



FRIENDS OF
NORTH CREEK
FOREST

OktoberFOREST 2023 Pub Talks

Wednesdays @ 7 pm - Cairn Brewing Taproom



Oct 4, 2023

Convergence: The Comprehensive Campaign to Save North Creek Forest – Jim Freese, FNCF former Executive Director & Founding Board member

The Friends of North Creek Forest (FNCF) brought together a wide array of compatible, and sometimes competing interests, in a way that rewarded each of them. The campaign mimicked the forest itself with its own complex ecology of people, landowners, businesses, agency staff and political bodies, working together to do what they could not do alone. Tonight's question.... "How was this network created, maintained, and focused for the five years it took to protect North Creek Forest?"

Jim Freese was the founding Executive Director for Friends of North Creek Forest, serving from its beginning through successful conservation. He is a retired labor organizer, union president, wildlands hiker and climber. Jim has led successful local, state, and transnational campaigns. He has always identified as a member of the "Blue" community of labor and the "Green" community supporting a healthy planet. His term with FNCF brought together both of those interests.

Oct 11, 2023

Clever, Curious, and Charismatic Crows – Dr. Loma Pendergraft, UWSeattle

The antics of crows, ravens, and other members of their taxonomic family—a group called Corvids—have captivated our imaginations throughout history. Many of our myths, legends, and stories revolve around the astonishing brainpower these birds possess. But what is fact and what is fiction? Here we will discuss fun facts about crows, the capabilities (and limits) of their intelligence, and the research that scientists at the University of Washington have conducted on these fascinating birds.

Loma Pendergraft earned his Ph.D. studying crow behavior at the University of Washington. His research has been featured in Audubon Magazine, National Geographic, and Bill Nye Saves the World. He currently works for the UW as an instructor of animal behavior and wildlife science. Visit his website at <https://lomapendergraft.com>.

Oct 18, 2023

Butterflies as Storytellers – Dr. Amy Lambert, UWBothell

What are butterflies telling us? And how are we connected to their unique life histories? Join me in a discussion on the varied characteristics of butterflies, ecological importance of butterflies, types of butterflies in the Bothell area, and vital connection between forest health and butterfly conservation. I will also provide guidelines for butterfly habitat enhancement so you can create habitat in your own backyard!

Dr. Amy Lambert is an Associate Teaching Professor at the University of Washington Bothell. She teaches a variety of courses from Restoration Ecology to Pollinator Diversity and Conservation. Her research focuses on species-level ecology (rare butterflies and pollinators), plant community restoration and the political and philosophical barriers that limit the study and preservation of imperiled species. She founded the CCUWBee Research Initiative in 2012 in an effort to involve students and members of the public in research projects that inform pollinator conservation. Over the years, the CCUWBee Research Initiative has created an invaluable baseline measure of pollinator diversity on campus that will inform climate change studies in the future.

Oct 25, 2023

From Fairways to Fish Habitat: the story of community-led salmon habitat restoration at the former Wayne Golf Course – Whitney Neugebauer, Director Whale Scout

Once privately owned and slated for development, Bothell's former Wayne Golf Course is now a public park thanks to local community organizing and the support of conservation partnerships. Learn how a golf course is being transformed into salmon habitat and how Whale Scout is engaging local students and community groups to get the job done.

Whitney Neugebauer is the Founder and Executive Director of Whale Scout, a nonprofit organization based in Bothell, WA. Programs she manages include community-led salmon habitat restoration and an educational land-based whale watching program. Whitney also serves on the Bothell Parks and Recreation Board, Friends of North Creek Forest, and Heartwood Nature Programs. She completed her Master's degree in Marine and Environmental Affairs at the University of Washington in 2011.