

WHIDBEY WATERSHED STEWARDS

Connecting water, land, wildlife and people

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There is a line in "Green Fire," the film about Aldo Leopold we presented recently, that describes the essence of Whidbey Watershed Stewards:

"A real steward of the land knows the history of his ecosystem, understands his ecosystem, manages his ecosystem holistically, and shares that knowledge with other people."

We've been at this kind of stewardship for 17 years and we are stronger and more relevant than ever. With your volunteer help and financial contributions this year, we have:


- ✔ **Taught 75 classes** at the Outdoor Classroom (over 1,850 elementary school students) with the great help of 20 teaching volunteers. We support the science program at Oak Harbor elementary schools, are reaching out to Coupeville classes, and are pleased to work with the new leadership of South Whidbey School District.
- ✔ **Continued restoration work on three properties under our care.** Also consulted with landowners to improve their properties as habitat.
- ✔ **Continued the spawning survey and smolt count** on Maxwelton and Quade Creeks to assess the viability of their salmon habitat.
- ✔ **Worked on a communication strategy for salmon recovery** in Island County;
- ✔ Provided **two college scholarships** to deserving students planning environmental careers (thanks to two generous donations).
- ✔ Presented the **Green Home Tour** to showcase ways to help the environment; our next one is March 31, 2012.
- ✔ Continued to lead **Whidbey ECO Network** for Puget Sound Partnership.

We're proud of what we have done, and with your help we can do so much more!

Your donation now is especially important as we build on our success and reach more people up and down Whidbey Island. Please be as generous as you can – thank you!

Credit Card donations can be made by clicking "Donate Now" on our web site: www.whidbeywatersheds.org or scan with your smart phone:




John Worthington
Board President on behalf of
all our Board and staff



Outdoor Classroom comments:

"So many strengths, very well-prepared, very engaging presentation styles, excellent time management, responded extremely well to my students - positive, encouraging, challenges were added to keep students engaged."



"A wonderful program!"

