimist Club and others; and

WHEREAS the steering committee members and others have given thirty-one presentations to government groups and service clubs; provided twenty-seven educational events, such as information fairs, yard tours, workshops, and events; and participated in eleven habitat community projects, such as Kiwanis Waterfront Park, Washington Park, three Skyline Community Parks (Tugboat Beach Park, Cabana Park, and Clubhouse Park), Pilgrim Congregational Church, Anacortes Community Shelter Project, a hedgerow project at Frank and Rose Orr's property, and the Ace of Hearts Creek project; and

WHEREAS steering committee members have staffed information tables thirty times and provided ten information stations around town with brochures, applications, and information; and

WHEREAS over 450 people are on the *Fidalgo Be Wild* monthly email newsletter list to keep people informed about fostering wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS all these accomplishments are the first steps in an ongoing effort by dedicated volunteers and community members to enhance wildlife habitat on Fidalgo Island;

NOW THEREFORE I, Dean Maxwell, Mayor of the City of Anacortes, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Anacortes, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of August 1723, 2008 as Community Living in Harmony with Nature Week in Anacortes/Fidalgo Island, Washington and call upon the people of Anacortes/Fidalgo Island to observe this week with appropriate appreciation, activities, and ceremonies supporting the habitat project's theme, ³Fostering a Community Living in Harmony with Nature.²

And I hereby inform the citizens of Anacortes/Fidalgo Island that the Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat steering members invite all residents to participate in the culmination of Community Living in Harmony with Nature Week, the Community Certification Celebration on Saturday, August 23, 11:00 A.M., at the Snagboat Center and Depot Farmers¹ Market. All citizens of Anacortes/Fidalgo Island are invited to this celebration, at which the official Community Wildlife Habitat Certificate will be presented by the National Wildlife Federation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of August in the year two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the year two hundred and thirty-three.

_____ [official seal]

Dean Maxwell

Mayor

PROGRESS THIS MONTH

Yards certified through the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program in July = 12 .

Number of yards certified in Shelter Bay and nearby areas (zip 98257) for June and July = 5 . Total = 25.

The total certified backyard wildlife habitat yards for Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island (zip 98221) = 528.

The total of certified businesses = 15.

----two new businesses:

-----Lowman House (bed and breakfast--Richard Storwick)

-----Mortgage Master (Rita Shiva)

Total church grounds = 6.

----one new church grounds: Anacortes Christian Church at 1211 M. Ave

Total parks certified = 5.

----one new park: Washington Park

Total schools certified = 4.

.....<---our current total is **528 certified yards !!**

500 ___ <---Our goal: 500 yards certified by August 2008

475---1 1 <---June 2008....467 certified yards

450---~~1XX~~ 1 <---April 2008....424 certified yards

400---~~1XX~~ 1 <---March 2008..405 certified yards

350---~~1XX~~ 1 <---Sept. 2007.....350

300---~~1XX~~ 1 <---July 2007.....301

250---~~1XX~~ 1 <---May 2007.....263

200---~~1XX~~ 1 <---Dec. 2006.....210

150---~~1XX~~ 1 <---July 2006.....160

100---~~1XX~~ 1 <---April 2006.....97

..50---~~1XX~~ 1 <---Sept. 2005.....56

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NEWLY CERTIFIED YARDS ON FIDALGO ISLAND

Congratulations to these people:

NOTE: Since I did not receive the WDFW report before the July newsletter deadline, there are two progress reports from WDFW---June and July, both great months of progress.

WDFW

June 2008

.....name.....certication #.....date

1...Mary Lou and Peter Grafton9449..... 6-Jun-08

- 2... Jude Masten9452....6-Jun-08 ... The Cabin On Haddon
- 3...Anacortes Christian Church 9454.....6-Jun-08
- 4... Connie and Tim Walters94576-Jun-08
- 5... Janet and Rob Sutton9464 ...6-Jun-08 ...NWF Joint Certification

- 6... Nancy and Dave Ridgway94656-Jun-08...NWF Joint Certification
- 7... George and Sue Mehler947213-Jun-08 .
- 8... Jeff Vogel 947313-Jun-08
- 9... Marie and Don Ibsen 947613-Jun-08 .
10. Celine and Dan Funk 947713-Jun-08 .

- 11... William and Martha Pishek948113-Jun-08....NWF Joint Certificaton
- 12... Carol Strandberg 949413-Jun-08
- 13.... Frances (Jean) Nelson949820-Jun-08
- 14... Anne and Don Passarelli 949920-Jun-08 .
- 15...Jim and Ginger Thomas 950020-Jun-08

- 16.. Terri Porter / the Baca Family 9504.....20-Jun-08NWF Joint Certification
- 17.. Leslie and Jon Ostlund950820-Jun-08
- 18.. Charles Hall /G. Gordon Hall, Phillip Hall, Clintena Wells.....9509 ...20-Jun-08
- 19.. Joanne Witiak 951127-Jun-08
- 20.. Dennis Richards /The Richards Family9512 ...27-Jun-08

- 21.. John Fahey 951527-Jun-08
- 22.. Marie Gillman.....9521. ...7-Jul-08
- 23.. Richard and Margi Houghton 952411-Jul-08
- 24.. R.J. Hoffman952711-Jul-08
- 25.. Roger Cline9528.....11-Jul-08

- 26.. William and Dee Thomson952911-Jul-08
- 27.. Bert Darling and Jackie.....953011-Jul-08

zip 98257

none

WDFW
July 2008

- 1...Graham Oakley/Oakley Family.....9585....31-Jul-08NWF Joint Cert
- 2 Ria Kilburn 9537.....15-Jul-08NWF Joint Cert
- 3.... Larry and Pauline Sawyer 954916-Jul-08
- 4Ronan and Harriet Ellis 955016-Jul-08
- 5 ...Mike, Rusty and Sandi Smith Fauntleroy 9551.....16-Jul-08

- 6.. Jan and Sean Kelly9555.....22-Jul-08NWF Joint Cert
- 7.. Jean Skutle/ Cherise Reaber and Ally Reaber 9557.....22-Jul-08
- 8 ...Ann Dursch/ Washington Park-City of Anacortes.....9558 ...22-Jul-08
- 9...Richard Storwick /Lowman House, LLC 955922-Jul-08
- 10..Virginia Heiner /Bunny and Lonny Heine.....956022-Jul-08

- 11.. Barbara Larson 956122-Jul-08
- 12... Robert Separovich9562... 22-Jul-08
- 13 ..Pat Rock956322-Jul-08
- 14 ..John and Kay O'Connell9564.....22-Jul-08
- 15... Sharene and Zac Elander.....956522-Jul-08

- 16... Colleen Painter956631-Jul-08
- 17... Robin Lindstrom956731-Jul-08
- 18...Bill and Carol Venne.....956831-Jul-08
- 19...Terence and Donna Todd956931-Jul-08
- 20... Kristen and Steve Hanson 957131-Jul-08

- 21 John and Sheryl Fabianek 957231-Jul-08
- 22... Steve and Sharron Sauder9574.....31-Jul-08
- 23.. Bruce Baglien 957531-Jul-08
- 24... Mary Pranger 957631-Jul-08
- 25...Cathy Berg 9577.....31-Jul-08

- 26....P Shainin/ Shainin Family.....9578.....31-Jul-08
- 27... Ted Dahlstrom957931-Jul-08
- 28... Ed and Diana Bradley958031-Jul-08
- 29... Ingrid Kassler958131-Jul-08
- 30...Creamola Wilkins958231-Jul-08

- 31. .Maribeth Crandell 9583.....31-Jul-08

zip 98257

- 1..Larry and Lori Hansen..... 953411-Jul-08

NWF
July 2008

.....name.....certification #

- 1...Jan and Sean Kelly106525
- 2..Tamara Sparks 107802
- 3.. Graham Oakley/Oakley Family.106875
- 4... Rita Shiva107510.....home
- 5... Rita Shiva107510.....Mortgage Master (Business/Workplace)
- 6...Curtis and Nicoline Payne107583
- 7... Sidney Mchang107585
- 8... Mike Butler107586
- 9...Stephanie Metzger107587
- 10..Robert and Irene Embrey107584

zip 98257

1...Larry and Lori Hansen106075

2... Bernadette and Tony Bishop 106518

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BEAT THE HEAT MOVIE SERIES

Friday Night at the Movies:

"The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil"

A 50% cut in oil imports led Cuba from crisis and hardship to innovation and stronger communities. A moving testament to the human spirit, their stories serve as a valuable model for a world facing Peak Oil. 7 P.M., Friday,

August 29 at the Anacortes Public Library, 10th and M.

Free to the public, open to all ages -- free popcorn too!

Presented by Skagit Beat the Heat.

FIDALGO BAY DAY COMING IN SEPTEMBER

We have Fidalgo Bay Day coming up Saturday, September 20 at Seafarers' Park. Thanks.

-----Erica Pickett

KNOW AND GROW SERIES

³I hope the following information on upcoming free workshops for home gardeners will be of interest to you and members of your group.² ----Britt Shellenberger

FREE HOME GARDENING WORKSHOPS at the WSU-Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center, 16602 State Route 536 (Memorial Highway). Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit www.skagit.wsu.edu/mg.

Tuesday, August 19, 1:00 p.m.2:30 p.m.

New Crops and How to Grow Them in Your Home Garden

WSU Vegetable Horticulturist Dr. Carol Miles will share tips on making the most of microclimates, extending the growing season, and sustainable and organic vegetable gardening as she discusses growing Asian vegetables and watermelons in the Pacific Northwest.

Tuesday, September 16, 1:00 p.m.2:30 p.m.

Gourmet Potatoes from Garden to Table

WSU Vegetable Pathologist Dr. Debra Inglis will discuss growing, storing, and eating specialty potatoes suitable for home gardens in western Washington, including the Makah/Ozette, a potato that has been grown by Makah tribal members since the 1700s.

Tuesday, October 21, 1:00 p.m.2:30 p.m.

Designing Sustainable Landscapes

Certified Master Naturalist and Professional Wetland Specialist Jayne Uerling will guide participants through the process of planning beautiful, low-cost landscapes that are functional, easy to maintain, and environmentally friendly.

Tuesday, November 18, 1:00 p.m.2:30 p.m.

Living with Bats

Kathleen Bander of Bats Northwest will unveil bat mysteries, debunk bat myths, and demonstrate how bats play an integral part in our environment, helping humans directly in a myriad of ways.

-----Britt Shellenberger

WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Coordinator

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SHORE STEWARDS WEBSITE AND EMAIL NEWSLETTER---VERY INFORMATIVE

Information from Adria Banks.....

Here's a link to the shore stewards program website for general information:

<http://www.shorestewards.org/> (and there is a link to the Skagit program on that page as well).

In general we deliver copies of the newsletter just to folks that have signed up for the program (it's free! And no-hassle!), but it is possible for the general public to access archived newsletter issues through the website. Still we'd love people to register for the program because then they receive an informative guidebook, DVD, and more (in addition to the monthly newsletters)!

====Adria Banks

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more from Adria Banks.....

CLIMATE STEWARDS VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

I'm excited to announce a new volunteer program coming to our community in September: Climate Stewards.

There is scientific consensus that climate change is real, it's human-caused, and it will have severe consequences for all living things. The time to come together to solve this problem is now **TAKE ACTION**. Applications are now being accepted from Skagit and Island County community members to participate in the Climate Steward Volunteer Training Program.

Climate Stewards receive 20 hours of FREE professional training:

---Become familiar with the science of climate change, impacts of global warming and actions that reduce global warming pollution.

---Meet new friends and join a community of concerned citizens be a part of the solution.

In exchange, participants return at least 20 hours of volunteer service over the next eight months:

---Develop and implement outreach projects in your community with ongoing training and support.

---Participate in meaningful community projects that promote energy conservation and other strategies to reduce global warming emissions.

---Volunteer projects are geared toward the interests of the participant.

SCHEDULED TRAINING DATES (the training will be conducted at the Padilla Bay Reserve):

September 15, Monday 9:00AM - 1:30PM

September 22, Monday 9:00AM - 1:30PM

September 17, Wednesday 9:00AM - 1:30PM

September 24, Wednesday 9:00AM 4:00PM

To register online (pre-register by Sept. 10) or for more information, visit:

<http://www.padillabay.gov/ClimateStewards.html>

If you would like a registration form mailed to you or have additional questions, contact Adria Banks at abanks@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-428-4270 (ext. 223).

If you would like to download or view previous Shore Steward newsletters, please visit www.shorestewards.org/skagit.

Shore Stewards is a program of Washington State University Extension. All Extension programs are consistent with federal and state laws and regulation on nondiscrimination regarding race, color, gender, national origin, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation.

====Adria Banks

--Rich Bergner, editor of this email newsletter

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