

## A NOTE FROM CEO MEGAN KARCH

Two months into this pandemic, I am greatly missing seeing so many of you and thinking often about the safety and well-being of this community. These are incredibly difficult times and while we're all experiencing the effects of COVID-19, we're each experiencing them in different ways and to different degrees.

Which has made it all the more touching how many of you have reached out asking how IslandWood is doing. Thank you so much for holding us close in your thoughts. For those of you I haven't been able to connect with directly, I wanted to share an update about what's happening at IslandWood.

[Read Megan's full note here →](#)



## ISLANDWOOD NEEDS TO BE HERE FOR OUR REGION'S CHILDREN, TEACHERS, AND COMMUNITY

IslandWood creates experiences that foster a deeper connection to the natural world. And once this pandemic is over, those experiences are going to be needed more than ever before. If you're able, please consider giving to IslandWood today.

Thanks to a generous donor match, from now through May 31st, gifts over 100 dollars will be doubled and gifts over 1,000 dollars will be tripled, making your impact even larger!

[GIVE NOW](#)



## 50 DAYS OF DISCOVERY

Even though our in-person programs are currently on pause, we are still committed to fostering a sense of discovery for our community each and every day.

That's why last month, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, we began 50 Days of Discovery! Whether it's a tip, a fact, an activity, or another opportunity to explore, each day brings something new to explore and discover.

[Explore the discoveries →](#)



## STAFF AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENTED AT THE STATEWIDE CLIMETIME VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

We were thrilled to present two workshops at the statewide [ClimeTime Virtual Conference](#) last month. Derek Jones and Brad Street from our Urban School Programs team explored how to use local scientific phenomena to engage students, while Director of Campus Education Dr. Déana Scipio and several graduate students shared strategies for incorporating science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) content and practices into gardening with students.

## READ THE LATEST FROM OUR BLOG



### BEFORE COVID, THERE WAS WSSB, THE FIRST SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND TO ATTEND OUR SCHOOL OVERNIGHT PROGRAM (SOP)

The Washington State School for the Blind was one of the last schools to participate in SOP before the program paused in response to COVID-19.

[Read about their experience here →](#)

## JOIN US FOR THIS UPCOMING EVENT



### CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE: A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION WITH DR. HEIDI ROOP

Join us for a virtual conversation with Dr. Heidi Roop, Lead Scientist with the Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington. Through a discussion of the regional impacts of climate change in the Pacific Northwest and learnings from the science of climate change communication, Roop will explore how we can effectively catalyze the action needed to confront the challenge of climate change head-on.

[Register now →](#)

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Though we weren't able to host our annual Dinner in the Woods fundraising event this year (for good reason!), we are so grateful to our event sponsors for their continued support and commitment.

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