

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF ISLANDWOOD

This month we celebrate twenty years—since launching our School Overnight Program and Graduate Program on Bainbridge Island. Over the course of this 20th year, we're excited to share people, partners, and organizations that have played a significant role in our history. The person we start with is our founder—Debbi Brainerd. Read more about Debbi's vision and the origins of IslandWood [here](#).



5 THINGS I LEARNED FROM MY ISLANDWOOD SUMMER INTERNSHIP

When I applied for a summer internship through Teens in Public Service (TIPS), I knew I wanted to give back to my community and gain an understanding of the management of an impactful nonprofit in a field I had no experience with. TIPS placed me at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville, to help IslandWood with their summer camp curriculum. [Continue reading Delaney's blog post here](#) →

GRADUATE PROGRAM



DR. DÉ INTERVIEWED ON PODCAST

Dr. Déna Scipio, IslandWood Director of Graduate and Higher Education, was a recent guest on "Humans of Learning Sciences" podcast in August.

The episode, "Working Toward Environmental Justice Through Liminal Learning," featured Dr. Dé speaking about the EEC graduate program. In the episode she explains how intersectionality, positionality, and humility are pivotal to shifting students view of themselves, their environment, and their students. [Listen to the podcast](#) →



UPCOMING GRADUATE PROGRAM INFO SESSION

IslandWood's graduate program in [Education for Environment & Community](#), offered in partnership with the University of Washington's top-ranked College of Education, is a 10-month teaching residency preparing equity-oriented educators capable of catalyzing community and environmental stewardship.

Join alumni, staff, and fellow prospective students on Monday, Sep 26 for an online information session to get an overview of the program, review admissions requirements, and discuss funding opportunities.

[Learn more and register](#) →



ISLANDWOOD DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM!

Begins Monday, October 10, 9 – 12pm, Bainbridge Island campus

We couldn't do the work we do at IslandWood without our amazing docent community. Docents are an essential part of sharing IslandWood with the public by leading thoughtful educational experiences for visiting event groups, special guests, and members of the community on our Bainbridge campus. It's been a few years since we've done a docent training program and we couldn't be more excited to bring it back. Docents are members of a professional learning community that develop and share expertise, collaborate, mentor, and have a whole lot of fun! We invite you to learn more about this 5-week training program [here](#).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



MAKE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE AT COMMUNITY CAMP

We're thrilled to launch our first-ever Community Camp, this October 7–9. Friends, families, neighbors, and grandparents — this community event is for all who want to experience the fun and discovery of IslandWood. The weekend will be chock-full of activities from Birding 101 and earth-friendly crafts, to yoga and our floating classroom on Mac's Pond, to community music concerts, and more! There are so many fun things to do, you'll wonder where the weekend went. Both weekend and concert-only tickets are available. [Learn more here](#) →



DINE & DISCOVER IS BACK!

Save the date for November 6 and join us on our Bainbridge Island campus for the perfect Sunday evening of live music, a beautiful meal, and complementary wine pairings. What a delicious way to support IslandWood's innovative environmental education programs! [Learn more](#) →



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND BEACH CLEANUP

On Saturday, September 10, join thousands of people in Puget Sound and around the world that are removing trash from local beaches as part of Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day.

From 10am – 2pm Sustainable Bainbridge partners are hosting beach cleanups all over Bainbridge Island to help make them healthier for people and wildlife. A prize of a private nature walk by IslandWood naturalist, Christina Woolf will be given to the winner of the weirdest, coolest find of trash!

[Learn more and register on Bainbridge Island](#) →
[Learn more and register in Seattle](#) →



Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus

September 11, 1 - 5pm



Builders Family Challenge

Brightwater Education Center

October 29, 10am – Noon

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

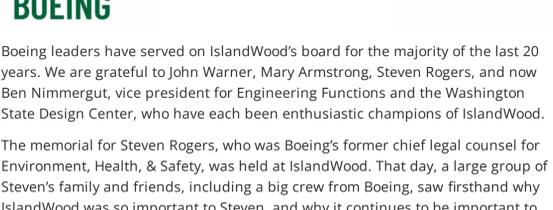


WINTER MEETINGS AND RETREATS AT ISLANDWOOD

There's no such thing as a bad time to book your corporate meeting or retreat at IslandWood. Each season has something different to offer, and winters at IslandWood are nothing short of special. With cozy overnight lodging for your team, 250-acres of trails and forest, warm and inviting gathering spaces, and delicious dining, IslandWood is the perfect venue for your corporate retreat! We offer seasonal discounts and have some availability in January and February!

Best of all, your meeting or retreat helps support the critical resources necessary to ensure that all students and schools, regardless of their capacity to pay, can participate in our environmental education programs.

[Learn more about hosting your meeting or retreat this winter at IslandWood](#).



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: BOEING

Boeing leaders have served on IslandWood's board for the majority of the last 20 years. We are grateful to John Warner, Mary Armstrong, Steven Rogers, and now Ben Nimmergut, vice president for Engineering Functions and the Washington State Design Center, who have each been enthusiastic champions of IslandWood.

The memorial for Steven Rogers, who was Boeing's former chief legal counsel for Environment, Health, & Safety, was held at IslandWood. That day, a large group of Steven's family and friends, including a big crew from Boeing, saw firsthand why IslandWood was so important to Steven, and why it continues to be important to our community. [Learn more](#) →

