



# *Friends of the Forest*

*Dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach & stewardship*

**Volume 29 • Issue 1 • Winter 2015**

*All are invited to attend our Annual Membership Meeting!*

**Wednesday, February 25th at the Depot (611 R Ave)**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm. Meeting begins at 7:10pm.**

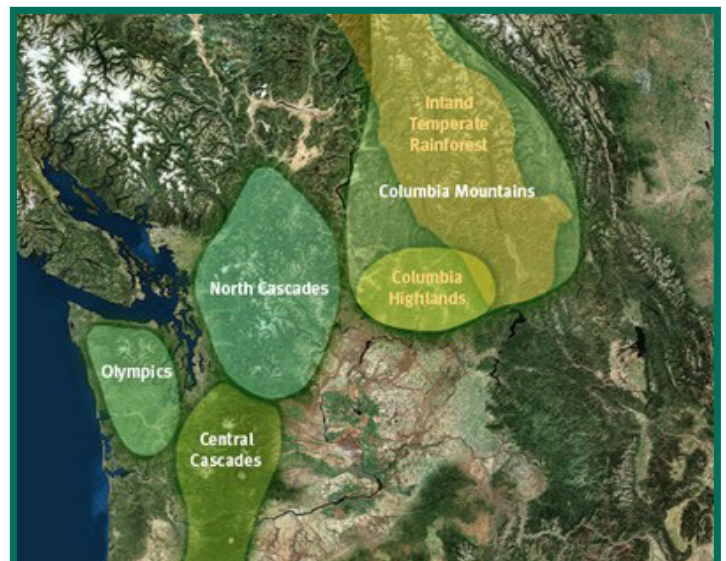
This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about the Friends of the Forest and our work in service to the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. We will begin with a brief annual report, City Staff update, and elections followed by a special presentation by Mitch Friedman, Executive Director of Conservation Northwest. Dessert and refreshments will be provided by Gere-a-Deli. Board members up for reelection are: Charlie Collins, Denise Crowe, Ed Gastellum and Scott Gudmundsen. Nominations will be accepted from the floor

**We are pleased to welcome our special guest speaker, MITCH FRIEDMAN**



Mitch Friedman is the executive director of Conservation Northwest, which he founded in 1988 after being an activist leader in efforts to save ancient forests. He was a founding board member of the Wildlands Network, Western Lands Alliance, and the Bellingham Bay Foundation. He has a degree in zoology from the University of Washington and has received conservation awards from Sunset Magazine, Society for Conservation Biology, the Wilderness Society, and others. In 2003 he was named by Washington Law and Politics Magazine as one of the “25 smartest people in Washington.” At Conservation Northwest, Mitch has led the effort to infuse landscape-scale conservation biology into advocacy strategy. The success of this approach is evident in great gains protecting habitat

connectivity between the North Cascades Ecosystem and wild areas to the south (Central Cascades, across the I-90 landscape), east (the Rockies), and northwest (BC Coast and Chilcotin Ranges), as well as recovery of native carnivores including wolves, fisher, lynx and wolverine. He is known for his efforts to organize the first spotted owl protection protests; spending several days in the canopy of an ancient tree as one of the first tree-sitting protesters; having conceived and organized the Ancient Forest Rescue Expedition, nationwide educational tours featuring a giant log towed by a semi-truck; executing the first non-logging high bid for a Forest Service timber sale (called Thunder Mountain); and spearheading the dramatic protection of the Loomis State Forest wildlands.



## **Ways To Give**

*Our work depends on a healthy mix of funding sources. All contributions to our group are tax deductible. Please consider the following options for financial contribution to our organization.*

### 1. Active Membership

Dues are due in January! There are different categories of membership to suit your preference. Any contributions to our group above your membership level are greatly appreciated. See our membership form on the back page.

### 2. Individual Contributions

We greatly appreciate any contributions to help support our education and outreach program. You can make these in honor or in memory.

### 3. Friends of the Forest Endowment Fund

We have an endowment fund established with the Skagit Community Foundation. The purpose of this fund is to create an endowment that will eventually provide interest income to our organization. This is an excellent option for sizeable donations to our group.

### 4. Planned Giving

If you are making estate plans, please consider including our organization.

You may contact Denise Crowe or Jean Andrich (360-293-3725) at our office to discuss any of these options.



## Membership notes:

-  January starts the new membership year, regardless of what month you joined or renewed.  
To save resources, we do not send out reminder postcards. Please renew or join today!
-  Confused on a hike location? Check out our website for links to driving directions to each hike location.
-  Our regular office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm and always by appointment.
-  Need an ACFL trail map?  
We have them for sale in our office or you may also visit our website for a complete list of local sources.



[www.friendsoftheacfl.org](http://www.friendsoftheacfl.org) / [info@friendsoftheacfl.org](mailto:info@friendsoftheacfl.org)



FOREST ADVISORY BOARD				CITY OF ANACORTES ELECTED OFFICIALS			
The City Forest Advisory Board meets every first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Fidalgo Center and is open to the public.				Meetings are 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Study Sessions are 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:00pm in Council Chambers.			
FOREST BOARD MEMBERS		PARKS & FOREST LANDS		NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE	TERMS ENDS
Sandra Starbuck	901-9179	<u>MANAGER</u>		Mayor Laurie Gere	coa.mayor@cityofanacortes.org	299-1950	12/31/17
Brian Wetcher	293-7624	Jonn Lunsford	299-1953	W1 Ryan Walters	www.ryanwalters.org	610-7770	12/31/15
Marty Laumbattus	293-7940			W2 Brad Adams	brada@cityofanacortes.org	293-3056	12/31/15
Rick Boge	299-2692			W3 Eric Johnson	www.anacorteseric.org	840-5415	12/31/15
Aaron Ramussen	293-3018			P-4 Matt Miller	mattm@cityofanacortes.com	588-9070	12/31/17
				P-5 John Archibald	john@cityofanacortes.com	395-5923	12/31/17
				P-6 Liz Lovelett	lovelett@cityofanacortes.com	588-8707	12/31/17
				P7 Erica Pickett	ericap@cityofanacortes.org	293-6264	12/31/17
				Mayor, 4-year term, at large, salaried - 299-1950 Council Members (7) 4-year terms - 3 from Wards, 4 at Large - 293-1900			

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST								
OFFICERS			BOARD MEMBERS					Friends of the Forest Board Meetings are at 7pm the second Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Depot Building, located at 611 R Avenue, Anacortes. Meetings are open to the public. Please come and get involved.
President	Andy Stewart	299-9406	Andy Stewart	299-9406	Jan. 2016	akccstewart@earthlink.net		
Vice President	Monica Ochs	293-6003	Jean Andrich	293-0124	Jan. 2016	jean@friendsoftheacfl.org		
Secretary	Bill Dietrich	588-0118	Lin Nichols	293-3826	Jan. 2016	lin.nichols@yahoo.com		
Treasurer	Lin Nichols	299-3826	Monica Ochs	293-6003	Jan. 2016	monica.ochs@gmail.com		
<u>EDUCATION AND OUTREACH DIRECTOR</u>			Bill Dietrich	588-0118	Jan. 2016	williamdietrich@comcast.net		
Denise Crowe 293-3725			Denise Crowe	293-8426	Jan 2015	denise@friendsoftheacfl.org		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR</u>			Scott Gudmundsen	293-1550	Jan 2015	robertgudmundsen@shell.com		
Jean Andrich 293-3725			Charlie Collins	873-8873	Jan 2015	troutdental@yahoo.com		
<u>WEBSITE ADDRESS</u>			Ed Gastellum	293-7626	Jan 2015	ecgastel@wavecable.com		
www.friendsoftheacfl.org								

Friends of the Forest Board Meetings are at 7pm the second Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Depot Building, located at 611 R Avenue, Anacortes. Meetings are open to the public. Please come and get involved.

## UDD PROPERTY UPDATE



Photo courtesy of David Grant Best.

### Purchase of 20 acres on south Mt. Erie completed

(by Jonn Lunsford)

On January 21st the Anacortes Community Forest Lands grew a little larger. The purchase of 20 acres on the south side of Mt. Erie was successfully completed by the City and placed in the ACFL. The land was owned for more than 50 years by the Udd family. It had been logged in the last century but currently hosts nice second growth forests, wildflower meadows and outstanding views.

This ACFL addition could not have happened without financial support from local residents, outreach and education by the Friends of the ACFL and sage advice from the Skagit Land Trust. The Friends staff and Board of Directors helped raise over \$92,000 towards the \$260,000 purchase price. (City funds from the quarry rock sales will cover remaining costs). The Skagit Land Trust provided guidance to the City from the appraisal process to the final acquisition. It is another example of the private/public partnership that has enriched the ACFL and Anacortes over the past two decades.

Many of you avid hikers and mountain bikers have already enjoyed the views from south Mt. Erie and this new 20 acres of forest land. Trail #247 starts by the two big trees on Heart Lake Road, ascends part way up Mt. Erie to about the 500' elevation line and curls around the south side of the mountain and terminates near Whistle Lake. The trail crosses this new 20 acres and three parcels of private land whose owners have generously given the public permission to cross their land. If you have not had a chance to explore the south side of Mt. Erie yet this New Year it is a great time to get out. It can be a strenuous hike, but your exploration of this ACFL addition may also aid any personal subtractions that are part of your New Year's resolutions.

*Donors will be listed in the Spring Newsletter.*





# Winter Calendar 2015

*Get to know your community forestlands!  
It's time to join a guided hike, and begin to learn more  
about the fascinating wild heart of our island.*

The Friends of the Forest is a non-profit, citizen organization dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach, and stewardship. We have a multi-layered education program that strives to meet the needs of all Fidalgo Island residents. Our education program includes K-12 guided school field trips, Adult/Senior hikes, All ages hikes, Forest Discovery Day Camp, habitat restoration efforts, Ethnobotany field seminars, a quarterly newsletter, and our two comprehensive school district programs; Growing Wild-native plants for all 3rd graders, and Middle School Watershed Discovery for all students in the 7th grade.

Our community hikes are FREE and no registration is required. Please join us this winter as we continue to explore and learn more about the ACFL together. For more information about our group or these hikes please contact Denise Crowe or Jean Andrich at 293-3725. You may also visit our website [www.friendsoftheacfl.org](http://www.friendsoftheacfl.org) or inquire by email at [info@friendsoftheacfl.org](mailto:info@friendsoftheacfl.org). These hikes focus on human and wildlife experience, so we ask that you please leave your four legged friends at home. Hope to see you in the woods!

## All Ages Hikes

All Ages Hikes will return in the Spring!

## Senior/Adult Hikes

Join Naturalist Denise Crowe for a gentle hike in good company with a casual exploration of local natural history knowledge.

**Heart Lake**  
**Friday, February 13th**  
**10am until noon**

Our Heart Lake hike is the perfect valentine to give to yourself, or to share with a friend. Together, we will look for the many early signs of spring. Meet at the Heart Lake parking lot.

**Pine Ridge Loop**  
**Friday, March 13th**  
**10am until noon**

What treasures await in this lovely, hidden meadow? Enjoy a hike to this unique and secret spot off of the beaten path. Meet at the base of Mount Erie on Ray Auld Drive.

## And for the very fit...

**Heart Lake Fitness Hike**  
**Saturday, February 21st**  
**10am until 1pm**

Please join Jean Andrich and some of our board members for a challenging and fast paced 8 to 9 mile hike in the Heart Lake area. After we get our heart rate up, we will stop briefly for a gourmet chocolate tasting with chocolate provided by the Friends of the Forest. Dress in layers and bring water. Meet at the Heart Lake parking lot. Again, this special fitness hike is for people with a known high level of physical condition!

---

## ACFL WORK PARTIES

---

**MARCH 7th @ 9:00am HEART LAKE ROAD CLEAN-UP:** It's been awhile since we cleaned up the trash along Heart Lake Road, so there should be plenty to do. Let's meet at trailhead 215 on Ray Auld Drive off Heart Lake Rd. Safety vests, trash bags, and trash grabbers will be provided.

Do you have an idea for a work party? Call Ranger Dave at 360-661-3554 or email your ideas to [daveo@cityofanacortes.org](mailto:daveo@cityofanacortes.org).



Greetings Friends,

As I write, the steady rain of a classic Northwest Winter day is laying beats upon the ground. Rivulets soak into every surface exposed. While we take shelter in this season, the microscopic life of our forest is more active than ever. In these temperate days all of the green we see is taking in the muted sunlight and transforming that energy into held reserve. Each cell open and drinking it all in. The mosses and lichens and fungi are experiencing waves of fertility, spore releasing structures emerge perfectly timed with the abundantly wet and mild weather ideal for reproduction. Though we have had some frozen moments, warmer than normal temperatures have been the trend. If frog song and Indian Plum bud swell are to be believed, spring is sure to be early this year.

Our group is preparing for 2015 to be another very big year. Last year was filled with a wide array of education and stewardship program activity with a very high level of participation. School programs and Forest Discovery Day Camp were scheduled to capacity, continuing our deep commitment to local nature literacy and connection for our youth. Our all ages and adult hikes enjoyed the presence of a noticeable surge in newcomers eager to learn the enticing natural mysteries of their freshly chosen home. We partnered with the City of Anacortes in a successful capital campaign to bring 20 acres of private land on South Mount Erie into the ACFL fold. Our annual Fall fundraising event was a joyful celebration of our forest and the people who love it, while providing a solid financial commitment as we move forward. Through all of our work, there is an ever growing sense of the importance of our mission in service to our amazing community forest lands. It is in this spirit that I am happy to announce I will be expanding my hours from half time to more beginning this spring! We are excited to be able to expand our capacity in response to changing needs.

Our human community is growing on Fidalgo Island. New folks are moving in, tourists are exploring our previously hidden places, and long time residents are rediscovering the joys of regular recreation just outside their doors. Our forest is bustling with new levels of human activity and there is a real challenge for us in providing fundamental education and stewardship opportunities for all. We will continue to help people find the wild free joy they seek in the woods, while learning to embrace a sense of caring respect for the needs of others. And on an enduring level, we will work for a deeper understanding of and provisions for the very real needs of wildlife and wild place that keep our woods alive.

Denise Crowe





# Thank you to Friends of the Forest 2014 Members!

All donor levels are greatly appreciated and collectively contribute to the wide range of education and stewardship programs that we provide in service to the Anacortes Community Forest Lands.

## \*2015 Members

Kym & Roger Aasen\*  
 Evelyn & Gary Adams  
 Ramin Ahsaei  
 Kathryn Alexandra\*  
 Kerry Allen  
 Terry & Janice Altomari  
 Debbie Amos & Phil Cohen  
 Jackie & Bud Anderson  
 Sandra Anderson  
 Bret & Jean Andrich\*  
 Shunji Asari  
 Ruth & Mark Backlund  
 Karen & Mark Backman\*  
 Bruce Baglien  
 Jack Barnard\*  
 Jeff & Denise Bauman\*  
 Helen Baumgartner\*  
 Beth Bell\*  
 Bob & Pat Bell  
 Paul Benz  
 Beverly & Mark Beppler\*  
 Richard Bergner\*  
 David Grant Best  
 Marjorie Bickel\*  
 Franklin Bjorseth\*  
 Patrice & Phil Blakeway\*  
 Ray & Carolyn Bloom\*  
 Loren & Teresa Bogart  
 Ric & Janet Boge  
 Marcia & Lester Books  
 Russ & Vicki Borneman  
 Jackie Boss  
 Bev Bowen\*  
 Bud & Bonnie Bowers\*  
 Larry & Shirley Bowlin  
 Ann & Jon Bowman  
 Judy Bown  
 Jane Brandt\*  
 Robert & Michele Brechlin  
 Paul & Mary Brower\*  
 Jeanie Browne  
 John & Cheryl Buchanan\*  
 Joost Businger & Marianne Kooiman  
 Barbara Cameron  
 Donald & Stacey Campbell  
 Pamela & John Caper  
 Andy Carr  
 Sommer Carter\*  
 Betty Carteret & Eric Shen  
 Kathryn Cavit & Morty Cohen\*  
 Mary & Harry Chandler  
 Nancy Chapman  
 Virginia & Phil Chitwood  
 Roy Christiansen  
 Tom & Beth Cleland  
 Charlie & Ute Collins\*  
 Bill & Betty Connor  
 Darrell & Debbie Cornelius\*  
 Brenda & Sean Cornett\*  
 Terry Costa\*  
 Herb Courtney\*  
 Bob & Jo Critchlow\*  
 Denise Crowe & Bret Lunsford\*  
 Carla Schipper Cummings  
 Bailey & David Cunningham  
 Philip Cunningham\*  
 Alfred Currier & Anne Schreivogl\*  
 Gloria Cutter  
 Rick & Diane Davidson\*  
 Richard & Patricia De La Chapelle  
 Hope Dean\*  
 Marilyn & Gene Derig\*  
 Bill & Holly Dietrich\*  
 James Dimond & Julie Barber\*  
 Paul Dinnel & Vicki McNeil

Andrea Doll  
 Michael & Sheri Donahue  
 Molly Doran\*  
 Don & Reanne Douglas\*  
 Ann Dursch\*  
 Jim & Kaylene Eberhardt\*  
 Diane Eiesland  
 Phil & Jan Eley\*  
 Phil Elverum  
 Ray & Sunny Enos  
 Blair & Stacey Estenson  
 Marc & Pam Estvold\*  
 Cheryl & Doug Everhart  
 Bruce & Margaret Evertz\*  
 Nick Fahey & Deborah Martin  
 Cliff & Johanna Finkbohner  
 Dan & Beth Folkers  
 Lin Folsom  
 Greg & Leslie Ford  
 Jim Ford\*  
 Stu & Marcy Ford\*  
 Kristine Grace Ford  
 Kecia Fox & Brian Adams  
 Michelle Fremont & Jerome McCool  
 Arlene & Bill French\*  
 Didi Funk  
 Mieke & Bharat Gael\*  
 Mike Gaitley & Mike Dragovich  
 Judy Garnett\*  
 Ed & Carolyn Gastellum\*  
 Yale & Sheila Gifford\*  
 Barbara Gilmore\*  
 Kay Glade  
 Ben Goldfarb  
 H. A. Green\*  
 Ronald Grose  
 Scott Gudmundsen  
 John & Gerri Gunn\*  
 David Gurney\*  
 Walter & Susan Guterbock  
 Dr. Morgaine Hager  
 David & Deborah Hall\*  
 Laura Hamilton\*  
 Ramona Hammerly  
 Ernie & Joan Handelsmann  
 Brian Hanrahan\*  
 Sandy & Don Harper\*  
 Lynda Harper & Ruth Thomas  
 Terry & Laura Hartnell  
 Jean Hawkins-Schaedler\*  
 Karen, Greg & Peter Haynes\*  
 Ron Haywood & Leanne Lunsford-Haywood\*  
 Kristi Hein & Casey Bazewick  
 Helen Heneks  
 Carol Herbert\*  
 Jan Hersey & Jay Ham\*  
 Sherry Hill  
 Nicole Hoekstra  
 Harriet Hoffman  
 Sara Holahan  
 Bob & Ann Hostler\*  
 Richard & Margi Houghton\*  
 Sharon Howard  
 John & Aleli Howell  
 Gene & Bette Huff\*  
 John & Linda Hunt  
 Marcia Hunt  
 Nancy & Jerry Husted  
 Randy Jacobson\*  
 Lisa Jackson  
 Tom & Wyndham Jackson  
 Dian & Steve Jahn\*  
 Dean Janz & Leslie Price  
 Hershel & Bonita Janz  
 Wanda Jerrit  
 Carl Johansen & Judy Chapman  
 James L. & Marilyn Kenney Johnson  
 Steven & Robyn Johnson  
 Thomas & Lane Johnson  
 Doug & Sue Jones\*  
 Michael & Louanne Jones  
 Lynne Jordan & Dennis Clark\*  
 John & Maralee Karwoski\*  
 Hugh & Wendy Kendrick\*

Matt & Bonnie Kerschbaum\*  
 Marjorie Kilbreath\*  
 Tom & Robin King  
 Eugene & Barbara Kiver  
 Dick & Dorie Kohler  
 Roland Kollodge  
 Rae Kozloff  
 Ryan, Lindi & Parker Kudlacek  
 Von & Betty Kuehn\*  
 Conrad Kurp\*  
 Trevor & Carol Kyle  
 Terry & Sheryl Kylo  
 Diana Laiche\*  
 Carl & Karen Latham  
 Rick Latham\*  
 Pamela LeBlanc\*  
 Tom Lebovsky & Jane Billingham\*  
 Michelle Ledeon & Bruce Hall  
 Bonnie & Tod Lehecka  
 Linda Lemberg Ross & Rick Ross  
 E. Michael Lindsay-Jones\*  
 Grady & Jesse Linberger\*  
 Mark Lioni\*  
 Sara & Tom Longworth\*  
 Jensen & Elizabeth Lovelett  
 Janet Lowry & Jim Kirk  
 Mira Lutz & Matt Castle  
 Mary & Pat Lyons\*  
 Annette Macartney  
 Rick & Meredith Machin\*  
 Samantha A. MacIntyre & Ken J. White\*  
 Heather Macphail  
 Mac Madenwald & Wendy Gray\*  
 Joan & Keith Magee  
 Don & Chris Magness\*  
 Michelle & Zach Mann\*  
 Deborah Martin  
 Julie Martin\*  
 Nora Martin  
 Lezlie & James Massey  
 John & Kim McCollister  
 Philip & Anne McCracken  
 Bruce & Kathleen McDanold  
 Myra McEwan  
 Sidney McHarg  
 Forrie & Molly McIntosh  
 Gene McKeen & Theresa Donovan  
 Dennis McMillan & Barbara Cooper  
 Malcolm & Michelle McPhee\*  
 Sue Mehler  
 Robert C. & Barbara J. Meier  
 Judy & Gordon Middleton\*  
 Sheri Miklaski  
 Astrea Miller\*  
 Gary & Pam Miller\*  
 Janet L. Miller  
 Jens Miller & Kerri Fredrickson  
 Margy Miller  
 Patricia Moak & Sila Washburn  
 W.M. Mike Mohundro  
 John & April Moon  
 Andrea Webster Moore  
 Janet Moore  
 Dianne Moritz  
 Richard Morrison\*  
 Don & Cindy Morton\*  
 Dan Mosby & Kathy Peterson  
 Kristen Murphy & Bob Vaux\*  
 Virginia Murphy  
 Arty Nakis\*  
 Kathy Nansel  
 Bob & Markay Neuman  
 Burton & Debra Newbry  
 Linda & Vance Nichols\*  
 Gwen & John Nixon\*  
 Grace Novicky & Tina Soes  
 Vera Oakes  
 Ranger Dave Oicles  
 Syd, Scott & Dave Olausen  
 Gabriel & Jeanne Olmsted\*  
 Curt & Monica Oppel  
 Leslie & Jon Ostlund\*  
 Maria Papritz  
 Susan Parke & Dederick Ward

Angie Partolan & Paul Barron\*  
 Jean Penney\*  
 Dena Petersen & Ann Buzaitis  
 Ora Mae & Eric Peterson  
 Bonnie & Lewis Phinney  
 Mary & David Picht  
 Andrew & Joan Pitz  
 Dena Poling  
 Bruce & Zaida Polk\*  
 John & Michele Pope\*  
 Steve Purcer & Mary Campbell  
 Denny & Laurie Quirk\*  
 Brenda & Larry Ramsdell  
 Dick & Jeannette Redmond\*  
 Valerie Reuther  
 Dave Richards  
 Cynthia & Jack Richardson\*  
 Dave & Nancy Ridgway  
 Murray & Linda Robinovitch\*  
 Betty Rockwell  
 Carol & Curt Rodin\*  
 Wendy Rohrbacker\*  
 Hal & Susan Rooks\*  
 Bob Rose  
 Patsy & Ralph Rowland  
 Corinne & Art Salcedo  
 Gary & Bernie Santiago  
 Dennis & Nancy Schafer  
 Tracy & Jay Schlegel  
 Tim & Elizabeth Schmidt\*  
 Gene & Miriam Schroeder\*  
 Lee & Lyn Schroeder\*  
 Charlie Schultz & Terri Bakke Schultz  
 Katherine Scott\*  
 Dan Senour  
 Bob Shelly & Patricia Wasson  
 Norma Sherin  
 Richard & Sue Sigmén  
 James & Mary Sikkema\*  
 Michelle & Mark Smail  
 F.Jay Smith & Susan Wood\*  
 J. Allen Smith  
 Terri Sommers  
 Randy & Charlotte Spada  
 Laura & Paul Spehar  
 Elliot Staatz  
 Charles Stavig\*  
 Todd & Georgia Stewart  
 Charlene & Wayne Stoner\*  
 Richard & Daphne Stowick  
 Margaret Studer\*  
 Maggie Sullivan  
 Meg Sweeney\*  
 T. Robert & Sandra Talbot  
 Susan Taylor\*  
 Cecil Thomas  
 Jim & Gina Thompson\*  
 Katie Tibbetts  
 Lyle & Carla Tiberghien  
 Jack & Sarah Tobien\*  
 Anna & Torolf Torgersen\*  
 Jennifer & Brian Tottenham  
 Dale Ann Trafton  
 Chris Van Arsdale  
 Gina Van Hess  
 Paul & Rene Vance\*  
 Tony Vengarick\*  
 Tom & Jean Vicary\*  
 Jane Wagner & Bruce Bollert\*  
 Pinky & Duff Walker\*  
 Thad & Helga Wakeman  
 Craig & Jeanne Wallin  
 Rosemary & Marvin Walter\*  
 Daniel L. Walters\*  
 Barton Waring  
 Bob & Judy Weathers\*  
 Jim & Shari Weaver  
 Steve & Lynne Webb  
 Brian & Amye Webster\*  
 Regan Weeks & Scott Petersen  
 Mark Wenzel\*  
 Ron & Jan Wesen  
 E. Valerie White  
 Clay Wilcox\*

Dave & Joanne Witiak\*  
 Chris & Jeff Wood  
 Ish Wood  
 Bob Woods & Lynnette Setmire  
 Tuulikki & Milton Woods\*  
 Bill & Jennifer Woyski  
 Philip & Carolynne Wright\*  
 Melissa Yeager  
 Peggy Yeager  
 Karl & Karen Yost  
 Drahomir Zboril & Margaret Rojas\*  
 Rob Zwick

## Business, Organization and Foundation Members

ATown Bistro\*  
 Anacortes Health and Nutrition  
 Anacortes Kayak Tours  
 Anthony's Restaurants\*  
 Autumn Leaves Bed & Breakfast  
 Azusa Farm and Gardens LLC  
 Barrett Financial, Ltd.\*  
 Bikespot  
 Cimarron Trucking Inc.  
 Charlie & Ute Collins DDS\*  
 Dakota Creek Industries, Inc.\*  
 Emerald Marine Carpentry\*  
 Fidalgo Animal Medical Center\*  
 Fidalgo Island Rotary Club\*  
 Gere-a-Deli\*  
 Gerry Wallrath Fund\*  
 Global Diving & Salvage  
 Industrial Machine Tools, Inc.  
 Island Import Garage\*  
 Kiwanis Noon Club\*  
 KP Studios\*  
 McMullen & Ochs, Attorney at Law\*  
 North Harbor Diesel\*  
 North Sound Oral & Facial Surgery\*  
 Northern Stone Supply  
 Port of Anacortes\*  
 Samish Indian Nation\*  
 San Juan Marine Freight Co. LLC  
 Sebo's Hardware\*  
 Shell Puget Sound Refinery\*  
 Skagit Community Foundation  
 Skagit Runners\*  
 Skagit Ultra Runners\*  
 Soroptimist Int'l of Anacortes\*  
 Strandberg Construction, Inc.\*  
 Waterside Designs\*  
 The Hadley Legacy Fund\*  
 Mark F. & Constance Wray Family  
 on behalf of The Harry F. Barnes and  
 Carol H. Barnes Family Foundation\*  
 The Runstad Foundation  
 Verizon, TCC Premium Wireless\*  
 Windermere Real Estate

## Gifts and Memorials

A Christmas donation was made in honor of Michelle and Malcolm McPhee from Jack and Sarah Tobien.

A donation honoring Jeanne Robinette for her work in creating the CEP was made by Jim Eberhardt.

We were honored to receive a generous bequeathment from Marsha Mellana's Estate.

Please let us know if your name is missing, misspelled or if you prefer to be listed differently.

# 2014 Friends of the Forest Benefit *Thank You*

## Forest Education Benefit a Great Success!



The Friends of the Forest Benefit on November 1st was once again very successful! Thank you to everyone involved for helping us raise over \$47,000 to support our wide range of forest education programs.

Sponsors for the event have our deepest gratitude. Essential financial support came from McMullen & Ochs PLLC, Samish Indian Nation, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, Charlie & Ute Collins DDS, Emerald Marine Carpentry, Fidalgo Animal Medical Center, Island Import Garage, North Sound Oral and Facial Surgery, Sebo's Hardware, Skagit Runners, Skagit Ultra Runners, Verizon, Anthony's Restaurants, A'Town Bistro, Dakota Creek Industries and North Harbor Diesel.



We offer heartfelt recognition and thanks to all of the individuals and local businesses that contributed art, goods and services for our silent and live auctions. Lanny Bergner was our featured artist with his original sculpture titled "Forest Hollow." Thank you to Bob Vaux for being our master of ceremonies and to Auctioneer Michelle Westford of Charity Auction World.

Thank you to the Port of Anacortes for the use of the Port Warehouse. Gere-a-Deli Catering served a wonderful meal and beer was supplied by Anacortes Brewery. Music by Fidalgo Swing completed the night.

The Friends of the Forest Board and many other volunteers gave tremendous time and energy to make the evening so special. Bret Lunsford served as auction co-chair, Mary Sikkema was in charge of tickets and seating, Wanda Mull put together the silent and live auctions. Patti Pattee and her staff at Watermark Book Company sold event tickets. Many other volunteers helped in meaningful ways to make this fundraiser successful.

And last but not least, thank you to all who came to enjoy the party and contribute. Your love for our community woods and strong show of support for our forest education program means so much to us and our work. It is inspiring to see our community step up and collectively invest in our island's natural future. With everyone's help, we will continue to provide all seventh and third grade students in Anacortes with forest field trips and classes, forest discovery summer camp for kids, community hikes of all kinds for all ages, and a range of other educational, stewardship, and conservation activities in ongoing service to the Anacortes Community Forest Lands.

Sincerely,  
Denise and Jean





**FRIENDS OF THE ACFL**  
P.O. BOX 2213  
ANACORTES, WA 98221

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Anacortes, WA  
Permit #42

Printed by



## Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Friends of the Forest is a nonprofit, citizens organization dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach and stewardship. *Friends of the Forest is a not for profit 501 c3 organization. Tax ID # 501c3 91-1430220*

**PLEASE JOIN US!** Membership and contributions are tax-deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Membership Renewal

☐ New Member

We offer many levels of annual membership dues. Please choose your level of support for this vital mission in our community.

Annual dues: ☐ Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$40 ☐ Partner \$50 ☐ Supporter \$100  
☐ Sponsor \$250 ☐ Benefactor \$500 ☐ Steward \$1000 ☐ Major Donor \$5000 or more

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_ Topics for general meetings or newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail memberships/contributions to: Friends of the ACFL, P.O. Box 2213, Anacortes, WA 98221 or visit us at 611 R Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221

Thank you to all friends who have renewed their dues and a reminder to those who haven't sent in this year - we need it! Keeping your dues current with the Friends of the Forest is one of the best ways to Think Globally and Act Locally. On Fidalgo Island, thankfully we have the ACFL, and it needs Friends to ensure its preservation. Our Education Program depends on your support. Thank you!