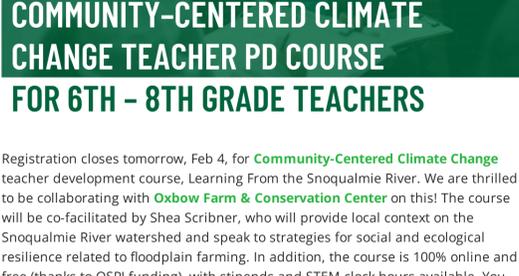


FEBRUARY NEWS AND EVENTS



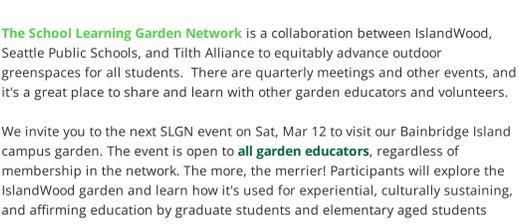
LESCHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES EPA SUBGRANT FROM ISLANDWOOD

In partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), IslandWood is facilitating **stewardship projects** that address issues affecting watersheds in our communities. Teachers with ideas for a project that could connect classroom learning to real-world environments were invited to apply for small grants to bring their project to life. Leschi Elementary School was one of the recipients of the IslandWood + EPA community action project grant! [Read on to learn more.](#)



COMMUNITY-CENTERED CLIMATE CHANGE TEACHER PD COURSE FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADE TEACHERS

Registration closes tomorrow, Feb 4, for **Community-Centered Climate Change** teacher development course, Learning From the Snoqualmie River. We are thrilled to be collaborating with **Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center** on this! The course will be co-facilitated by Shea Scribner, who will provide local context on the Snoqualmie River watershed and speak to strategies for social and ecological resilience related to floodplain farming. In addition, the course is 100% online and free (thanks to OSPI funding), with stipends and STEM clock hours available. You can learn more about the course and [register here.](#)



EXPLORE THE ISLANDWOOD GARDEN WITH THE SCHOOL LEARNING GARDEN NETWORK

The **School Learning Garden Network** is a collaboration between IslandWood, Seattle Public Schools, and Tilth Alliance to equitably advance outdoor greenspaces for all students. There are quarterly meetings and other events, and it's a great place to share and learn with other garden educators and volunteers.

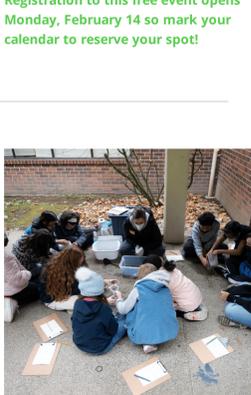
We invite you to the next SLGN event on Sat, Mar 12 to visit our Bainbridge Island campus garden. The event is open to **all garden educators**, regardless of membership in the network. The more, the merrier! Participants will explore the IslandWood garden and learn how it's used for experiential, culturally sustaining, and affirming education by graduate students and elementary aged students alike.

[Learn more and register ->](#)

SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

This summer we're offering summer camps for 1st - 6th graders at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville. With camps like Woodland Wizardy, Super Critters, and Squirmy, Slimy Science your camper is sure to have great adventures!

[Learn more & register here ->](#)



FROGS ARE HOPPIN' IN MARCH!

Spring into action at IslandWood's Festival of Frogs at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville! Participants will learn about our local frogs, their calls, and habitats, then head down to our frog-filled wetland to hunt for breeding frogs and their eggs. **Registration to this free event opens Monday, February 14 so mark your calendar to reserve your spot!**

FREE SCHOOLYARD SCIENCE PROGRAMS

IslandWood and King County's free 90-minute Schoolyard Programs at your school are designed to help your students connect to their own neighborhoods and local communities, and include hands-on demonstrations, outdoor observations, and extension activities. We have dates available in March and April.

[Learn more & register your class ->](#)

COMING SOON! A NEW SEATTLE FIELD STUDY

In April, we'll be launching a new Field Study for Seattle Public Schools 5th grade classes to enhance and localize the Amplify Ecosystems Restoration unit. The field study will be held at Be-er Sheva and Meadowbrook parks. The 3-part program includes a virtual or in-class pre-lesson (1 hour), the park-based field trip (3.5 hours) and a virtual or in-class post-lesson (60 - 90 minutes).

The focus of the program is urban creek ecosystems, and students will gain understanding of how people, plants and animals interact with water in the ecosystem. They will build an ecosystem web for a creek ecosystem, investigate water quality, soil, plants, and human impact at the creek (Mapes Creek at Be-er Sheva or Thornton Creek at Meadowbrook Park), and then propose action steps that could improve the health of the creek ecosystem. If you'd like to be notified when registration for this program opens, please add your email to the program email list [here.](#)



GRADUATE PROGRAM ONLINE INFO SESSION

On Mon, March 7, from 4-5:15pm we'll be hosting a free online information session about the **IslandWood Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community.** You can learn about the program from alumni and staff and get your questions answered in real time!

There are financial aid options and scholarships available, including the new Robert P. Karr Scholarship which awards \$20,000 to five students in the IslandWood Graduate Program each year.

[Register](#)

[Scholarship Information](#)

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



Wild About Love

Bainbridge Campus
Saturday, February 12
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus
Saturday, February 19
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus
Sunday, February 27
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Check out our full events calendar here.](#)



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: NANCY OLIVE KLIMP

Growing up in San Francisco, Nancy explored nature's nearby forests, rivers, mountains, and ocean shores of Northern California. Her studies in anthropology and psychology led to her understanding of nature's healing power and her work as a psychotherapist. In addition, she's the co-author of two books, **"Meet Me at the Salish Sea"** and **"Explore with Me at the Salish Sea."** Check out our conversation with Nancy to learn more about how she first became involved with IslandWood, how her granddaughter inspired her poetry, and her hope that more schools will bring their students to IslandWood. [Read on to learn more.](#)

THE KNOT BEST OF WEDDINGS 2022

We're honored and excited to be awarded The Knot Best of Weddings for the second year in a row! Whether you're dreaming of an intimate ceremony or a weekend-long celebration, we can customize your experience to create your unique vision.

[Learn more about weddings at IslandWood ->](#)

NATURE NURTURES IDEAS

From one-day retreats to overnight meetings and conferences, IslandWood is the perfect venue to collaborate, rejuvenate, and ideate with your team. Enjoy flexible meeting spaces in a rustic setting in the woods, serene outdoor spaces, delicious dining, and more! And best of all, booking your event at IslandWood helps create revenue that supports our environmental education programs for students, educators, and community members throughout the region.

[Learn more about meetings and retreats at IslandWood ->](#)



WE'RE HIRING

Interested in joining our idealistic, collaborative, and purpose-driven team? Know someone who might be? We currently have several positions open, including **Event Assistant, Urban Programs Educator - Tacoma, Education, Environment, and Community (EEC) Graduate Program Manager, and Summer Programs Instructor - Brightwater.**

Learn more about working at IslandWood, including benefits, core values, and our commitment to an equitable hiring process [here.](#)



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