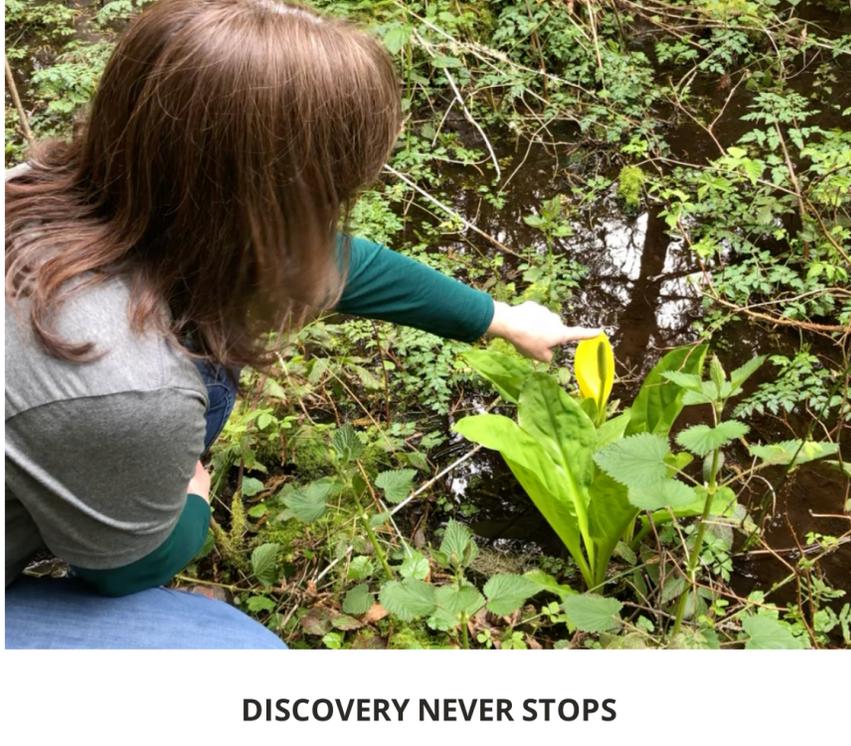


April News and Events



DISCOVERY NEVER STOPS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've suspended our community events, private events, and education programs, with the exception of the graduate program, until further notice. But, discovery never stops. For younger and older, in cities and in suburbs, there is always something new to discover about the world around us.

That's why we're excited to share how we've been working to adapt existing programs and create new opportunities for discovering, exploring, and learning together. **Specifically, we've been focused on opportunities to support teachers, our current graduate students, and our community.** Read on to learn more, and know that this is just the beginning! Our teams are busy planning even more ways for you to explore and connect with us.

Be sure to stay in the loop by following us on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **LinkedIn**, and please reach out to us at any point with questions, concerns, or comments! In this challenging time, community is more important than ever, and we are so grateful to be a part of yours.

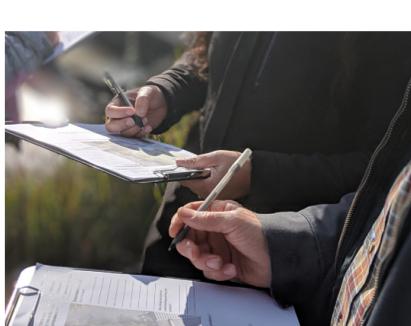
SUPPORTING TEACHERS

While we stay at home, protecting our communities, teachers are still hard at work facilitating learning for kids and families. As a part of the **OSPI ClimeTime project**, our Urban School Programs Team is developing multiple opportunities to support teachers in this work.



ONLINE COURSE - CREATING RESOURCES FOR AT-HOME SCIENCE LEARNING

This free online course is designed to provide teachers with the resources they need to help students engage with science at home in meaningful and locally-relevant ways by participating in simple science activities in their homes and neighborhoods. The course will begin at the end of this month (exact date TBD), so please let us know if you are interested **here!**



WASHINGTON STATE VIRTUAL TEACHER CONFERENCE

We are thrilled to be presenting several workshops at this statewide virtual conference on April 27th and 29th, hosted by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Our workshops will focus on using local phenomena found in gardens, schoolyards, and stormwater sites for learning. Click **here** to learn more!

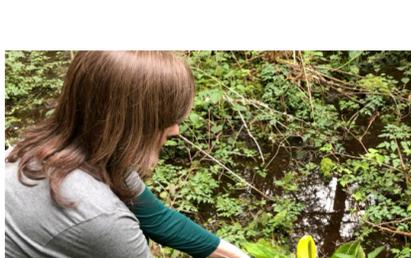
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Though we can't gather in person, our Community Education team is working hard to create fun and informative opportunities for people of all ages to explore, learn, and connect.



AMOROUS AMPHIBIANS

Typically one of our most highly-anticipated events of the year, we couldn't miss out on the opportunity to explore the world of Amorous Amphibians with you - even from afar! Check out **this video presentation** from IslandWood naturalist Christina Doherty to learn more about native frogs, their calls, and habits. Then, discover how you can find breeding frogs, toads, salamanders, newts and their eggs in your backyard or nearby frog-filled wetland, pond, or puddle.



PHENOLOGY FRIDAY

We're excited to announce our new series, Phenology Friday! Each week, one of IslandWood's educators will be sharing a phenological highlight - an example of seasonal change that they are noticing in the natural world. Watch the video of their explorations and then share your own observations with us using #PhenologyFriday!



OUR NOT-SO-QUIET CAMPUS...

Our Bainbridge Island campus may be quieter than usual, but it's far from empty. Check out **this video** to see 13 species (spotted on our fixed forest cameras) who have been roaming our woods over the past few weeks!

SUPPORTING OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

We have been busy transforming our graduate program to be entirely online for spring quarter. In collaboration with our partner, the University of Washington, our faculty and staff have developed alternative methods of learning that still honor our goals and values.



Weekly community Zoom check-ins (like the one pictured!) have been helping keep our cohort connected!

Meanwhile, our Class of 2021 is starting to fill up, and we look forward to welcoming an exceptional group of students to our program in the fall! Want to learn more about the graduate program? Join us for an **online information session** on April 14 or a **Q&A webinar** featuring one of our current students on May 11!

SUPPORTING ISLANDWOOD



During this challenging time, your support means the world to us. If you're able, please consider making a gift to IslandWood **here** or through **Kitsap Great Give** or **One Call for All**.



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