

3rd Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference

April 5th, 2003 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Continental Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

IslandWood

☀ Planting for a Healthy Environment ☀



Reasons and Techniques for Ecological Landscaping, Farming and Gardening

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Entry Room



8:30 a.m. Announcements for 3rd Environmental Conference: Charles Schmid

8:35 a.m. Welcome to IslandWood: Carole Grisham, Executive Director of IslandWood

8:45 a.m. Keynote address: Natural Garden Care by Ann Lovejoy

9:30 a.m.- 10:20 Panel: Bainbridge Island Programs to Provide a Healthy Environment

① Fostering a Healthy Environment via Policy and Education Programs, Ryan Vancil, Moderator

- ✓ Watersheds Committee - Stephanie Moret, Water Resources Specialist, City of Bainbridge Island
- ✓ Natural Landscapes Program - Cara Cruickshank, Natural Landscapes Coordinator
- ✓ IPM policy for school and park districts, and the city - Maria Mason/Dale Spoor, IPM Committee
- ✓ Community Forest Commission - Debbie Vancil, Bainbridge Island City Council
- ✓ Earth Service Corps - Students from Bainbridge Island High School (Cynthia Foley, Adam Foley, Dorothea Reinert, and Ariana Taylor-Stanley)

10:20-10:40 Break (Displays and coffee in entry room) ☞ Sign up for afternoon discussions/after-lunch tours ☜.

10:40 a.m.- 12:00 Two Panels: Working to Create a Healthy Environment Moderator, Connie Waddington

② How Citizens can be Environmentally-Friendly Landscapers, Farmers and Gardeners for a Healthy Environment

- ✓ Bart Berg (Design and Installation), Landscape consultant
- ✓ Jane Wentworth (Invasive Plants), botanist
- ✓ Ladd Smith (In Harmony Landscape Maintenance), Seattle
- ✓ Rebecca Slattery, Persephone Farms

③ Protecting Bainbridge Island's Water Quality

- ✓ Native Plants Along Shorelines - Jeannette Franks, a shoreline homeowner
- ✓ Protecting Water Quality by Shorelines, Streams and Wetlands - Brian Stahl, Kitsap Conservation District
- ✓ Protecting Puget Sound's Water Quality - Wayne Daley, Fisheries Scientist
- ✓ Regulations vs. Incentive Programs - Christine Nasser Rolfes, Chair, Bainbridge Island City Council

12:00-12:25 Updates on Current Environmental Topics (3 minutes max) – Charles Schmid, facilitator

- ✓ Saving Open Space - Bond Levy Committee - Connie Waddington
- ✓ Trust for Working Landscapes - Kia Micaud
- ✓ Update on Wyckoff Site - Christine Nasser Rolfes
- ✓ Vincent Road Landfill - What's next? - Arnie Kubiak
- ✓ Earth Day Activities - Kat Gjovik/Jean Paul Gagnon/ Land Trust Native Plant Sale - Sallie Maron
- ✓ Other short announcements re: current local environmental topics

12:30-1:10 Lunch in IslandWood Dining Room - Chef Greg Atkinson

☞ (Please Pass in Morning Session Evaluation Forms -YELLOW SHEETS.)

1:10-1:40 Tour of Living Machine and Organic Garden

1:45-2:45 AFTERNOON SESSION - Practical Approaches for Planting for a Healthy Environment

These five groups will meet in different rooms. Each Discussion group will begin with a short discussion on pointers for citizens to plant for a healthy environment (Facilitators given in parentheses)

- ① Environmentally-friendly landscaping methods - (Bart Berg/Ce-Ann Parker) Tim Goss/Rachel Smith
- ② Environmentally-friendly farming/gardening methods - (Rebecca Slattery/Angela Storey) Betsy Wittick/Art Biggert
- ③ Education/policy/regulation programs to promote a healthy environment - (Christine Nasser Rolfes/Bobbie Morgan)
- ④ Planting and maintenance along shorelines and streams - (Wayne Daley), Jeanette Franks, Margie Duncan
- ⑤ Creating a backyard habitat for your home - Connie Waddington/Ann Kronenwetter/ Lynda McMaken

Non-Profit Sponsors of the Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference 2003

The Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) has been working to preserve Bainbridge Island's natural environment since 1978. It consists of 12 neighborhood groups and over 500 members interested in learning about, and acting to protect and restore a clean and healthy environment. ABC was instrumental in initiating the cleanup of the Wyckoff site and the Vincent Road Landfill, and relocating the ARCO/Texaco station away from the highway and stream. Its newsletter is the *SCOTCH BROOM*, and ABC recently published *In Praise of Island Stewards* featuring over 40 Island stewards and photos by Joel Sackett.

ABC Education/Conservation Foundation encourages and supports public education on the protection and preservation of the environment and natural resources of Bainbridge Island and its surrounding area.

Bainbridge Island Land Trust's mission is the preservation and stewardship of the diverse natural environment of Bainbridge Island for the benefit of all. It works to acquire interests in land having significant conservation values, such as wetlands, open spaces, tidelands, forest and animal habitats, and stream and wildlife corridors. Included in their many easements are Meigs Park, Gazzam Lake Preserve, and the Ryherd and Mattson properties. They will be holding a native plant sale on April 26th.

IslandWood (formerly Puget Sound Environmental Learning Center) provides children, adults and families with hands-on learning opportunities that combine science, technology and the arts in the outdoors. IslandWood operates from a sustainably designed 255-acre campus on Bainbridge Island. The campus serves as a model for energy conservation and community.

Puget Sound Restoration Fund is a nonprofit organization which supports habitat restoration projects around Puget Sound from Olympia to Canada. They collaborate with tribes, all levels of governments, businesses and community groups on marine and watershed restoration projects. Locally PSRF has participated in the Manzanita Watershed Restoration project, the Taylor Creek project, and projects to re-build the population of native oysters.

Squeaky Wheels is a bicycle advocacy organization for Bainbridge Island, with Bike-to-School Day as one of its projects.

Bainbridge Island Downtown Associations (formerly Team Winslow) is an independent mainstreet organization working to keep historic downtown Winslow vital economically, culturally and visually.

Trout Unlimited's mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. The president of the BI Section (#637) of Trout Unlimited is William Strickland.

Trust for Working Landscapes is a community land trust created to preserve farmland and open space and to provide permanently affordable housing on Bainbridge Island.

The Washington Toxics Coalition is a non-profit, member-based organization dedicated to protecting public health and the environment by identifying and promoting alternatives to toxic chemicals and pollution. The Coalition uses research, grassroots organizing, publications and presentations, litigation, and citizen education to provide reliable information and promote pollution prevention in homes, schools, workplaces, agriculture, industry, and by government agencies.

Speakers at the Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference 2003

Greg Atkinson is the chef for IslandWood, preparing food from local and organic sources (including IslandWood's garden). He formerly was the Chef at Canlis restaurant in Seattle.

Bart Berg grew up on Bainbridge Island and has been a landscape architect for 27 years here. He is recognized for his work on soft bank protection systems on shorelines. He and his wife Dana have been involved in many environmental projects on Bainbridge Island.

Cara Cruickshank is with Ecosystems Inc., working on The Natural Landscapes Project for the City. She has a degree in environmental studies, and got interested in minimizing the use of pesticides after hearing a talk by Phil Dickey from the Washington Toxics Coalition. She recently wrote an article "Get your lawn off drugs" for ABC's newsletter *SCOTCH BROOM*

Wayne Daley is a certified Fisheries Scientist who has restored many habitats in the NW, including Bainbridge Island. He formed Daley Design in 1995 and has worked for many non-profit organizations, including people for Salmon, Trout Unlimited, and Long Live the Kings. He was named Kiwanis Citizen of the Year in 1998.

Jeannette Franks received her Ph.D. from the UW. A passionate gerontologist, she believes that a connection to the natural world nourishes our spiritual needs and promotes a better quality of life for individuals and society. She and her partner live on the water on Bainbridge Island, and have studied slope retention, soil improvement, and native species, and removed literally tons of non-native invasives from B.I. Land Trust properties, road ends, IslandWood, B.I. Parks and Recreation District, and their own yard.

Carole Grisham is the Executive Director of IslandWood. She was formerly an associate director and chief financial officer of the Seattle Pacific Science Center.

Ann Lovejoy is a partner in Junkoh's historic Bainbridge Gardens nursery. She ranks among the country's leading garden experts and has also been featured on HGTV, National Public Radio, and National Public Television. She has written more than 18 gardening books, including *Ann Lovejoy's Organic Design School*, *The Sage Garden*, *Gardening From Scratch*, and her best-selling regional classic, *The Year In Bloom*. She is a regular garden and organic food

3rd Environmental Conference 2003 Registration List

Abbott, Babs	Grisham, Carole	Reinert, Dorothea
Adams, Sally	Hagstromer, Claes	Ribeiro, Olaf
Alger, Kathy	Hale Jacobs, Margo	Richards, Louis
Anderson, John	Hanavan, Amy	Roberts, Sherry
Anderson, Sue	Hayes, Curt	Rolfes, Christine
Averill, Charles	Hayes, Marialice	Schaffer, Jo
Berg, Bart	Hobbs, Arlene	Schmid, Charles
Berggren, Terry	Hunter, Cheryl	Schmid, Linda
Bertrand, Mary	Huxley, Dan	Seel, Katherine
Biggert, Art	Kamer-Walker, Lin	Shopes, Sandy
Bridwell, Katherine	Knobloch, Bill	Skotheim, Julie
Brody, Karen	Kowalski, Barbara	Slattery, Rebecca
Burk, Noel	Kordonowy, Darlene	Smith, Ladd
Burke, Karen	Kronenwetter, Ann	Smith, Rachel
Burkel, Marci	Kubiak, Arnie	Snow, Cameron
Burzycki, Jennifer	Laird, Anne	Spoor, Dale
Calvez, Van	Lagerloef, Marcia	Stahl, Brian
Charvet, Therese	Lehman-Pearsall, L	Strickler, James
Cole, Lisa	Lehman, Leslie	Strickler, Linda
Collin, Joan	Louther, Marti	Storey, Angela
Cornett, Joe	Lovejoy, Ann	Taft, Bruce
Cotton, Sydney	MacDonald, Jennifer	Taft, Karen
Cross, Lee	MacKenzie, Doug	Taylor-Stanley, A.
Cruickshank, Cara	McDonald, Marion	Vancil, Debbie
Cunningham,	McMaken, Lynda	Vancil, Ryan
Suellen	Maron, Sallie	Vann, Debbie
Cunningham, Tom	Mason, Maria	Waddington, Connie
Daley, Wayne	Meyer, Roger	Walsh, Kate
Dooling, Sarah	Micaud, Kia	Wentworth, Jane
Down, Norm	Miller, Alan	Willitt, Don
Duncan, Margie	Mitchell, Carolyn	Wittick, Betsey
Erickson, Jerry	Monson, Karen	Wooldridge, Norm
Fetterman, Luba	Moret, Stephanie	
Foley, Cynthia	Morgan, Bobbie	
Foley, Adam	Olsoe, Linda	
Franks, Jeannette	Parker, Ce-Ann	
Franz, Hilary	Patterson, Allan	
Frowert, Sophie	Patterson, Gloria	
Geehan, Kathy	Peacoe, Janet	
Geehan, Greg	Pearsall, Richard	
Goss, Tim	Quitslund, John	



columnist for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *The Review* many other regional and national publications. Further information may be found at <<http://www.bainbridgegardens.com/annlovejoy.html>>

Maria Mason has been working 10 years with an IPM group in Olympia which had a major success in 2000 when the State adopted legislation for IPM management in schools. She also works with the States' Board on Indoor Air Quality.

Stephanie Moret is the Water Resources Specialist for the City and leads both the Watershed Council and the Natural Resources Team. As Senior Scientist, she led the Environmental Hydrology group for a large international water engineering corporation and for many years managed the daily activities of the USGS Oregon Water Resources Research Institute. She has a PhD in Environmental Sciences-Water Resources. She is a Courtesy Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering.

Christine Nasser Rolfes is Chair of the City Council, and represents the South ward. She has worked as a land use and open space planner for Kitsap County, and as a program manager for the U.S. Agency for International Development with a focus on sustainable economic development in Russia. She left the Agency when elected to the Council.

Charles Schmid, secretary of ABC, writes for their newsletter *SCOTCH BROOM*, and has served on many City citizen committees. He has worked for 15 years on the Wyckoff Superfund site ever since ABC helped place it on EPA's cleanup list and with the cleanup of the Vincent Road Landfill. He has a PhD, and is an executive director of a scientific society.

Rebecca Slattery for the past 13 years has been farming on Bainbridge and now is in Indianola,, using sustainable and organic practices. Persephone Farm grows vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Its produce is sold at the B.I. Farmers Market and directly to consumers, and is served at many Island restaurants.

Ladd Smith is a co-founder of In Harmony, an organic based landscape services organization serving the greater Seattle area. In Harmony has been recognized with a number of environmental achievement awards, including the Governor's Award for achievement in pollution prevention, the Five Star Envirostar award, and Distinguished Business in the Green.

Dale Spoor began teaching on Bainbridge Island in 1972, initiating and directing an environmental education program for sixth graders. Now retired, he is an avid beekeeper, and volunteers on many projects He helped develop an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for the Bainbridge Island Schools which has served as a model for other schools in Washington State and is presently helping the City develop an IPM policy.

Brian Stahl has been working as a Resource Planner for the Kitsap Conservation District for the past seven years providing service to landowners in Kitsap County, including Bainbridge Island where he lives. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and previously owned and operated a dairy farm in Wisconsin.

Debbie Vancil is a member of the City Council and represents the north ward. She has been a resident of Bainbridge Island for more than 23 years, and was a teacher at Bainbridge High School. She was a founding member of the Bainbridge Economic Council; founder and president of Friends of Island Shoreline Habitat (FISH); founder and chair of Mayor Sutton's Committee on Community Forestry; and former Bainbridge Planning Commission Chair.

Ryan Vancil is an attorney with Bricklin, Newman and Dold. He is also a community activist on local environmental issues particularly in the Winslow area, and helped create the Yellow Bike Project which distributed free bikes to community members. After growing up on Bainbridge Island, he and his wife Debbi Lester are now raising their children here.

Jane Wentworth is a botanist with a passion for native plants and conservation biology. Formerly the director of the King County Noxious Weed Control Program for the past six years, she continues to provide public education about the problems with and how to get rid of invasive plant species. She currently serves on the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. Jane and her husband Keith have lived on Bainbridge Island for over 20 years.

Connie Waddington has been involved in City and County open space programs for more than a dozen years. She has served as past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and is now their program manager. She received ABC's environmental award in 2002, and her husband is an organic gardener.

AFTERNOON FACILITATORS and PARTICIPANTS

Art Biggert is a strong advocate for composting, and runs Ocean Sky Farm with his wife Suzy Cook.

Margie Duncan works with Shared Strategies for Puget Sound Salmon, a multi-species recovery program under NOAA.

Tim Goss is a landscape architect who has been emphasizing the use of native plants for his clients and volunteer projects.

Ann Kronenwetter is a member of a National Audubon Society and a number of garden clubs and is a Flower Show judge.

Lynda McMaken is a bee keeper and avid backyard habitat enthusiast, has served on numerous committees and task forces.

Robbie Morgan is co-director of the Natural Landscapes Project to educate citizens the dangers of using hazardous pesticides.

De-Ann Parker is owner/operator with her husband Howard Block of Bay Hay and Feed at Rolling Bay.

Rachel Smith wrote "Choosing suitable plants for Native Vegetation Zones" in ABC's Summer 2001 *SCOTCH BROOM*.

Angela Storey is the pesticides organizer for the Washington Toxics Coalition.

Betsy Wittick works with the Bainbridge Island winery and has her own garden at Day Road.

Third Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference

2003

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Program Organization	Charles Schmid (Co-Chair)	Connie Waddington (Co-Chair)	
	Noel Burk	Bobbie Morgan	Sandy Schubach
Other Committee Members	Jo Schaffer	Amy Hanavan	Pam Kreiling
	Karen Molinari	Sallie Maron	Lou Burzychi
	Diggs Docter	Nicola Yarbrough	Linda Strickler
	Liz Murray	Linda Schmid	

NON PROFIT SPONSORS

Association of Bainbridge Communities	PO Box 10999		842-5313
ABC Education/Conservation Foundation	221 Winslow Way		842-0408
Bainbridge Island Land Trust	PO Box 10144	www.bi-landtrust.org	842-1216
IslandWood	4450 Blakely Ave.	www.islandwood.org	855-4300
Puget Sound Restoration Fund	7000 Dolphin Drive		780-6947
Squeaky Wheels	221 Winslow Way	www.squeakywheels.org	
Bainbridge Island Downtown Association	221 Winslow Way		842-2982
Trout Unlimited	1646 Jeanette Place		842-2085
Trust for Working Landscapes	221 Winslow Way #303		842-5537
Washington Toxics Coalition	# 540,4649 Sunnyside N, Seattle 98103		632-1545

GOVERNMENTAL SPONSORS

City of Bainbridge Island	280 Madison Avenue N	www.ci.bainbridgr-isl.wa.us	842-2545
B.I. Park and Recreation District	PO Box 10010	www.biparks.org	842-2306
B.I. School District	8489 Madison Avenue	www.bainbridge.wednet.edu	842-4714
Kitsap Conservation District	817 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard WA 98366		(360)337-7171

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City of Bainbridge Island
IslandWood

MEETING ROOM and A/V EQUIPMENT

IslandWood

COPY SERVICES, FOOD AND VIDEOTAPING

Copy Services by Bainbridge Island Park & Recreation District

Lunch prepared by Greg Atkinson; Breakfast by Town and Country and Pegasus Coffee

Video taping by Kit Spier to be re-broadcast on Bainbridge Island Broadcasting

4. FUTURE SUBJECTS:

- Sustainable materials (IslandWood as an example)
- Workshops might be more effective than discussions
- More info on organic teas, soil soups, sprays, soil health
- Make sure the Review will do an article
- Interplay with non-motorized and multi-modal transportation
- Environmental impact of our community on global warming (also-pollution, energy use, waste, food from abroad.)
- Low impact-green building
- The City and other agencies need to set an example of environmentally responsible projects. Fort Ward parade grounds was needlessly destructive.
- Transportation
- Specific products and techniques to treat weeds to replace Roundup.
- Sustainable building materials

5. HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION GROUP ORGANIZERS:

- ✓ “Open discussion was helpful and interesting.”
- ✓ “Was happy to hear so many wise farmers/gardeners in the group.”
- ✓ “Like the smaller groups so there is more active discussion.”
- ✓ “Nothing was planned. Just Q&A which was okay.”
- ✓ “Excellent and stimulating for action.”
- ✓ “Excellent, lively, balanced, substantive.”
- ✓ “Very interesting.”
- ✓ “Perhaps could be shorter so we could attend two sessions or maybe three.”

6. ACTION: Did the workshop inspire you to think about certain aspects of planting?

- ✓ “Yes, helped me decide what to plant in specific locations.”
- ✓ “Unfortunately not.”
- ✓ “Yes; inspired me to continue the organic garden at Wilkes School.”
- ✓ “Yes, more active compost production.”
- ✓ “Want to redo my garden with all native plants.”
- ✓ “How to plant a cover crop and layer with compost.”
- ✓ “Involving the community as a whole.”
- ✓ “Yes; ideas for environmental involvement prior to creating licensing and regulations.”
- ✓ “Yes, education and outreach.”
- ✓ “All in agreement about a positive approach for education.”
- ✓ “More dialogue with people with different views.”
- ✓ “The importance of planting along shorelines and streams at many levels.”
- ✓ “Yes; more plantings for butterflies.”
- ✓ “Yes.”
- ✓ “Yes, I am hoping to turn my backyard into a habitat. I also noticed my sister-in-law’s backyard would qualify for a sanctuary too, so I am ordering a plaques for her yard too.”

(Turn over for more comments)

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

“Lunch was delicious. Much appreciated.

“Thank you IslandWood, organizers, and presenters.”

“Would be neat to include North Kitsap success stories. (We learned of some good County programs in our session.)

“Full of future potential.”

“A ‘deeper’ issue than planting; very interesting.”

“Need more displays/info or groups for wildlife corridor, Land Trust, and other open space projects. More time to look at everything.”

EMAIL COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE CONFERENCE WAS OVER

April 7

“I thought the conference was a great success. Lots of good feedback from people I talked to.”

April 7

“I wanted to thank you for the suburb Environmental Conference Saturday - it was the best yet....

IslandWood is a perfect location for this conference....

The idea of a single conference topic is a strong improvement - good idea.”

