



LEARN — CONNECT — ACT

Looking back on 2019 for Friends of Skagit Beaches, I once again see dedicated volunteers, great programs and a solid financial picture. We had shifts on the board of directors as some folks stepped down - **Barb Lechner, Karen Richman, Gina Johnson, Dick Shiley, and Beckie Arnold** - and others step up to sit on the board - **Erica Pickett, Sue Ehler, Darla Gay Smith, Tim Gohrke and Dale Fournier**. I am thankful to each and every one of these people for their willingness to sit at the helm of Friends and support our continued mission to protect Skagit waters through citizen science, education, and stewardship.

2019 saw our latest project, Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycling Coalition, hit its stride and tap into an issue that our community is deeply concerned about: proper use and disposal of plastics and other waste. Highlights of the team's work was supporting the passage of a bag ban for the City of Anacortes and publishing a county-wide recycling guide called *Beyond the Bin*. We also appreciate the in-kind staff support from the City of Anacortes to repair and maintain the popular Trail Tales interpretive signs. Our Lecture Series was very well attended and the Fidalgo Shoreline Academy continued to draw close to a hundred participants. Check inside for more details and information about other FOSB programs, projects, and events.

Our goal as a board is to look forward and plan for the continued success of this non-profit organization. While some of our events continue to help Friends fund our projects, we depend on our membership and donations to keep the lights on, so to speak. At the end of this Annual Report, I have attached a timeline of the organization (thank-you, Betty!). I learned a lot reading through that document and realize that Friends, seeded with the creative energies of the now defunct Skagit Beach Watchers program, has continued to blossom as a valued community resource and partner. While we continue to seek ways to support our environmental volunteer community, it has become equally important to reach out and engage the community at large.

As you read through the following report, my hope is that you will see the value that Friends brings to our community. One way you can let us know that you like what we are doing is to make a donation or become a member. Friends is a small non-profit that will only be as strong as its membership. Your support is vital and will help us continue to plant more seeds for a better future.

With warm regards, Jennifer Herron, President

## 2019 Annual Report

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### 2019 Board of Directors

**Jennifer Herron, President**

**Wayne Huseby, Treasurer**

**Erica Pickett, acting Secretary**

**Betty Carteret**

**Sue Ehler**

**Tim Gohrke (new 10/19)**

**Darla Gay Smith (new 7/19)**

**Gina Johnson (retired 9/19)**

### 2020 addition to the Board

**Dale Fournier**

**To learn more about events, make a donation  
or renew membership:**

Website: [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)

Email: [friends@skagitbeaches.org](mailto:friends@skagitbeaches.org)

### **Annual Meeting**

January 25, 2020 ~ 9 am to 11:15 am  
NWESD building, 1601 R Ave, Anacortes

Join us for breakfast, a recap of the year and a presentation on the history of March Point

# Programs and Projects: Learn – Connect – Act

In 2019, Friends continued to offer top-notch programs and projects for the community. Engaging our members and community in learning; creating connections between people and the natural world that needs their care; and supporting acts of stewardship, large and small, for this incredibly rich and vibrant natural environment that we share – we found that this year showed just how much interest there is not only to learn more but to step up and help make a difference.

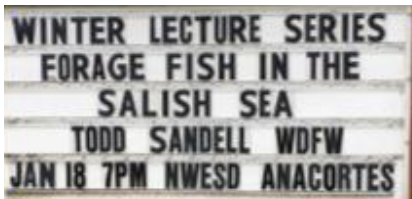
## Lecture Series



Planning began in August of 2018 when teams for speakers, publicity, logistics, and financials were formed. 548 people attended the four lectures held in Anacortes January thru April, 2019. Our February lecture had a very large crowd of 173! A new single poster format for promotion was used to good success. 23 Volunteers expended more than 270 hours of time to plan, arrange, publicize, set-up, and conduct the lectures.

*"Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, energy and enthusiasm in any way to make the 2019 Winter Lecture Series a success. There are so many different tasks that were required to produce a quality lecture evening for our audiences and I know they greatly appreciate the product you produced and they received. Hats off to all of you for all you do: Lecture Shepherds, Audio-Visual, Planning, Publicity, Coffee/Cookies, Ushers, Audience Evaluations, Tiger Team, Photography, Signage, No Waste, Photos and anything else that you have done that I may have missed here."*

- Matt Kershbaum, Lecture Series program leader



Thank you to Skagit Wild Bird Supply for sponsoring both the Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy!

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**14TH ANNUAL WINTER LECTURE SERIES**

Join us each month (January – April) for an evening of discovery. Lectures highlight the fascinating life in and around the shoreline and marine ecosystem. Free and open to all ages. Donations welcome and appreciated.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, NW Educational Services District, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes

**January 18, 2019**  
**Forage Fish in the Southern Salish Sea**  
Presenter: Todd Sandell, PhD, senior forage fish biologist, WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Forage fish are a critical part of the food web for salmon, steelhead, and marine mammals. Dr. Sandell will share recent research that is leading to a better understanding and management of forage fish species, their habitats, and the species that depend on them.

**February 15, 2019**  
**Natural History and Current Condition of Southern Resident Orcas**  
Presenter: Howard Garrett, director and board president, Orca Network  
Today Southern Resident Orcas using the Salish Sea and nearby coastal waters are at a critically low point with only 74 individuals remaining. We will be exploring the natural history of Orcas along with the conditions that now threaten their survival.

**March 15, 2019**  
**Puget Sound Mussel Monitoring: Long-term Active Biological Monitoring of Nearshore Contaminants**  
Presenter: Jennifer Lankbury, wildlife biologist, WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Mussels (Mytilus edulis) are highly efficient filter feeders, siphoning water and nutrients into and out of their bodies. As a result, any toxic contaminants in their nearshore environment show up in their tissues. Learn how these shellfish are being studied as pollutant monitors through collaborative efforts among conservation groups, citizen science volunteers, and government partners.

**April 12, 2019**  
**Fungalites of the Land: Mosses, Lichens, and Fungi in Pacific Northwest Forests**  
Presenter: Kam Luthet, PhD, naturalist and author Vancouver Island, BC  
Plankton is the foundation of life in the ocean. Their terrestrial equivalent is what Kam Luthet, author of the book "The Kingdom of the Mosses," calls the "microcosm," the layer of organic life just above, within, and below the soil of the forest floor. Here, mosses, lichens, and fungi create and process nutrients essential for other life.

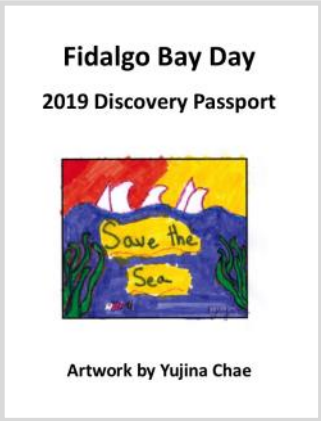
Friends of Skagit Beaches is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Sign up for the Friends newsletter and learn more about programming at [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org). We're on Facebook and keep up to date on Friends volunteer and listing opportunities.

## Salish Sea Steward and Beach Watcher Volunteer Picnic

FOSB sponsored a BBQ picnic at Bowman Bay in June 2019 as an event to bring our volunteer community together while also getting to know some of our newest Salish Sea Stewards! It was a fun event with lots of familiar faces and a great potluck. The picnic is a way for Friends to show our volunteers that we appreciate their dedicated service.



# Fidalgo Bay Day



The 2019 Fidalgo Bay Day on August 24<sup>th</sup> was again a huge success. Friends of Skagit Beaches contributed to that success by sponsoring the Discovery Passport, which is a very popular activity for families and kids (of all ages). For the sixth year, Friends created a passport guide that “discovery explorers” took to the discovery stations. At those stations there are interesting facts to be shared and questions to be answered by kids and adults. A correct answer earns a sticker for that station. Once the passport guide is completed, the participant returns to our Discovery Passport Headquarters and collects a prize. The excitement in choosing that prize is a delight for both the participants and our volunteers.



In addition to the passport activity, we have a coloring station where a drawing can be prepared and submitted as an entry for selecting next year’s passport cover. This year’s artwork was contributed by Yujina Chae of Anacortes. We had a record number of entries to this year’s contest and the Friends Boards and volunteers who supported the day will be voting on the best drawing for next year’s passport. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped the day of the event to make it both fun and inspiring for those who took part.

# Fidalgo Shoreline Academy

October saw another successful Shoreline Academy in Anacortes. With strong attendance and seven great presentations, Friends provided a day of learning for our local community. Jack Hartt, retired park manager, Deception Pass State Park, was the inspirational keynote speaker. His talk was followed by presentations by local experts on erosion, climate change and tree health, wetlands, sharks, indigenous science and wildlife rehabilitation.



# Trail Tales

In 2013, **Friends of Skagit Beaches’ Trail Tales** project worked with the City of Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department to install the first group of interpretive signs along the Tommy Thompson Trail between 34th Street and March Point. Over the years, several signs were vandalized and other damaged by seagulls dropping shells along the causeway and trestle.

Last year, Project Lead Betty Carteret received funds from the 2018 Anacortes Lodging Tax fund to replace several signs with the most damage. Working with the sign manufacturer, IZone Imaging, it was determined that this group of signs had a manufacturing defect that was contributing to early deterioration. IZone offered to replace all the signs in that group at no cost under warranty. Friends didn’t have to spend a dime to get 15 new signs to replace the old signs along the trail.

**We really appreciate the outstanding customer service offered by IZone Imaging.**

On March 8th, with support from Anacortes Parks & Recreation staff, a group of 8 volunteers removed the old signs, cleaned the aluminum support frames, and installed 15 new signs. Many thanks to all who helped get the job done!



# Skagit Plastic Recycle and Reduction Coalition (SPRRC)

Friends of Skagit Beaches' newest project called *Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycling Coalition (SPRRC)* received ~\$30,000 from a Department of Ecology grant in September 2018 (July 2018 to June 2019). Plastic pollution and its impacts on the marine environment are important issues that seems to be in the news a lot lately. This led our board member and SPRRC lead, Betty Carteret, to apply for the grant. The project is ongoing and has been a big success.

**The program objectives were to:**

- **Raise awareness about harmful impacts of plastic waste;**
- **Reduce the use of single-use plastics and promote lifestyle choices that will reduce harmful impacts of plastic waste; and**
- **Recycle right and reduce contamination of the plastic recycling waste stream.**



Right out of the starting gate, the project established a working partnership with Skagit County Solid Waste Division. Callie Martin, Skagit County Public Works Solid Waste Division Community Outreach Specialist is an

active partner in the project providing insights, valuable information, and resources. Callie helped educate our volunteers and plan ways to effectively direct our outreach to county residents, as well as recruiting the County's volunteers from the Master Composter/Recycler program to support the project. Another coalition participant, the Salish Sea Stewards program managed by the Skagit Marine Resources Committee, also provides volunteers.



Volunteers from both groups attended project-specific training in November 2018 to gain knowledge about issues related to plastic waste and expertise in providing outreach on ways to reduce single-use plastics and improve recycling compliance. Betty and Callie also organized continuing education opportunities including recycling facility tours and presentations by subject matter experts. Volunteer participation in the project exceeded expectations with more than double the 450 hours proposed in the grant application. As of the end of the grant period on June 30<sup>th</sup> volunteers had given over 1,000 hours of service to the project.

The project has been successful in reaching out to the community and beginning to change attitudes and lifestyle choices that contribute to plastic waste streams. Over 1,300 community members were contacted and over 800 plastic reduction pledges have been completed. Pledge participants were sent a survey and results indicate that the messages shared in our outreach are making a difference and people are making positive changes to reduce their use of single-use plastics and also following guidelines for recycling more carefully.

Betty has given a number of presentations at events, classes, and to community service organizations, which garnered another \$1,330 grant from Soroptimist International of Anacortes. Betty and Callie gave an Earth Day presentation to the Skagit County Commissioners that can be viewed on the Skagit 21 Television website archive: [http://skagit.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=3049](http://skagit.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=3049).



The project has also published the *Beyond the Bin* recycling guide for Skagit County and the County supported the effort by printing 2,500 copies for distribution. An electronic version of the guide can be viewed and downloaded from our website at <https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>. Response has been very positive and those who have seen it say it's something they've needed for a long time. Guides are available at various locations around Skagit County including local libraries. We expect it to have wide distribution and become a useful tool for households in Skagit County looking to repurpose and recycle items that are not permitted in standard curbside and drop-off recycling streams available in the county..

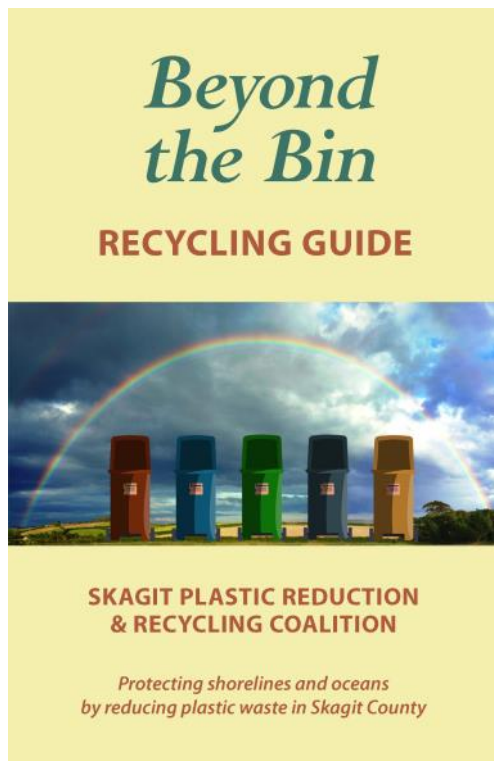
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Friends will continue to partner with the County on the project in the upcoming year. Betty plans to seek additional small grants to support the project and the County will provide additional support. Betty & Callie have some new ideas on how to continue adding new elements to the project. Some ideas they've kicked around include developing a county-wide recycling collection day where things that are not normally accepted in our residential recycling bins could be dropped off and expanding outreach to businesses to adopt more sustainable options for food service and take-out.

If you're interested in getting involved with this project you can email, [skagitplastics@skagitbeaches.org](mailto:skagitplastics@skagitbeaches.org) and Betty will be in touch with you. It's a great way to help our marine environment and learn more about how to take action on plastic pollution.

**Want to learn more about how to reduce, reuse, and recycling? Check out Friends Notes - our blog - on the website: [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)**

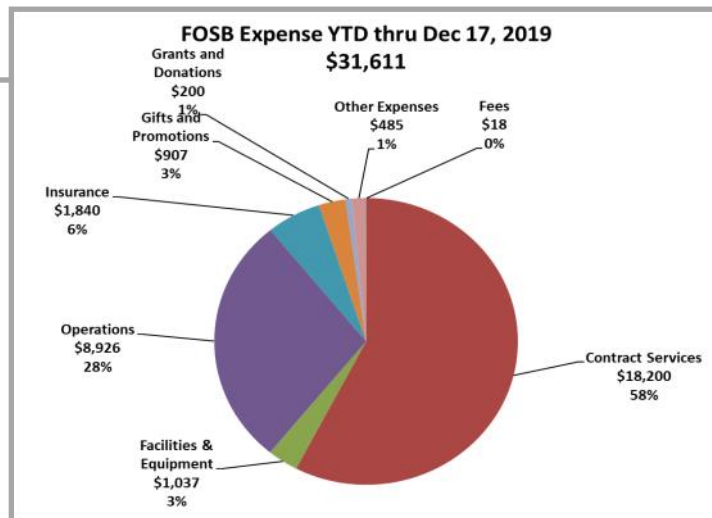
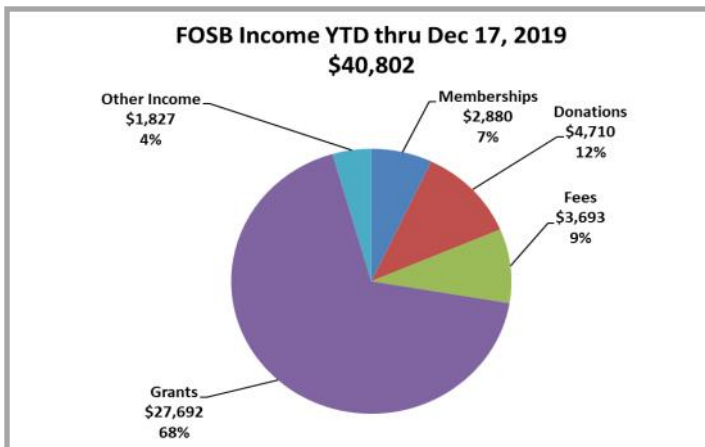


**Check out SPRRC's Beyond the Bin Guide!**

## Salish Sea Stewards Training program

Friends continued to offer funding and logistical support for the Salish Sea Stewards (SSS) Training program as another great group of Stewards completed the program and began volunteering for various projects. In June 2019, the Skagit Marine Resource Committee (SMRC) sponsored a workshop to gather feedback and ideas for the continued success of the SSS program. (Thank you to Joan Drinkwin for her facilitation!) Due to the hard work of Tracy Alker (SMRC), Dr. Jude Apple, Director, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserver (PBNERR) and the PBNERR education staff, 2020 will see this program shared between SMRC and PBNERR. The education staff (headed up by Susan Wood) at PBNERR will be leading the training. SMRC and PBNERR staff will provide some volunteer coordination oversight with planning already in the works for two social/continuing education gatherings during the coming year as well as the continued support for the WAVE. An advisory group made up of representatives from different partners including Friends, Northwest Straits Foundation, SMRC, and alumni from the program, will continue to support curriculum and logistical development for the Training program.

# Financial Report



## Notes about FOSB Income and Expenses for YTD 2019:

### Income

**Grants** - Plastic Project accounted for over two-thirds of FOSB's income

- Department of Ecology - \$26,362
- Soroptimist International - \$1,330

**Fees** - Fidalgo Shoreline Academy ticket sales

**Other Income** – donations collected at events and sales of notecards, water bottles, EZ-ID cards, etc.

**Memberships** – FOSB memberships of all types, individual, family, student, and business

**Donations** – General unrestricted donations from individuals and businesses

**Lecture Series** - 2019 donations above the costs roll over into 2020 Lecture Series budget

### Expenses

**Contract Services** – various professional services for Plastics Project

**Facilities and Equipment** - primarily for rental of NWESD and storage unit

**Operations** – approx. 85% of costs were for the Plastic Project

**Insurance** – General Liability and Directors and Officers

**Gifts and Promotions** – Salish Sea Steward training, Fidalgo Bay Day prizes, speakers

**Grants and Donations** – Youth Earth Summit conference

**Other Expenses** – Travel for speakers, SSS background checks, and board training

**Fees** – State licensing and banking fees

I would like to thank Dick Shiley, former board member and my predecessor, for his excellent work as Friends Treasurer and for his help and support as we transitioned the Treasurer function. Dick not only carried out the routine functions of the Treasurer, but he developed and implemented several policies and procedures that helped make Friends' financial management better. We have tried to carry on with the things that Dick started, such as annual budgeting and profit/loss by program/project/event. Thank you Dick!

One of my first tasks as Treasurer was to fully migrate all of Friends' finances to QuickBooks. I am happy to report that that task has been successfully completed although I must admit that I still have a lot to learn!

- Wayne Huseby, Treasurer

# Membership and Donors

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Membership with Friends of Skagit Beaches brings with it the knowledge that you are helping our community of volunteers and neighbors learn how to become stewards for this unique and stunning natural landscape that we call home. It is vital that we continue to promote better ways to live on this planet and it is here, in our own backyard, where we can make a difference.

**We thank our volunteers, donors, and sponsors with deep appreciation for helping us protect our shorelines one lecture, interaction, and project at a time!**

**Sponsors: Skagit Wild Bird Supply** - donation to cover facility rental for both the Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy

## Membership and Donations -

### \$500.00 +

*Paul Dinnel and Vicki McNeil Dinnel*

*Hugh and Wendy Kendrick*

### \$100.00 +

*Betty Carteret and Eric Shen*

*Ann Dursch*

*Brad Smith and Dale Fournier*

*Jan Hersey*

*Jack Middleton and Anne Brooks  
Middleton*

*Randolph and Barbara Schnabel*

*Wayne Huseby*

### \$50.00 +

*Regan Weeks*

*Judy Fischer*

*Alan Brewer*

### 10.00 +

*Judith Finn*

## Family Memberships

*Chet and Nihla Bradley*

*Chris Brown*

*Janice and Kurt Buchanan*

*Charlene Day*

*Diane Eiesland*

*Martine Felts*

*Tom and Kathleen Flanagan*

*John and Geri Gunn*

*Robert and Martha Hall*

*Tony Harrah*

*Peter and Roxann Heffelfinger*

*Andy and Jennifer Herron*

*Drs. Bob and Judy Higgins*

*Brian and Pat Kelly*

*Eugene and Barbara Kiver*

*Susan Lamb*

*Bob and Barbara Lechner*

*Chris and Ruth Lesourd*

*Keith and Joan Magee*

*Sila Washburn and Pat Moak*

*Steven and Mary Purcer*

*Tom and Elizabeth Richards*

*Russ Barger and Karen Richman*

*Gordon Sjogren*

*Lynell and Linda Tanigoshi*

## Individual Memberships

*Beckie Arnold*

*Phyllis Bravinder*

*Joan Burbick*

*Wesley Capon*

*Anne Casperson*

*Bill Clark*

*Sue Ehler*

*Jo Finkbohner*

*Patricia Gardner*

*Susan George*

*Judy Hammer*

*Sara Holahan*

*Pattie Hutchins*

*Crystal Koponen*

*Betty Kuehn*

*Tim Manns*

*Michelle Marquardt*

*Susan Miller*

*Susan O'Donnell*

*Michael Oras*

*Erica Pickett*

*Madeline Rose*

*Claudia Ross-Kuhn*

*Darla Smith*

*J. Allen Smith*

*Linda Tennant*

*Paul Vance*

*Bob Weathers*

*Clay Wilcox*

# Friends of Skagit Beaches Volunteers

We are an all-volunteer organization and depend on the hard work, creativity, ideas, and support of our community members. Thank you to each and every person who have helped Friends successfully create the events, programs, and projects that we provide.

Here is a list of our programs and project volunteers:

## Winter Lecture Series

**Project Lead: Matt Kerschbaum**

### Lecture Planning:

Cheri Ault	Pete Haase	Wayne Huseby*	Joan Magee*
Betty Carteret*	Jennifer Herron	Gina Johnson*	Scott Petersen*
Anne Casperson	Jan Hersey	Barbara Lechner*	Dick Shiley
Sue Ehler			* Lecture Shepherds

### Distribution and Publicity:

Anne Casperson	Jennifer Herron	Tim Manns
Morty Cohen	Jan Hersey	Tom Richards
Sue Ehler	Pattie Hutchins	Elizabeth Richards
Pete Haase	Gina Johnson	

### Surveys:

Scott Petersen  
Cheri Ault  
Anne Casperson  
Joan Magee

### Audio/Visual:

Bob Lechner  
Dick Shiley

### Refreshments:

Becky Arnold  
Sue Ehler  
Tammy Ennen  
Liz Huseby

### "Tiger" Team (Logistics/setup/cleanup):

Team Lead : Wayne Huseby

Anne Casperson	Bob Lechner
Sue Ehler	Scott Petersen
Pete Haase	Bob Weathers
Matt Kerschbaum	Dick Shiley

### Posters:

Jennifer Herron & Jan Hersey

## Fidalgo Shoreline Academy:

**Project Lead: Erica Pickett**

Sally Warden Blankenship	Amy Eberling	Tim Gohrke	Gina Johnson	Mae Tabor
Phyllis Bravinder	Dale Fournier	Pete Haase	Barb Lechner	
Betty Carteret	Pat Gardener	Andy Herron	Bob Lechner	
Anna Cobb	Dana George	Jennifer Herron	Eric Shen	
Morty Cohen	Jil George	Judy Higgens	Dick Shiley	
Heather Conkerton	Kelly George	Sara Holahan	Darla Gay Smith	
Sue Ehler	Susie George	Wayne Huseby	Pat Steffani	

## Skagit Plastic Reduce and Recycle Coalition

**Project Lead: Betty Carteret**

Ellen Anderson	Gerri Gunn	Karen Richman	Carey Vargas
Maureen Barkley	Jan Hersey	Heidi Rooks	
Bev Dressen	Amanda Hubik	Susan Rooks	And special thanks to Callie
Dale Fournier	Wayne Huseby	Linda Sanford	Martin (Skagit County Waste
Jack Galbraith	Joan Magee	Jennifer Selvig	Reduction and Recycling
Stephanie Garza	Michelle Marquardt	Carol Sullivan	Education Specialist).
Zena Gavin	Erica Pickett	Mae Tabor	
Susan George	Peggy Ratermann	Ruth Taylor	



## **Trail Tales sign replacement:**

**Project Lead: Betty Carteret**

Dale Fournier  
Shirley Hoh  
Jan Hersey

Pete Haase  
Susan George  
Joan Magee

Erica Pickett  
Tom Flanagan

*A special thank you to the City of Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department for providing staff & equipment support.*

## **Fidalgo Bay Day Discovery Passports:**

**Project Lead: Betty Carteret**

Dale Fournier  
Susan George  
Jennifer Herron  
Pat Johnson  
Claudia Ross-Kuhn

Joan Magee  
Erica Pickett  
Darla Gay Smith  
Pat Steffani  
Regan Weeks

## **Monofiliament Recycling Project:**

**Project Lead: Jennifer Selvig**

Dan Coleman  
Peggy Flynn  
Patti Hutchins

Bob Lechner  
Barry Rotner  
Laurie Rotner

## **Volunteer Picnic:**

**Project Lead: Gina Johnson**

Laurie Rotner  
Barry Rotner  
Wayne Huseby

Betty Carteret  
Jennifer Herron



***Thank you to all our volunteers!***

***Don't forget to use Volgistics to record your volunteer hours!***



## Friends of Skagit Beaches: A Timeline

In **2007**, the need to raise funds for Skagit Beach Watchers volunteer projects was identified as an important way to offer continuing education and engagement with the larger community on the importance of stewardship and citizen science. A team of volunteers came together to develop ideas and Friends of Skagit Beaches (FOSB) was born. By summer of **2009**, FOSB was a 501c3 non-profit organization and made their first funding donation to the WSU Foundation in support of the Skagit Beach Watchers program.



In **2011**, a great idea – one of those “volunteer projects” became one of Friends’ most visible programs. “Trail Tales” would be a multifaceted interpretive learning program that would create signs along the Tommy Thompson trail in

Anacortes promoting conservation, highlighting indigenous and settler history, and Ecology’s Fidalgo Bay clean-up. FOSB was awarded a two-year grant for the Trail Tales project by the WA Dept. of Ecology Public Participation Grant program. This project established key partnerships with the City of Anacortes (Parks & Rec and Museum), Port of Anacortes, DNR, and Samish Indian Nation.



There was no Beach Watchers Coordinator in 2011 - FOSB and volunteers stepped up to lead the volunteer training.

Friends also provided financial assistance in 2011 for:

- The Winter Lecture Series
- Trail Tales co-funding
- Fidalgo Bay Day banner on Commercial Street
- March Point monitoring supplies
- Shoreline homeowner workshop refreshments

The first Fidalgo Shoreline Academy was held in **2012** and the first large contract was signed for the Trail Tales interpretive sign design. With new events and programs, Friends began to carry insurance for the protection of its members and board. Funding continued for the Winter Lecture Series and the Beach Watcher’s Training program.



In **2013**, the first group of 17 Trail Tales signs installed. This completed the initial grant from Ecology. In July, Ecology renewed the grant for another two years. FOSB renewed the staff support contract with WAACO (Chris Wood) and sponsored the first National Estuaries Day Passport activity.



2013 Funding support provided to:

- Lecture Series
- Co-funding for Trail Tales
- Donation to PBI
- Supplies for forage fish spawning surveys
- Insurance coverage for events including FBD, FSA, Trail Tales, FBAR IM training, SMRC

**2014** saw the end of the WSU Skagit County Beach Watchers program. FOSB was one of the organizations to partner with the Padilla Bay Foundation (PBF) to create the Coastal Volunteer Partnership (CVP) and the Salish Sea Steward program began. A “Film Raiser” fundraising event was held to raise funds to support the “Films with Friends” series that showcased two Western Washington University student films produced for Trail Tales. Trail Tales also hosted the second year of National Estuaries Day Passports. Friends became the official ‘home’ for the Winter Lecture Series which had been started in 2005 by volunteers.



2014 Funding support provided to:

- Emerson High School – to participate in the Winter Lecture Series
- Monofilament fishing line recycling supplies
- Supplies for forage fish spawning surveys
- Insurance coverage for events: Fidalgo Bay Day, FSA, Trail Tales, SMRC



Timeline continued -

In **2015** FOSB provided funds to the CVP for coordinator support. The Winter Lecture Series celebrated 10 years and Films with Friends offers second year of films under Trail Tales. Two additional WWU student films and one AHS film produced under Trail Tales was shown at the film series. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail Tales grant was completed with the addition of sixteen signs installed north of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. It was also the third year for the National Estuaries Day Passports.



2015 Funding provided for:

- Coastal Volunteer Partnership Training
- Lecture Series
- Monofilament line recycling
- Forage Fish Surveys

In **2016**, Films with Friends offered third year of films while Trail Tales activities continue at reduced level. Discovery Passports were rolled into Fidalgo Bay Day (FBD) with FOSB as the sponsor for part of the overall event.

2016 Funding provided for:

- Films with Friends
- Lecture Series
- Coastal Volunteer Partnership Training
- FBD Passport Activity
- FOSB Website upgrade

**2017** saw the end of the Coastal Volunteer Partnership. Working with the Skagit MRC and other partners, FOSB supported the next iteration of the Salish Sea Training

program. For FOSB, the Lecture Series, Fidalgo Shoreline Academy and the FBD Passports continued to provide the community with learning opportunities.

2017 Funding provided for:

- Winter Lecture Series
- Salish Sea Steward Training
- Forage Fish and Intertidal Monitoring Stations
- FBD Passport Activity
- Youth Environment Summit

**2018** brought a new project – the Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycle Coalition (SPRRC)– to Friends with a new Ecology grant to help educate the community on plastic reduction. This project continued into 2019 and will continue into 2020 (see details in Section 3). The Winter Lecture Series, Fidalgo Shoreline Academy, FBD Passport Activity continue to successfully engage the larger community in stewardship and marine environmental education. Beginning in 2018, FOSB has sponsored a Beach Watchers/Salish Sea Steward BBQ Picnic in the late spring as a way to build and nourish our volunteer community.



2018 – 2019 Funding provided for:

- Winter Lecture Series
- Salish Sea Steward Training
- Forage Fish and Intertidal Monitoring Stations
- FBD Passport Activity
- Youth Environment Summit
- SPRRC
- New logo and branding materials

**How can you help?**

**Keep learning!** Visit our website and sign up for our newsletter to learn about upcoming events.

**Volunteer** – we'd like to see you at our training and projects to help us reach our goals!

**Engage in stewardship** and join a committee of volunteer leaders to help us reach our goals.

**Join Friends of Skagit Beaches**

**Your membership supports:**

- The Winter Lecture Series and Fidalgo Shoreline Academy
- Commitment to education, stewardship and cultural resources
- Building public awareness on issues that impact our marine environment
- Tracking citizen science
- Connecting volunteers to stewardship projects and programs
- Environmental monitoring programs

**Special focused projects and outreach:**

- Trail Tales interpretive program at trail signs
- Skagit Plastic Reduction & Recycling Coalition (SPRRC)

**What can you do to protect the marine environment of Skagit County?**

Friends of Skagit Beaches is an volunteer organization dedicated to environmental stewardship. We seek to inform and educate our community about the amazing places we live here. We support the training of volunteers, offering an educational experience of the work we do to keep Skagit's shores and waters healthy.

**Trail Tales**

Look for our Trail Tales Interpretive Trail brochures at trail sites and the Trail Tales website to learn more about making your walk an educational experience of discovery!

**Friends of Skagit Beaches**  
LEARN - CONNECT - ACT  
www.skagitbeaches.org  
friends@skagitbeaches.org  
Find us on Facebook

**Our Mission:**  
To protect Skagit shorelines and marine waters through education, citizen science, and stewardship.  
Learn - Connect - Act

Friends of Skagit Beaches is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Our donations are tax deductible.

**Learning is for Everyone**

Join our community of life-long learners! Friends of Skagit Beaches offers high quality educational programs that inspire, inform and engage us to learn more about the local ecosystem and share what we learn with others.

**Winter Lecture Series**  
(January thru April)

**Fidalgo Shoreline Academy**  
(October)

**Fidalgo Bay Day Discovery Passports**  
(April)

**Trail Tales Interpretive Programs**  
(at various trail sites)

**Connection to Projects and with Community**

We promote and support volunteer programs that engage local citizens, provide opportunities for environmental education, and connect us to our community. We collaborate and partner with government agencies, local organizations and environmental organizations on projects that create a healthy marine ecosystem. Are you there? Let's accomplish our mission!

**Take Action: Practice Stewardship**

Friends of Skagit Beaches invites you to learn, share, and protect our marine life, and take action. The beauty and abundant natural resources of Skagit County shoreline will inspire those who enjoy it today to protect them for the future. Fostering stewardship within the community, we aim to keep our corner of the Salish Sea healthy and vibrant.

2008- 2009 Founding Board Members &

Officers:

Betty Carteret, President  
Erica Pickett, Vice President  
Fran Jepperson, Treasurer  
Catherine Davis, Secretary  
Ivar Dolph  
Pattie Hutchins  
Ruth Peterson  
  
Adria Banks, Beach Watcher  
Coordinator/non-voting Board Member

2010 Board Members

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Ruth Peterson  
Caroline Spehar

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Pattie Hutchins  
Ruth Peterson  
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voting Member

2012 Board Members

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Fran Jepperson, Treasurer  
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Morty Cohen  
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Caroline Spehar  
Regan Weeks

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Regan Weeks, Secretary  
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Morty Cohen  
Pattie Hutchins  
Dick Shiley

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Regan Weeks, Secretary  
Becky Arnold  
Phyllis Bravinder  
Morty Cohen  
Katy Janicki  
Karen Richman

2016 Board Members

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Betty Carteret, "Acting" VP  
Dick Shiley, Treasurer  
Regan Weeks, Secretary  
Becky Arnold  
Phyllis Bravinder  
Bill Clark  
Katy Janicki  
Barbara Lechner  
Karen Richman  
Mae Tabor

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Dick Shiley, Treasurer  
Regan Weeks, Secretary  
Phyllis Bravinder  
Betty Carteret  
Barbara Lechner  
Karen Richman

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Dick Shiley, Treasurer  
Barbara Lechner, Secretary  
Betty Carteret  
Jennifer Herron  
Gina Johnson  
Karen Richman

2019 Board Members

Jennifer Herron, President  
Wayne Huseby, Treasurer  
Erica Pickett, interim Secretary  
Betty Carteret  
Sue Ehler  
Darla Gay Smith, (8/2019)  
Gina Johnson (resigned 9/2019)  
Beckie Arnold (resigned 5/2019)

2020 new Board Members

Tim Gohrke  
Dale Fournier