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Looking back on 2019 for Friends of Skagit Beaches, I once again see dedicated volunteers, great programs and a solid financial picture. We had shifts on the board of directors as some folks stepped down - **Barb Lechner, Karen Richman, Gina Johnson, Dick Shiley, and Beckie Arnold** - and others step up to sit on the board - **Erica Pickett, Sue Ehler, Darla Gay Smith, Tim Gohrke and Dale Fournier**. I am thankful to each and every one of these people for their willingness to sit at the helm of Friends and support our continued mission to protect Skagit waters through citizen science, education, and stewardship.

2019 saw our latest project, Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycling Coalition, hit its stride and tap into an issue that our community is deeply concerned about: proper use and disposal of plastics and other waste. Highlights of the team's work was supporting the passage of a bag ban for the City of Anacortes and publishing a county-wide recycling guide called *Beyond the Bin*. We also appreciate the in-kind staff support from the City of Anacortes to repair and maintain the popular Trail Tales interpretive signs. Our Lecture Series was very well attended and the Fidalgo Shoreline Academy continued to draw close to a hundred participants. Check inside for more details and information about other FOSB programs, projects, and events.

Our goal as a board is to look forward and plan for the continued success of this non-profit organization. While some of our events continue to help Friends fund our projects, we depend on our membership and donations to keep the lights on, so to speak. At the end of this Annual Report, I have attached a timeline of the organization (thank-you, Betty!). I learned a lot reading through that document and realize that Friends, seeded with the creative energies of the now defunct Skagit Beach Watchers program, has continued to blossom as a valued community resource and partner. While we continue to seek ways to support our environmental volunteer community, it has become equally important to reach out and engage the community at large.

As you read through the following report, my hope is that you will see the value that Friends brings to our community. One way you can let us know that you like what we are doing is to make a donation or become a member. Friends is a small non-profit that will only be as strong as its membership. Your support is vital and will help us continue to plant more seeds for a better future.

With warm regards, Jennifer Herron, President

# 2019 Annual Report

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## 2019 Board of Directors

**Jennifer Herron, President**

**Wayne Huseby, Treasurer**

**Erica Pickett, acting Secretary**

**Betty Carteret**

**Sue Ehler**

**Tim Gohrke (new 10/19)**

**Darla Gay Smith (new 7/19)**

**Gina Johnson (retired 9/19)**

## 2020 addition to the Board

**Dale Fournier**

**To learn more about events, make a donation  
or renew membership:**

Website: [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)

Email: [friends@skagitbeaches.org](mailto:friends@skagitbeaches.org)

## **Annual Meeting**

January 25, 2020 ~ 9 am to 11:15 am  
NWESD building, 1601 R Ave, Anacortes

Join us for breakfast, a recap of the year and a presentation on the history of March Point

# Programs and Projects: Learn – Connect – Act

In 2019, Friends continued to offer top-notch programs and projects for the community. Engaging our members and community in learning; creating connections between people and the natural world that needs their care; and supporting acts of stewardship, large and small, for this incredibly rich and vibrant natural environment that we share – we found that this year showed just how much interest there is not only to learn more but to step up and help make a difference.

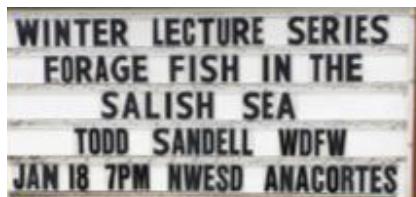
## Lecture Series



Planning began in August of 2018 when teams for speakers, publicity, logistics, and financials were formed. 548 people attended the four lectures held in Anacortes January thru April, 2019. Our February lecture had a very large crowd of 173! A new single poster format for promotion was used to good success. 23 Volunteers expended more than 270 hours of time to plan, arrange, publicize, set-up, and conduct the lectures.

*"Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, energy and enthusiasm in any way to make the 2019 Winter Lecture Series a success. There are so many different tasks that were required to produce a quality lecture evening for our audiences and I know they greatly appreciate the product you produced and they received. Hats off to all of you for all you do: Lecture Shepherds, Audio-Visual, Planning, Publicity, Coffee/Cookies, Ushers, Audience Evaluations, Tiger Team, Photography, Signage, No Waste, Photos and anything else that you have done that I may have missed here."*

- Matt Kershbaum, Lecture Series program leader



Thank you to Skagit Wild Bird Supply for sponsoring both the Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy!

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**14TH ANNUAL WINTER LECTURE SERIES**

Join us each month (January – April) for an evening of discovery. Lectures highlight the fascinating life in and around the shoreline and marine ecosystem. Free and open to all ages. Donations welcome and appreciated.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, NW Educational Services District, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes

**January 18, 2019**  
Forage Fish in the Southern Salish Sea  
Presenter: Todd Sandell, PhD, senior forage fish biologist, WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Forage fish are a critical part of the food web for salmon, seabirds, and marine mammals. Dr. Sandell will discuss recent research findings leading to a better understanding and management of forage fish species, their habitats, and the species that depend on them.

**February 15, 2019**  
Natural History and Current Condition of Southern Resident Orcas  
Presenter: Howard Garrett, director and board president, Orca Network  
Today Southern Resident Orcas using the Salish Sea and nearby coastal waters are at a critically low point with only 74 individuals remaining. We will be exploring the natural history of Orcas along with the conditions that now threaten their survival.

**March 15, 2019**  
Puget Sound Mussel Monitoring: Long-term Active Biological Monitoring of Nearshore Contaminants  
Presenter: Jennifer Lambbury, wildlife biologist, WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) are highly efficient filter feeders, siphoning water and nutrients into and out of their bodies. As a result, any toxic contaminants in their nearshore environment show up in their tissues. Learn how these shellfish are being studied at the University of Washington through citizen science efforts among conservation groups, citizen science volunteers, and government partners.

**April 12, 2019**  
Plankton of the Land: Mosses, Lichens, and Fungi in Pacific Northwest Forests  
Presenter: Kent Loeffler, PhD, naturalist and author, Vancouver Island, BC  
Plankton are the foundation of life in the ocean. Their terrestrial equivalent is what Kent Loeffler, author of *The Boundary Layer*, calls the "stewies," the layer of organic life just below the soil surface that feeds the forest. Here, mosses, lichens, and fungi create and process nutrients essential for other life.

Friends of Skagit Beaches is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Sign up for the Friends newsletter or learn more about programming at [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org). Like us on Facebook and come to our Friends volunteer and learning opportunities.

## Salish Sea Steward and Beach Watcher Volunteer Picnic

FOSB sponsored a BBQ picnic at Bowman Bay in June 2019 as an event to bring our volunteer community together while also getting to know some of our newest Salish Sea Stewards! It was a fun event with lots of familiar faces and a great potluck. The picnic is a way for Friends to show our volunteers that we appreciate their dedicated service.



# Fidalgo Bay Day

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### 2019 Discovery Passport



Artwork by Yujina Chae

The 2019 Fidalgo Bay Day on August 24<sup>th</sup> was again a huge success. Friends of Skagit Beaches contributed to that success by sponsoring the Discovery Passport, which is a very popular activity for families and kids (of all ages). For the sixth year, Friends created a passport guide that "discovery explorers" took to the discovery stations. At those stations there are interesting facts to be shared and questions to be answered by kids and adults. A correct answer earns a sticker for that station. Once the passport guide is completed, the participant returns to our Discovery Passport Headquarters and collects a prize. The excitement in choosing that prize is a delight for both the participants and our volunteers.



In addition to the passport activity, we have a coloring station where a drawing can be prepared and submitted as an entry for selecting next year's passport cover. This year's artwork was contributed by Yujina Chae of Anacortes. We had a record number of entries to this year's contest and the Friends Boards and volunteers who supported the day will be voting on the best drawing for next year's passport. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped the day of the event to make it both fun and inspiring for those who took part.

## Fidalgo Shoreline Academy

October saw another successful Shoreline Academy in Anacortes. With strong attendance and seven great presentations, Friends provided a day of learning for our local community. Jack Hartt, retired park manager, Deception Pass State Park, was the inspirational keynote speaker. His talk was followed by presentations by local experts on erosion, climate change and tree health, wetlands, sharks, indigenous science and wildlife rehabilitation.



## Trail Tales

In 2013, **Friends of Skagit Beaches' Trail Tales** project worked with the City of Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department to install the first group of interpretive signs along the Tommy Thompson Trail between 34th Street and March Point. Over the years, several signs were vandalized and others damaged by seagulls dropping shells along the causeway and trestle.

Last year, Project Lead Betty Carteret received funds from the 2018 Anacortes Lodging Tax fund to replace several signs with the most damage. Working with the sign manufacturer, IZone Imaging, it was determined that this group of signs had a manufacturing defect that was contributing to early deterioration. IZone offered to replace all the signs in that group at no cost under warranty. Friends didn't have to spend a dime to get 15 new signs to replace the old signs along the trail.

**We really appreciate the outstanding customer service offered by IZone Imaging.**

On March 8th, with support from Anacortes Parks & Recreation staff, a group of 8 volunteers removed the old signs, cleaned the aluminum support frames, and installed 15 new signs. Many thanks to all who helped get the job done!



# Skagit Plastic Recycle and Reduction Coalition (SPRRC)

Friends of Skagit Beaches' newest project called *Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycling Coalition (SPRRC)* received ~\$30,000 from a Department of Ecology grant in September 2018 (July 2018 to June 2019). Plastic pollution and its impacts on the marine environment are important issues that seems to be in the news a lot lately. This led our board member and SPRRC lead, Betty Carteret, to apply for the grant. The project is ongoing and has been a big success.

**The program objectives were to:**

- **Raise awareness about harmful impacts of plastic waste;**
- **Reduce the use of single-use plastics and promote lifestyle choices that will reduce harmful impacts of plastic waste; and**
- **Recycle right and reduce contamination of the plastic recycling waste stream.**



Right out of the starting gate, the project established a working partnership with Skagit County Solid Waste Division. Callie Martin, Skagit County Public Works Solid Waste Division Community Outreach Specialist is an active partner in the project providing insights, valuable information, and resources. Callie helped educate our volunteers and plan ways to effectively direct our outreach to county residents, as well as recruiting the County's volunteers from the Master Composter/Recycler program to support the project. Another coalition participant, the Salish Sea Stewards program managed by the Skagit Marine Resources Committee, also provides volunteers.



Volunteers from both groups attended project-specific training in November 2018 to gain knowledge about issues related to plastic waste and expertise in providing outreach on ways to reduce single-use plastics and improve recycling compliance. Betty and Callie also organized continuing education opportunities including recycling facility tours and presentations by subject matter experts. Volunteer participation in the project exceeded expectations with more than double the 450 hours proposed in the grant application. As of the end of the grant period on June 30<sup>th</sup> volunteers had given over 1,000 hours of service to the project.

The project has been successful in reaching out to the community and beginning to change attitudes and lifestyle choices that contribute to plastic waste streams. Over 1,300 community members were contacted and over 800 plastic reduction pledges have been completed. Pledge participants were sent a survey and results indicate that the messages shared in our outreach are making a difference and people are making positive changes to reduce their use of single-use plastics and also following guidelines for recycling more carefully.

Betty has given a number of presentations at events, classes, and to community service organizations, which garnered another \$1,330 grant from Soroptimist International of Anacortes. Betty and Callie gave an Earth Day presentation to the Skagit County Commissioners that can be viewed on the Skagit 21 Television website archive: [http://skagit.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=3049](http://skagit.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=3049).



The project has also published the *Beyond the Bin* recycling guide for Skagit County and the County supported the effort by printing 2,500 copies for distribution. An electronic version of the guide can be viewed and downloaded from our website at <https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>. Response has been very positive and those who have seen it say it's something they've needed for a long time. Guides are available at various locations around Skagit County including local libraries. We expect it to have wide distribution and become a useful tool for households in Skagit County looking to repurpose and recycle items that are not permitted in standard curbside and drop-off recycling streams available in the county..

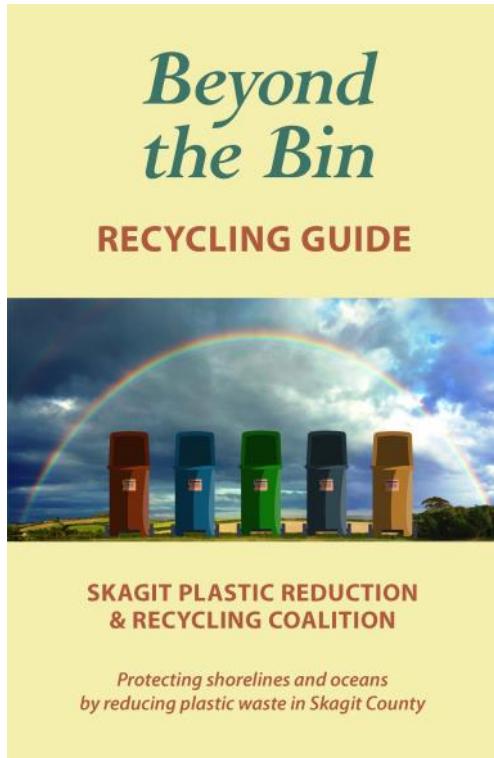
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Friends will continue to partner with the County on the project in the upcoming year. Betty plans to seek additional small grants to support the project and the County will provide additional support. Betty & Callie have some new ideas on how to continue adding new elements to the project. Some ideas they've kicked around include developing a county-wide recycling collection day where things that are not normally accepted in our residential recycling bins could be dropped off and expanding outreach to businesses to adopt more sustainable options for food service and take-out.

If you're interested in getting involved with this project you can email, [skagitplastics@skagitbeaches.org](mailto:skagitplastics@skagitbeaches.org) and Betty will be in touch with you. It's a great way to help our marine environment and learn more about how to take action on plastic pollution.

**Want to learn more about how to reduce, reuse, and recycling? Check out Friends Notes - our blog - on the website: [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)**



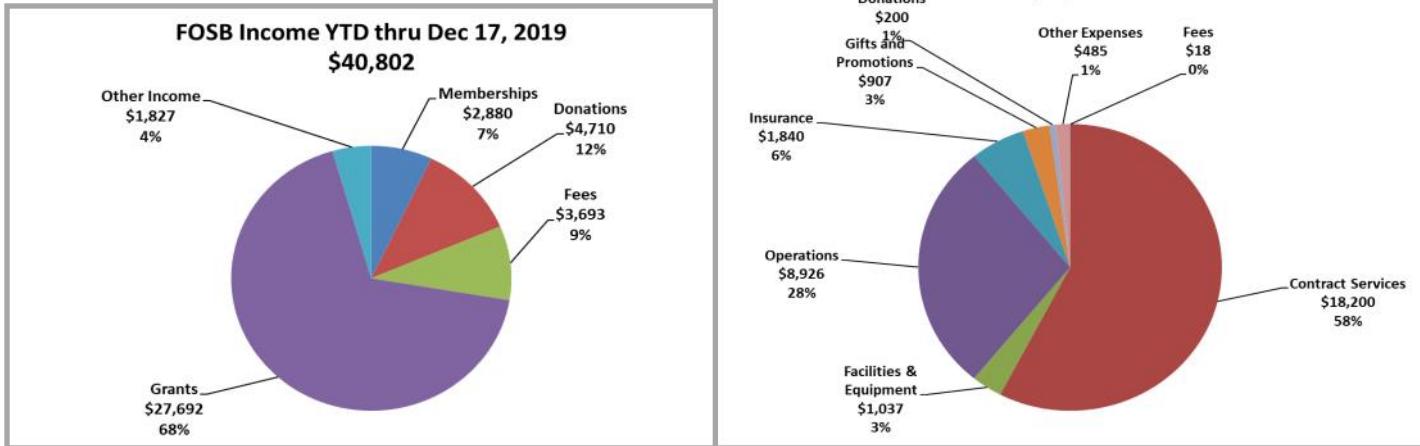
**Check out SPRRC's Beyond the Bin Guide!**



## Salish Sea Stewards Training program

Friends continued to offer funding and logistical support for the Salish Sea Stewards (SSS) Training program as another great group of Stewards completed the program and began volunteering for various projects. In June 2019, the Skagit Marine Resource Committee (SMRC) sponsored a workshop to gather feedback and ideas for the continued success of the SSS program. (Thank you to Joan Drinkwin for her facilitation!) Due to the hard work of Tracy Alker (SMRC), Dr. Jude Apple, Director, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (PBNERR) and the PBNEER education staff, 2020 will see this program shared between SMRC and PBNERR. The education staff (headed up by Susan Wood) at PBNERR will be leading the training. SMRC and PBNERR staff will provide some volunteer coordination oversight with planning already in the works for two social/continuing education gatherings during the coming year as well as the continued support for the WAVE. An advisory group made up of representatives from different partners including Friends, Northwest Straits Foundation, SMRC, and alumni from the program, will continue to support curriculum and logistical development for the Training program.

# Financial Report



## Notes about FOSB Income and Expenses for YTD 2019:

### Income

**Grants** - Plastic Project accounted for over two-thirds of FOSB's income

- Department of Ecology - \$26,362
- Soroptimist International - \$1,330

**Fees** - Fidalgo Shoreline Academy ticket sales

**Other Income** – donations collected at events and sales of notecards, water bottles, EZ-ID cards, etc.

**Memberships** – FOSB memberships of all types, individual, family, student, and business

**Donations** – General unrestricted donations from individuals and businesses

**Lecture Series** - 2019 donations above the costs roll over into 2020 Lecture Series budget

### Expenses

**Contract Services** – various professional services for Plastics Project

**Facilities and Equipment** - primarily for rental of NWESD and storage unit

**Operations** – approx. 85% of costs were for the Plastic Project

**Insurance** – General Liability and Directors and Officers

**Gifts and Promotions** – Salish Sea Steward training, Fidalgo Bay Day prizes, speakers

**Grants and Donations** – Youth Earth Summit conference

**Other Expenses** – Travel for speakers, SSS background checks, and board training

**Fees** – State licensing and banking fees

I would like to thank Dick Shiley, former board member and my predecessor, for his excellent work as Friends Treasurer and for his help and support as we transitioned the Treasurer function. Dick not only carried out the routine functions of the Treasurer, but he developed and implemented several policies and procedures that helped make Friends' financial management better. We have tried to carry on with the things that Dick started, such as annual budgeting and profit/loss by program/project/event. Thank you Dick!

One of my first tasks as Treasurer was to fully migrate all of Friends' finances to QuickBooks. I am happy to report that that task has been successfully completed although I must admit that I still have a lot to learn!

- Wayne Huseby, Treasurer

# Membership and Donors

Membership with Friends of Skagit Beaches brings with it the knowledge that you are helping our community of volunteers and neighbors learn how to become stewards for this unique and stunning natural landscape that we call home. It is vital that we continue to promote better ways to live on this planet and it is here, in our own backyard, where we can make a difference.

**We thank our volunteers, donors, and sponsors with deep appreciation for helping us protect our shorelines one lecture, interaction, and project at a time!**

**Sponsors:** Skagit Wild Bird Supply - donation to cover facility rental for both the Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy

## Membership and Donations -

### \$500.00 +

*Paul Dinnel and Vicki McNeil Dinnel*

*Hugh and Wendy Kendrick*

### \$100.00 +

*Betty Carteret and Eric Shen*

*Ann Dursch*

*Brad Smith and Dale Fournier*

*Jan Hersey*

*Jack Middleton and Anne Brooks  
Middleton*

*Randolph and Barbara Schnabel*

*Wayne Huseby*

### \$50.00 +

*Regan Weeks*

*Judy Fischer*

*Alan Brewer*

### 10.00 +

*Judith Finn*

*Tom and Kathleen Flanagan*

*John and Geri Gunn*

*Robert and Martha Hall*

*Tony Harrah*

*Peter and Roxann Heffelfinger*

*Andy and Jennifer Herron*

*Drs. Bob and Judy Higgins*

*Brian and Pat Kelly*

*Eugene and Barbara Kiver*

*Susan Lamb*

*Bob and Barbara Lechner*

*Chris and Ruth Lesourd*

*Keith and Joan Magee*

*Sila Washburn and Pat Moak*

*Steven and Mary Purcer*

*Tom and Elizabeth Richards*

*Russ Barger and Karen Richman*

*Gordon Sjogren*

*Lynell and Linda Tanigoshi*

*Bill Clark*

*Sue Ehler*

*Jo Finkbohner*

*Patricia Gardner*

*Susan George*

*Judy Hammer*

*Sara Holahan*

*Pattie Hutchins*

*Crystal Koponen*

*Betty Kuehn*

*Tim Manns*

*Michelle Marquardt*

*Susan Miller*

*Susan O'Donnell*

*Michael Oras*

*Erica Pickett*

*Madeline Rose*

*Claudia Ross-Kuhn*

*Darla Smith*

*J. Allen Smith*

## Family Memberships

*Chet and Nihla Bradley*

*Chris Brown*

*Janice and Kurt Buchanan*

*Charlene Day*

*Diane Eiesland*

*Martine Felts*

## Individual Memberships

*Beckie Arnold*

*Phyllis Bravinder*

*Joan Burbick*

*Wesley Capon*

*Anne Casperson*

*Linda Tennant*

*Paul Vance*

*Bob Weathers*

*Clay Wilcox*

# Friends of Skagit Beaches Volunteers

We are an all-volunteer organization and depend on the hard work, creativity, ideas, and support of our community members. Thank you to each and every person who have helped Friends successfully create the events, programs, and projects that we provide.

Here is a list of our programs and project volunteers:

## Winter Lecture Series

### Project Lead: Matt Kerschbaum

#### Lecture Planning:

Cheri Ault	Pete Haase	Wayne Huseby*	Joan Magee*
Betty Carteret*	Jennifer Herron	Gina Johnson*	Scott Petersen*
Anne Casperson	Jan Hersey	Barbara Lechner*	Dick Shiley
Sue Ehler			* Lecture Shepherds

#### Distribution and Publicity:

Anne Casperson	Jennifer Herron	Tim Manns
Morty Cohen	Jan Hersey	Tom Richards
Sue Ehler	Pattie Hutchins	Elizabeth Richards
Pete Haase	Gina Johnson	

#### Surveys:

Scott Petersen	Bob Lechner
Cheri Ault	Dick Shiley
Anne Casperson	
Joan Magee	

#### Audio/Visual:

Becky Arnold
Sue Ehler
Tammy Ennen
Liz Huseby

#### Refreshments:

#### "Tiger" Team (Logistics/setup/cleanup):

Team Lead : Wayne Huseby	
Anne Casperson	Bob Lechner
Sue Ehler	Scott Petersen
Pete Haase	Bob Weathers
Matt Kerschbaum	Dick Shiley

#### Posters:

Jennifer Herron & Jan Hersey

## Fidalgo Shoreline Academy:

### Project Lead: Erica Pickett

Sally Warden Blankenship	Amy Eberling	Tim Gohrke	Gina Johnson	Mae Tabor
Phyllis Bravinder	Dale Fournier	Pete Haase	Barb Lechner	
Betty Carteret	Pat Gardener	Andy Herron	Bob Lechner	
Anna Cobb	Dana George	Jennifer Herron	Eric Shen	
Morty Cohen	Jil George	Judy Higgens	Dick Shiley	
Heather Conkerton	Kelly George	Sara Holahan	Darla Gay Smith	
Sue Ehler	Susie George	Wayne Huseby	Pat Steffani	

## Skagit Plastic Reduce and Recycle Coalition

### Project Lead: Betty Carteret

Ellen Anderson	Gerri Gunn
Maureen Barkley	Jan Hersey
Bev Dressen	Amanda Hubik
Dale Fournier	Wayne Huseby
Jack Galbraith	Joan Magee
Stephanie Garza	Michelle Marquardt
Zena Gavin	Erica Pickett
Susan George	Peggy Ratermann

Karen Richman	Carey Vargas
Heidi Rooks	
Susan Rooks	
Linda Sanford	
Jennifer Selvig	
Carol Sullivan	
Mae Tabor	
Ruth Taylor	

And special thanks to Callie Martin (Skagit County Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Specialist).

## **Trail Tales sign replacement:**

**Project Lead: Betty Carteret**

Dale Fournier  
Shirley Hoh  
Jan Hersey

Pete Haase  
Susan George  
Joan Magee

Erica Pickett  
Tom Flanagan

*A special thank you to the City of Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department for providing staff & equipment support.*

## **Fidalgo Bay Day Discovery Passports:**

**Project Lead: Betty Carteret**

Dale Fournier  
Susan George  
Jennifer Herron  
Pat Johnson  
Claudia Ross-Kuhn

Joan Magee  
Erica Pickett  
Darla Gay Smith  
Pat Steffani  
Regan Weeks



## **Monofilament Recycling Project:**

**Project Lead: Jennifer Selvig**

Dan Coleman  
Peggy Flynn  
Patti Hutchins

Bob Lechner  
Barry Rotner  
Laurie Rotner

## **Volunteer Picnic:**

**Project Lead: Gina Johnson**

Laurie Rotner  
Barry Rotner  
Wayne Huseby

Betty Carteret  
Jennifer Herron



***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

***Don't forget to use Volgistics to record your volunteer hours!***

## Friends of Skagit Beaches: A Timeline

In **2007**, the need to raise funds for Skagit Beach Watchers volunteer projects was identified as an important way to offer continuing education and engagement with the larger community on the importance of stewardship and citizen science. A team of volunteers came together to develop ideas and Friends of Skagit Beaches (FOSB) was born. By summer of **2009**, FOSB was a 501c3 non-profit organization and made their first funding donation to the WSU Foundation in support of the Skagit Beach Watchers program.



In **2011**, a great idea – one of those “volunteer projects” became one of Friends’ most visible programs. “Trail Tales” would be a multifaceted interpretive learning program that would create signs along the Tommy Thompson trail in Anacortes promoting conservation, highlighting indigenous and settler history, and Ecology’s Fidalgo Bay clean-up. FOSB was awarded a two-year grant for the Trail Tales project by the WA Dept. of Ecology Public Participation Grant program. This project established key partnerships with the City of Anacortes (Parks &

Anacortes Rec and Museum), Port of Anacortes, DNR, and Samish Indian Nation.



There was no Beach Watchers Coordinator in 2011 - FOSB and volunteers stepped up to lead the volunteer training.

Friends also provided financial assistance in 2011 for:

- The Winter Lecture Series
- Trail Tales co-funding
- Fidalgo Bay Day banner on Commercial Street
- March Point monitoring supplies
- Shoreline homeowner workshop refreshments

The first Fidalgo Shoreline Academy was held in **2012** and the first large contract was signed for the Trail Tales interpretive sign design. With new events and programs, Friends began to carry insurance for the protection of its members and board. Funding continued for the Winter Lecture Series and the Beach Watcher’s Training program.



In **2013**, the first group of 17 Trail Tales signs installed. This completed the initial grant from Ecology. In July, Ecology renewed the grant for another two years. FOSB renewed the staff support contract with WAACO (Chris Wood) and sponsored the first National Estuaries Day Passport activity.



2013 Funding support provided to:

- Lecture Series
- Co-funding for Trail Tales
- Donation to PBI
- Supplies for forage fish spawning surveys
- Insurance coverage for events including FBD, FSA, Trail Tales, FBAR IM training, SMRC

**2014** saw the end of the WSU Skagit County Beach Watchers program. FOSB was one of the organizations to partner with the Padilla Bay Foundation (PBF) to create the Coastal Volunteer Partnership (CVP) and the Salish Sea Steward program began. A “Film Raiser” fundraising event was held to raise funds to support the “Films with Friends” series that showcased two Western Washington University student films produced for Trail Tales. Trail Tales also hosted the second year of National Estuaries Day Passports. Friends became the official ‘home’ for the Winter Lecture Series which had been started in 2005 by volunteers.



2014 Funding support provided to:

- Emerson High School – to participate in the Winter Lecture Series
- Monofilament fishing line recycling supplies
- Supplies for forage fish spawning surveys
- Insurance coverage for events: Fidalgo Bay Day, FSA, Trail Tales, SMRC



Timeline continued -

In **2015** FOSB provided funds to the CVP for coordinator support. The Winter Lecture Series celebrated 10 years and Films with Friends offers second year of films under Trail Tales. Two additional WWU student films and one AHS film produced under Trail Tales was shown at the film series. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail Tales grant was completed with the addition of sixteen signs installed north of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. It was also the third year for the National Estuaries Day Passports.



2015 Funding provided for:

Coastal Volunteer Partnership Training  
Lecture Series  
Monofilament line recycling  
Forage Fish Surveys

In **2016**, Films with Friends offered third year of films while Trail Tales activities continue at reduced level. Discovery Passports were rolled into Fidalgo Bay Day (FBD) with FOSB as the sponsor for part of the overall event.

2016 Funding provided for:

Films with Friends  
Lecture Series  
Coastal Volunteer Partnership Training  
FBD Passport Activity  
FOSB Website upgrade

**2017** saw the end of the Coastal Volunteer Partnership. Working with the Skagit MRC and other partners, FOSB supported the next iteration of the Salish Sea Training

program. For FOSB, the Lecture Series, Fidalgo Shoreline Academy and the FBD Passports continued to provide the community with learning opportunities.

2017 Funding provided for:

Winter Lecture Series  
Salish Sea Steward Training  
Forage Fish and Intertidal Monitoring Stations  
FBD Passport Activity  
Youth Environment Summit

**2018** brought a new project – the Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycle Coalition (SPRCC)– to Friends with a new Ecology grant to help educate the community on plastic reduction. This project continued into 2019 and will continue into 2020 (see details in Section 3). The Winter Lecture Series, Fidalgo Shoreline Academy, FBD Passport Activity continue to successfully engage the larger community in stewardship and marine environmental education. Beginning in 2018, FOSB has sponsored a Beach Watchers/Salish Sea Steward BBQ Picnic in the late spring as a way to build and nourish our volunteer community.



2018 – 2019 Funding provided for:

Winter Lecture Series  
Salish Sea Steward Training  
Forage Fish and Intertidal Monitoring Stations  
FBD Passport Activity  
Youth Environment Summit  
SPRCC  
New logo and branding materials

**Learning is for Everyone**  
Join our community of life-long learners! Friends of Skagit Beaches offers high quality educational programs that engage individuals of all ages to learn more about the local ecosystem and share what we learn with others.

**Connection to Projects and with Community**  
We promote and support volunteer projects that range from citizen science projects to setting up educational displays and partnering with government agencies, tribal organizations, and environmental organizations on projects that promote a healthy marine ecosystem. Here are three examples for inspiration:

**Practice Stewardship**  
Friends of Skagit Beaches invites you to learn more about how you can get involved and take action. The beauty and diversity of natural resources of Skagit County shorelines call upon those who enjoy it today to protect them for the future. Partnering with others within the community helps us keep our water clean and the Salish Sea healthy and vibrant.

**What can you do to protect the marine environment of Skagit County?**

Friends of Skagit Beaches is a diverse organization dedicated to environmental stewardship. We work to inform and educate our community about the unique place we call home. We support the many organizations that make up the network of the work needed to keep Skagit shorelines healthy.

**Special interest projects and outreach**

- The Winter Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy
- Community education on natural and cultural resources
- Building public awareness on issues that impact Skagit shorelines
- Training citizen scientists
- Connecting volunteers to stewardship projects and programs
- Environmental monitoring programs

**Special interest projects and outreach**

- Trail Tales interpretive program in trial tales
- Skagit Plastic Reduction & Recycling Coalition (SPRCC)

**Our Mission:**

To Protect Skagit shorelines and marine waters through education, citizen science, and stewardship.

**Learn – Connect – Act**

### 2008- 2009 Founding Board Members &

#### Officers:

Betty Carteret, President  
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 Catherine Davis, Secretary  
 Ivar Dolph  
 Pattie Hutchins  
 Ruth Peterson  
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 Coordinator/non-voting Board Member

#### 2010 Board Members

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 Regan Weeks

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 Barbara Lechner  
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 Erica Pickett, interim Secretary  
 Betty Carteret  
 Sue Ehler  
 Darla Gay Smith, (8/2019)  
 Gina Johnson (resigned 9/2019)  
 Beckie Arnold (resigned 5/2019)

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 Bill Clark  
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#### 2020 new Board Members

Tim Gohrke  
 Dale Fournier