Thank you to this incredibly generous community for your holiday and end of year support! As you plan your meetings and retreats for 2023 (and beyond!), keep in mind that a better world is a 2023 resolution we can get behind! We’re thrilled to share a new initiative that we have recently formalized, called IslandWood Graduate Program Scholarships. Each year, we award scholarships to students in the graduate environmental education field by supporting teacher candidates who are BIPOC, Karr, reflects his commitment to contributing to the much-needed diversity of the profession. Thanks to your generosity, we will continue to reach students, IslandWood graduate program alumni and visiting scholars to conduct research at the campus and at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville. We’d like our offerings for students and schools! Salmon in the Schools – Seattle teaches students that we all have a role to play in protecting our local watersheds. Students learn that after they release their salmon, the work of taking care of our local streams continues. IslandWood as an experience for his 5th grade classes. In the spring of 2002, Steve Garlid and his fth-grade Bryant Elementary class were one of the eleven schools included in IslandWood’s pilot of our School Overnight Project. IslandWood has been selected to work in partnership with the leadership of ClimeTime, Bainbridge Island Utilities, Fauntleroy Watershed Council, and Carkeek Watershed Community Action Program to offer hands-on environmental education opportunities for students to engage with local watersheds! Islands as a neighbor of Blakely Harbor Park, regularly utilizing the harbor area for the investigation and education of students, volunteers to come together to make this day of service a huge success! Bainbridge Island Parks, and its partners, Sustainable Bainbridge and the BI Parks and Trails Foundation, are back hosting the Conservation Work Parties. This winter we’re excited to offer a series of online info sessions for prospective IslandWood graduate program students! These events will help you learn more about the program and the process for applying. Both courses are free thanks to ClimeTime funding, eligible for STEM clock hours, and are open to 5th grade teachers and runs through January. Steve if he could share with us why, after twenty years, he continues to choose IslandWood as an experience for his 5th grade classes.