



# Newsletter

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## ***Finding Ways That Work***

One of the first tenets the founding members of the Stewardship Foundation agreed upon was that we're not in the business of complaining about environmental issues that impact our community. We're in the business of working to achieve lasting solutions. It's all about being a primary voice for saving the best we have and building relationships that support that value. As a member of the Stewardship Foundation you very much share in the credit for those solutions. You are a valued partner in every one of the win-win solutions we create.

Along the way we've been introduced to and pioneered new relationships and partnerships with unexpected allies. They have joined with our organization to help protect and restore habitat for fish and wildlife for future generations and to help maintain the balance and quality of the environment and benefits that our citizens reap from it.

Some of our unexpected allies include private homeowners, national and local funders such as the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, King County, Northwest Fund for the Environment, and The Seattle Foundation. Another is Prime Pacific Bank who generously donated to the Stewardship Foundation a wetland property that will ultimately become a site for outdoor education.

Partnerships have been formed with private citizens, scientists, elected leaders from local, county and state governments, members of the business community, neighborhood and environmental groups, and public agencies.

It's been an exciting journey to focus on preserving a natural environment while connecting people to the natural world. The years ahead will bring serious challenges for the environment. But it will also bring new opportunities. Your continued partnership will be critical as we work collaboratively to find new solutions to our shared values.

Hence, for all time to come, the fortunate residents of Lake Forest Park can listen to the wild birds' morning greetings; here the laughing waters will forever make gladsome the hearts of the sylvan dwellers...here the balmy breezes of summer will be laden with the sweet perfumes of flowers and the natural balsam of the woodland will drive away dull care and make life more worth while to the dwellers of this Natureland."

-- From Ole Hanson's *Promotion of the initial development of Lake Forest Park, 1912*

## ***The Good Stewards Project***

The *Good Stewards Project* is moving forward. In addition to Libby Fiene, Jackson and Morgan Kellock, Rick Purn and Liane Newman, we have been joined by David Hepp who will be handling the Parks portion of this program and Lisa Pedigo who will be keeping a scrapbook/journal about the project as it progresses. We also want to thank Christine Joly for her exceptional art work for the brochure.



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The completed Registration packet has been sent to the National Wildlife Federation so that our project should be officially recognized within a few weeks.

### ***OUR THANKS to:***

The **City of Lake Forest Park**, the **Environmental Quality and Parks Commissions** for their support and commitment to this project.

**Wild Birds Unlimited of Lake Forest Park** for their generous donation of nest boxes, bird feeders, bird baths, seed, native plants, and advice for the Schoolyard Habitats, public parks and wildlife habitat demonstration gardens. Wild Birds will become certified as a community business habitat site as they continue to inform all of their customers about this project through their newsletter. Please stop by to thank Greg and Eloise Armstrong and their staff for their support.

**Brooke Fisher** for her wonderful article in the February 18th issue of the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Enterprise.

And of course, thanks to everyone who has stepped forward to become part of this far-reaching project and to those who have already certified their yards.

### ***Good Stewards' KICK-OFF at Dig It!***

The Good Stewards Project will have its official Kick-off at Dig It! on March 19th. Gretchen Muller from the National Wildlife Federation will talk about the nation-wide Community Wildlife Habitat program and specifically about how each of us can certify our own yards as Backyard Wildlife Habitats. We hope to see you there.

Paper applications for certification of Backyard Wildlife Habitats are available at Wild Birds Unlimited of LFP and at City Hall. We will also have them available at our table at Dig It! You can easily register on-line at [nwf.org](http://nwf.org) or through a link on the LFP Stewardship website: [www.lfpsf.org](http://www.lfpsf.org).

We will be offering a promotional combined Backyard Habitat Certification/first year membership in the LFP Stewardship Foundation at Dig It!

## ***Olympic Park Institute, LFP Fifth Grade and the Stewardship Foundation***

The fifth grade parents and teachers at Lake Forest Park Elementary School are trying to raise fourteen thousand dollars so that all students may attend outdoor school at Olympic Park Institute this coming June.

Olympic Park Institute (OPI) is an environmental educational camp located in the old growth forest of the Olympic National Park on Lake Crescent. Students and teachers will be treated to three days of environmental education led by a highly energetic and talented staff. Also, fine food is served in cozy Rosemary Hall which dates back to the early 1900's. Learning activities will include macroinvertebrates, skeletons of animals, history of the area, stories, group cooperative activities, old growth forest, food chains, etc.

Mary Beth Wildey, Tim Nelson, and Michael Wellman and the fifth grade students have been working very diligently to develop fundraising activities while seeking other outside funding

sources for those families that cannot afford the camping and transportation fees. Even though the LFP PTA will be contributing money along with the other school funds, students will be raising money by selling gooblick (a unique substance that looks very different) and car wash tickets. Tim, Michael and Mary Beth will be coming to the March 16 Lake Forest Park Stewardship meeting to request assistance in return for some student volunteer time.

The Board is anxiously awaiting to hear further details before deciding how to support students in a wonderful adventure that should not only supply the environment for bonding relationships but perhaps launch each student to an active understanding of water, plant, animal and human relationships that are so intricately woven together. All this and more are being introduced in a beautiful old growth rain forest. No doubt this is where stewardship begins!

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## ***Planning Director Joins Foundation for Tour***

Mr. Steve Bennett, Lake Forest Park's Planning and Building Director, joined several Foundation members on January 7, on a tour, and indulged us by listening to our concerns about some of the sensitive areas within the McAleer Creek drainage basin. The tour included:

- A visit to the Grace Cole Nature Park, where Brookside Creek arises from springs;
- The restoration completed by the Foundation in 2003 on the Hoy property, upper Brookside Creek;
- The site of street runoff from the City of Shoreline into the canyon directly behind the Hoy restoration site;
- Views into the erosion-prone Hillside Creek and Brookside Creek canyons;
- The site of the up-coming restoration on lower Brookside Creek;
- The confluence of Brookside and McAleer Creeks at Animal Acres Park; and
- The site on 25th Ave NE of a potential subdivision, where removal of a 1-acre forest could profoundly impact Hillside and McAleer Creeks.

We hope to expand the tour at a later date with a drive up Perkins Way to observe the McAleer Creek canyon, visits to sites along Lyon Creek, and a trip to the Keyhole property.

### **Lower Brookside Creek Project**

The Stewardship Foundation is preparing to launch the second of its series of restoration projects to restore Brookside Creek to its former Coho salmon and trout habitat status. The project is on the lower portion of the creek, a short distance from where it emerges from the canyon at 35th Avenue NE. Work is projected to begin in July 2005 and to be completed by October 2005.

This ambitious venture involves the removal of two man-made waterfalls, which are absolute barriers to fish, and the replacement of a driveway culvert with a larger one, which will allow for a natural gravel stream base through it.

The Wilcox family, in whose front yard this whole project is to take place, are cooperating with the Foundation to make the stream more salmon-friendly. The sounds of the waterfalls, placed there as a feature when the home was built in the late 50's, will be replaced by the sounds of a babbling brook. Plans for restoration are subject to the approval of the Wilcox family.

It has been gratifying to find that Lake For-

est Park citizens who have salmon streams on their property are eager to participate in bringing the streams into compliance with current scientific understanding of the requirements for aquatic life.

Plans for the stream improvements and the new culvert are being prepared by Steward and Associates and Chinook Engineering firms, respectively.

Funds for this stream restoration are being provided, as they were in the upstream project, through a Community Salmon Fund Grant and those for the new culvert are being provided by a King County WaterWorks Grant.

There will again be opportunities for our energetic volunteers to put on their gloves and pitch in to help with the exciting process of stream restoration. All who lent their time and muscle in the past will likely be contacted. If there are others who'd like to be a part of this process, please let Project Director, Mamie Bolender, (206) 364-4410, know. She'll need your name, phone number and/or e-mail address.

#### **LFP Sewer News**

The City of LFP is evaluating possible upgrades to the City's Sanitary Sewer system. This may include the extending sewer service to areas of the City which currently have no sewer service. See the City's web site for more information.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **LFP Comprehensive Plan/ Sensitive Areas Ordinance**

Provide comments on LFP land  
use & development policy.  
Council Chambers  
March 24th 7:30pm

## ***Dig It! The Green Garden Fair***

The Stewardship Foundation is again co-sponsoring the Lake Forest Park "Green Garden Fair," also known as "Dig it!" The Second Annual fair will take place Saturday, March 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Third Place Commons, Lake Forest Park Towne Centre. The fair will feature exhibitors from a variety of agencies and organizations supporting environmentally friendly gardening practices and watershed stewardship, as well as children's activities and giveaways. Attendees will have the opportunity to pur-

chase a "weed hound" at a nominal subsidized fee, while supplies last.

This year's theme is "Going Green one Yard at a Time." In line with this theme, the Stewardship Foundation will be presenting information on our new Good Stewards backyard wildlife certification program. A special feature of this year's fair will be a native plant sale put on by Go! Natives. A portion of plant sales will benefit the Good Stewards program.



### ***Four workshops are scheduled during the Fair:***

- 10:00 a.m. Gardening for Songbirds. Learn how to attract songbirds to your garden and your neighborhood. Landscape designer Robyn Atkinson will show us what plants attract songbirds, and how to plant them to create a backyard wildlife habitat.
- 11:00 a.m. Creating a Wildlife Habitat in Your Backyard. Gretchen Muller of The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program will help you turn your yard into a beautiful haven for wildlife. Learn about four simple steps to attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife to your yard.
- 12:00 p.m. Pruning Your Woodies Selectively. Learn the how's, what's and when's of pruning trees and bushes from Cass Turnbull, founder of PlantAmnesty.
- 1:00 p.m. Bees and Other Beneficial Insects. Many insects in our gardens are friends and not pests. What insects should you encourage in your garden? Learn about some fascinating bugs that help make your garden healthy and bountiful from Martha Clatterbaugh.

Arrive early for workshops since capacity is limited.

Sponsored by the City of Lake Forest Park, the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation and Friends of Third Place Commons with funds from King County Solid Waste, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and King County Community Salmon Fund.

We are looking for a few good volunteers to help us staff booths and activities at the fair. If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Boba at (206) 527-2270 or [eleanorboba@comcast.net](mailto:eleanorboba@comcast.net).



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## ***Welcome!***

The Foundation welcomes these new  
members: Catherine Adams & Adam  
Gravley, Ron & Jan Barcello,  
Sharon & Nancy Blackadder, Helen Byers,  
Tom & Kay Byron, Bill & Lucille Currie,  
Frank Lumber, Olive Jennings,  
Jim & Leslie Klahn, Michelle LeMoine,  
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