



Friends of the Forest

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

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Happy 2023: A Year of New Beginnings

By Asa Deane, Executive Director



Asa Deane, former Mayor Laurie Gere, and City Council member Carolyn Moulton at our Annual Benefit, November 2022

When I first started as Executive Director of Friends of the Forest in 2019, the entire organization was brimming with potential. I remember the feeling of being on a new horizon, entering an atmosphere of dedication and vision, piloted by people that had worked incredibly hard over many years to bring the organization forward on a shoestring budget and with minimal staff. Covered in volunteer fingerprints and with immense support from the community, Friends of the Forest was at a critical juncture as to how to move forward to address the ever-shifting challenges and questions facing the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. Seeing the potential that lay within and dreaming big in scope of programs, they took a leap and decided to invest in staffing to carry forward the vision of what could be.

The excitement was palpable when I began to work here, both internally and amongst the community. It was thrilling and nerve-racking and difficult to navigate, but also fun and new. Even as I entered into the organization, I could see the vast potential and the myriad challenges we'd face as we moved forward to reach that potential, including the necessity to bring on more full-time staff to navigate the different avenues ahead.

Of course, no one could have predicted one of the largest challenges of all: a global pandemic that would isolate us from one another, at least physically, for years to come. But even something as impactful as Covid couldn't prevent our community from recognizing and prioritizing the incredible gift that is the ACFL; ironically, through the massive influx of forest users, it catalyzed the forest's fragility for many of us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Complete details on the “Upcoming Events” page on our website at www.friendsoftheacfl.org/upcomingactivities. Or simply scan the QR code on the right to get there!

We have begun using a registration system so that we can contact you if the hike needs to be cancelled or rescheduled. Walk-ins are always welcome but we do appreciate if you'd fill out the RSVP located on each event page.



Feb 10
(Friday)
10:00 am
-12:00 pm

Community Science Wetlands Monitoring - Easy - Location TBA - We meet on the second Friday of each month to monitor the water quality in the wetlands around Little Cranberry Lake and Big Beaver Pond. Wear weather-proof clothes and bring your curiosity! Location changes each month and will be emailed to registered participants prior to the event.

Feb 11
(Saturday)
9:00 am
-11:00 am

Magnificent Mosses - Easy - Little Cranberry Lake parking lot - Winter is a spectacular time to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the nonvascular plants of the Pacific Northwest! Join us on a hike with guest naturalist Elizabeth Drozda-Freeman to celebrate the magnificent mosses of the ACFL, and gain new appreciation for the big jobs that these little plants can do.

Feb 13
(Monday)
9:00 am
-11:00 am

Senior Stroll - Easy - Whistle Lake parking lot - Join Friends of the Forest on an immersive stroll through the Anacortes Community Forest Lands, where we'll explore the areas around the ACFL's deepest lake! We'll keep the pace of this hike slow as the group's curiosity guides our learning, so feel free to bring your own field guides, binoculars/magnifiers, and whatever gear you'll need for walking on trails.

Feb 14
(Tuesday)
10:00 am
-12:00 pm

Macroinvertebrates - Easy - Location TBA - We meet every other month to examine the macroinvertebrates in the wetlands around Little Cranberry Lake and Big Beaver Pond. Macroinvertebrates, or the aquatic bugs and larvae that call our wetlands home, are fantastic indicator species that give us clues about the health of our waterways. Wear weather-proof clothes and bring your buggiest enthusiasm!

Feb 18
(Saturday)
10:00 am
-12:00 pm

Family Nature Walk - Easy - Ray Auld Drive parking lot - Our theme will be... Trees! We will hug trees, measure trees, smell trees, and do a nature craft with trees. We will also have a snack time where we will read a story about trees and talk about how human food is different from tree food. Bring the whole family and join us for a real “tree-t” of a hike!

Are you receiving our bi-monthly e-newsletter? It's chock full of Upcoming Events, interesting stories, volunteer opportunities, and more! E-newsletter recipients are the first to know when registration goes live for our most in-demand kids' programs, and members get first dibs on registration--don't miss out!

Email info@friendsoftheacfl.org if you're not sure you're subscribed and we'll sign you up!

New Youth Programs for 2023

By Hannah Katz, Youth Education Coordinator

We are so excited to be adding several new youth programs to our menu in 2023! Thanks to all of you and your support in expanding our team to two full time educators, we are working hard on increasing opportunities for youth and community programs in the ACFL. New this year we are adding a week-long half day camp (Young Explorers) for grades K-2, and a science and problem solving spring break camp for grades 6-8 in April (Science Sleuths). These will join our foundational programs including After School in the ACFL, school field trips and classroom visits for kindergarten, 3rd grade and 7th grade, Forest Discovery (our summer program), and monthly family hikes.

Young Explorers | Feb. 13-17 | Grades K-2

This new program focuses on creating and growing a sense of wonder while we play and get to know the forest. Each day we will focus on using our senses, asking questions and creating experiments to explore our daily themes. From soil experiments to making our own instruments and investigating macroinvertebrates, each child will unlock their inner scientist and storyteller while having fun in the forest. More information and registration is available on the Youth Education page of our website.



Kindergarten Fall Field Trip

Science Sleuths | April 3-7 | Grades 6-8

Our new spring break camp extends our outside of school programming to students in middle school who are interested in honing their science skills and inner detective. During our week-long investigation we will investigate a fictional ACFL ecosystem mystery and use science, inquiry, and teamwork to find the culprit and develop a plan for restoration. Registration will open in late February for our inaugural sleuths.

This spring we will also continue our After School in the ACFL with a February/March session for students in grades 3-5 and an April/May session for students in grades K-2. Registration for each session will be posted on our website one month in advance.

Thank you for making these new and continuing programs accessible for all students in Anacortes. These free programs would not be possible without the support of our dedicated members.



The excitement (and maybe a little disgust!) upon finding a worm at Afterschool in the ACFL this fall

Thanks for your help with the Benefit!

For a great many of you, the Port of Anacortes Transit Shed on Saturday, November 12th in Anacortes was ‘the best darn party this side of 2019’!

It was a thrill to welcome everyone back to the Transit Shed for our first in-person Benefit party since November of 2019. You could feel the energy and excitement as people perused the many silent-auction offerings, munched on delectable Gere-a-Deli appetizers, enjoyed an Anacortes Brewery beer or a wine from the bar, and swayed along to the musical stylings of Fidalgo Swing. Many hugs were had, joyous conversations filled the air, and even a rug or two was cut as the night went on. Finally, the main course was served (another Gere-a-Deli delight) and the live auction commenced with Anacortes native son Stephen Kilbreath as our auctioneer. Stephen worked the crowd masterfully, pitting co-worker against co-worker, spouse against spouse, and table against table to raise as much money as possible for Friends of the Forest.

Whether it was Stephen’s auctioneering skill, the joyfulness of being together again, or (and this is where I put my money!) the recognition of the incredible work that is happening at Friends of the Forest, we were able to raise more money than at any previous benefit. With your help, Friends of the Forest netted \$82,000, our largest amount to date! It is an absolute privilege to be a part of such an incredible and generous community. Thank you to everyone who attended the benefit, participated in the online auction, or donated in person or online for making it the most successful benefit we’ve ever had!

And mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4th, 2023 for what may be our final benefit at the beloved Transit Shed before it is decommissioned as an event space—it’s sure to be one for the record books!



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Transit Shed Scenes



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Save the Date Friends of the Forest's Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 9th
7:00-8:30 pm
Anacortes Depot Arts Center
611 R Avenue

(with an option to attend virtually)

More details to follow on our website and in our e-newsletter
(please see page 2 if you are not already receiving emails from us twice a month)

2022 Friends of the Forest Members

We are so grateful for this community of Friends! Thank you to those of you who have recently joined us as members, as well as those who have supported our mission since Day One. Our donors are the true heroes responsible for the work that is accomplished in the community and in the ACFL; it would not be possible without you! We appreciate your contribution and look forward to a new year of education, outreach, and stewardship. Annual membership dues are due in January. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2023, please consider making a gift today.

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A New-and-Improved Naturalist Club in 2023!



January Senior Stroll near Big Beaver Pond.
Senior Strolls are offered every month. Join us for an educational, slower-paced walk.

Friends of the Forest's Naturalist Club is back and better than ever! Starting March 2, join us for 10 weeks of immersive learning about the Anacortes Community Forest Lands!

Connect with fellow life-long learners, and complete projects that will deepen your connection to and curiosity about the natural world. All learners of any experience are welcome!

Every other Thursday, Naturalist Club members will attend a skills-based class at the Anacortes Depot (611 R Avenue), each focusing on a different aspect of Fidalgo Island and ACFL ecology. On alternating Saturdays, we'll meet out in the ACFL itself and put some of those classroom skills to practice. Participants

will explore their basic naturalist skills, learn to identify the common plants and animals of the ACFL, and investigate how the components of the ACFL are connected - to each other and to us!

Each class will spark curiosity about the incredible diversity and complexity of the ACFL ecosystems while aiming to inspire participants to become better observers of the outdoors. By the end of this course, participants will have added to their understanding of and deepened their connection to their world. Excited to join us? Registration is now open--head to Upcoming Events on our website to sign up!

Wetlands Monitoring 2022 Retrospective

THANK YOU to the 16 volunteers who contributed roughly 55 hours to the wetlands monitoring project in 2022! We waded through mud, smoke, wind, and rain to collect lots of great data on the water quality of wetlands near Little Cranberry Lake. With one year of data on our wetlands' dissolved oxygen concentration, pH, temperature, and carbon dioxide concentrations, we are beginning to put together the story of water quality in the ACFL. We can't wait to see you out in the forest again soon. For more details on our 2023 monitoring efforts, keep reading!

Macroinvertebrates

Our volunteers are powerhouses of community science, and collect data each month that helps us tell a scientifically-informed story about the wetlands around Little Cranberry Lake and Big Beaver Pond. We completed our first year of data collection last year! (continued on next page)

by Ellie Kravets, Community Programs Coordinator

In 2023, we'll continue monitoring the water quality of our wetlands on the second Friday of each month. Additionally, we will examine the macroinvertebrates (aquatic water bugs!) in our wetlands every other month, starting in February 2023.

Macroinvertebrates are a powerful biological indicator of water quality. Instead of “snapshot” measurements of water quality, which only reflect the characteristics of the sample at the moment the sample was taken, the diversity of macroinvertebrates present in a water body represent a more holistic, longitudinal indicator of site quality.

“Community” science means that anyone, from beginners to experts, can participate. We love our dedicated volunteers and seeing new faces, too, so join us! Find out how you can get involved in our community science projects now, by visiting bit.ly/ACFLwetlands or by emailing the Community Programs Coordinator at ellie@friendsoftheforest.org.



Monitoring those wetlands in 2022.
These volunteers are Citizen Scientists!

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From the Executive Director (continued from page 1)

It was this dedication of the people of Anacortes and their continued support of the Friends of the Forest that allowed us to not shelve our vision, but to continue to pursue it. Through lockdowns and outbreaks, through remote learning and masked faces, through Zoom meetings and work-from-home, you kept loving the forest, participating in our programs, and supporting us financially. We were able to step forward, not back, and keep walking the path toward our vision of providing more opportunities for education and connection, dedicated service, and an ever-greater understanding of the ACFL.

I'm incredibly proud and endlessly grateful to be able to unveil the work that we are planning for the year ahead. With the addition over the last four years of several new full-time staff positions, we're now in a position to begin bringing these visions to fruition as you'll see throughout the newsletter. Every facet of our mission—education, outreach, and stewardship—will provide more opportunities than ever before, all at absolutely zero cost to participants and all in service of the ACFL. You'll hear from Hannah Katz, Youth Education Coordinator, about our new youth program offerings for kids of all ages, in school and out, and Ellie Kravets, Community Programs Coordinator, will bring you up to speed on our new-and-improved Naturalist Club and more opportunities to be a community scientist. And stay tuned throughout the year for more ways to get involved, volunteer, and help preserve the ACFL.

Thank you, again for being a member for supporting the ACFL, and for joining us on this journey.

--Asa Deane, Executive Director

Friends of the Forest

Friends of the Forest Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public- please email Director Asa Deane for more information on how to join.

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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 a financial contribution to our organization! You may contact our office at 360-293-3725 to discuss any of these options.

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 are welcome to make this in honor or in memory of a loved one or special person.

3 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 sizable donations.

4 Planned Giving

One of the best ways you can continue supporting the work of the Friends is through a legacy gift. If you are making estate plans, please consider including our organization.



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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 _____

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
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_____ Areas of Interest

_____ Topics for general meetings or newsletter

Please mail memberships/contributions to: Friends of the ACFL, PO Box 2213, Anacortes WA 98221 or visit us at 611 R Avenue, Anacortes WA. Annual dues should be renewed each January.

Thank you to all the friends who have renewed their dues! Keeping your dues current with the Friends of the Forest is one of the best ways to Think Globally and Act Locally. Here on Fidalgo Island, the ACFL needs Friends to ensure its preservation. Our Education programs depend on your support.

Thank you!