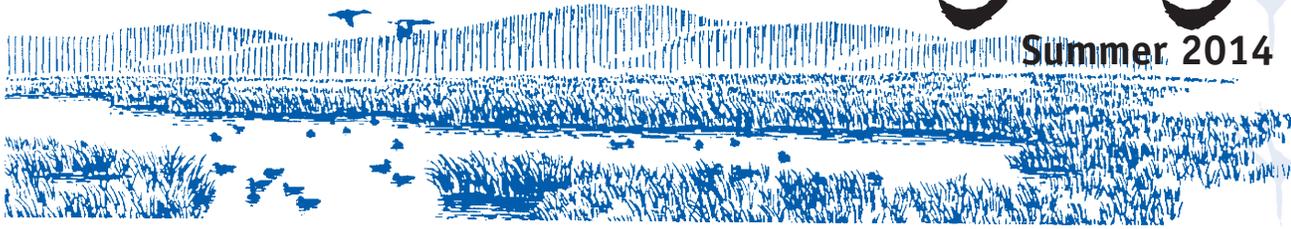


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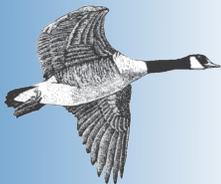
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Quarterly newsletter of Nisqually and Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuges

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Save the date!

Nisqually Watershed Festival will be held Saturday, September 27th at Nisqually NWR.

Visitor Center named in honor of Norm Dicks

On the beautiful, sunny morning of June 6, the Refuge Visitor Center was officially named in honor of Retired Congressman Norm Dicks, whose efforts were of exceptional importance in the shaping of Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. In addition to the guest of honor, the ceremony was attended by over 200 individuals. The ceremony opened with traditional dance and song performed by the Nisqually Canoe Family.

Speeches were made by Nisqually Tribal Council Chair

Cynthia Iyall, Nisqually River Council Chair David Troutt, US Representative Derek Kilmer, US Representative Denny Heck, Senator Maria Cantwell, US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe, and US Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel. Each speaker's individual character shone through as they warmly expressed their appreciation, speaking personally of Norm Dicks' remarkable accomplishments, the value of the Refuge and of the environment in general. A final speech was given by the guest of honor.

Norm Dicks grew up in Bremerton and spent time throughout his childhood

fishing for salmon on the Sekiu, an upbringing that may have contributed to his eventual roll as major conservationist, particularly during the later part of his 36 year tenure in Congress. Using his position on the Appropriations Committee, he was able to secure funding for an array of projects that have proven invaluable for Puget Sound, including the removal of two dams on



The Nisqually Canoe Family perform traditional dance and song as USFWS Director Dan Ashe, Secretary of Interior Sally Jewel, guest of honor and retired US Representative Norm Dicks, and Senator Maria Cantwell look on.

the Elwha River and the Restoration of the Nisqually River delta.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is proud to celebrate the new Norm Dicks Visitor Center. A handsome bronze plaque left of the front doors and windows reads, "A champion for the Nisqually Delta, Congressman Norm Dicks has ensured a future for salmon, wildlife, and people for generations to come." Perhaps the finest way for the public to celebrate his legacy is continued support and patronage at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. So come for a visit and see what's new at the Norm Dicks Visitor Center! ✎

Great Submissions to Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest

On March 27th, the Refuge hosted the 2014 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design contest for the state of Washington. The contest is the culmination of the Junior Duck Stamp educational program. After studying waterfowl anatomy and habitat, students may articulate their newfound knowl-

edge by drawing, painting or sketching a picture of an eligible North American waterfowl species. This year, 115 entries of exceptional quality were received from across the state. The judging panel consisted of five judges:

Robyn Thorson (Regional Director US Fish & Wildlife Service Northwest Region), Joe Stohr (Deputy Director of WA Department of Fish & Wildlife), Shelly Carr (local wildlife artist), Dale Thompson (retired Chief Naturalist at Mt. Rainier National Park and local wildlife artist) and Ryan Perry (local wildlife artist and former two-time WA Junior Duck Stamp Best of Show winner).

Judges selected three 1st place, three 2nd place, three 3rd place, and up to sixteen Honorable Mention winners from four groups based on grade level (K-3, 4-6,

7-9, and 10-12th grade). Out of all the 1st place winners from each group, a Best of Show was selected to represent Washington at the national competition held on April 18 at the National Wildlife Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. This year's 1st place

winners were Kyle Chen, Ananya Pattamatta, Hannah Rodriguez, Elizabeth Xiong, Esther Yun, Julia Zimin, Emmie Dong, VyAnh Le, Sophie Yuan-Ju Tsai, Nicole Lobkov, Montana Berkeley, and Alyssa Lobkov. The Best of Show winner selected from among these artists depicted a Northern Shoveler and was painted by Nicole Lobkov, 15 years old, of Vancouver. Congratulations to Nicole and all the winners in this year's Washington Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest!



The 2014 Best of Show, a Northern Shoveler by Nicole Lobkov of Vancouver.

An exhibit featuring the original artwork of this year's winners is on display in the Auditorium at Nisqually NWR. An additional exhibit will travel throughout Washington State to colleges, libraries, and education centers, art galleries/museums, festivals, and fairs. If interested in showing the exhibit or in finding out its current location, contact Byrn Watson at (360)736-1082.

Wilderness Act turns 50

Aldo Leopold famously wrote, "Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." In the years following the Great Depression and World War II, a growing concern for wilderness began to develop, drawing support and enthusiasm from the writings of Aldo Leopold, among others. A cadre of these individuals, most notably Howard Zahniser, translated their concern for conservation of Wilderness into the Wilderness Act, which after almost ten years of revisions and rewrites was signed into law



by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964. The law totaled only six pages in length, but radically altered the way lands are managed. The beneficial impact on the American landscape would be difficult to measure.

The system of various land designations and their influence on land use can be a little hard to follow. National Park Service, National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and US Fish and Wildlife Service lands are each designated according to the present condition, the management needs, and intended use of the land. Their missions are profoundly different, creating an inconsistent patchwork of protections. In addition to inherent inconsistencies, land designations can shift, and perhaps more insidiously, policies can shift within each

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Summer Programs

July

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Sunday, July 6

It's in Your Nature: Sights and Sounds of Summer

9am - 10:30am

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Saturday, July 12

The Magical Forest

1:30pm - 3pm

The forest is teeming with life and magic, and there is always something new to see and hear: a surprise every day! This family-friendly walk explores the relationships that exist between plants, animals and other organisms, fostering a sense of value for nature and a desire to protect it. Embrace the beauty and wonder of the forest and its inhabitants! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 13

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Sunday, July 13

Amazing Animal Adaptations!

10am - 11am

Through adaptations, animals have found ways to inhabit every environment on earth! Looking closely at the incredible traits animals have developed brings us to a deeper appreciation of the natural world. On this family-friendly program, see pelts and other artifacts up close, then head outside to explore wildlife in action! Meet in the Visitor Center.

Sunday, July 13

Nisqually Deli: The Pond Menu

1pm - 2pm

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Saturday, July 19

Raptors of the Delta

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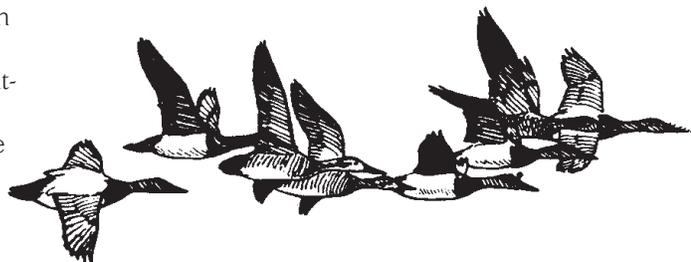
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Saturday, July 19

The Essential Riparian Forest

1:30pm - 2:30pm

The forest that grows near fresh water, along the banks of lakes, rivers, and streams is a place of stillness and birdsong, magic and mystery. It's also one of the most fragile and important ecosystems around! Discover why on this guided walk with Dean DeBell. Meet at the Visitor Center.



Sunday, July 20

The Nisqually and Medicine Creek: Where Nature, Culture and History Converge

1pm - 2:30pm

Learn about the events surrounding the signing of the Medicine Creek Treaty; explore how the Nisqually people came to the Nisqually delta and how their lives changed with the settlement of Europeans. Lynn Corliss leads you down history's winding path, where you will discover important things about the people who enjoyed this land before you did. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 26

It's in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

10am - 12 noon

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August

Saturday, August 2

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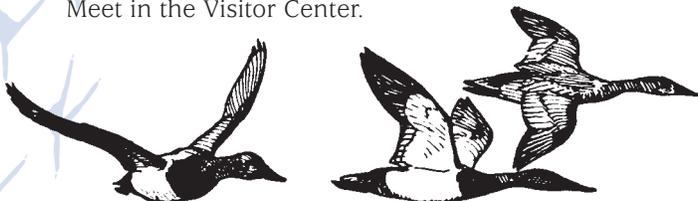
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Sunday, August 3

Modern Bird Family

10:00am - 11:30am

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Sunday, August 3

The Magical Forest

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8:30am – 10am

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1pm – 2:30pm

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Saturday, August 23 *The Essential Estuary*

10am – 11am

Why are so many US Fish and Wildlife Service refuges located on estuaries? What makes this particular environment so worth protecting? And what's happening in the estuary at Nisqually NWR? These questions and more are explored in this walk. Meet at the beginning of the Nisqually Estuary Boardwalk Trail (allow a half hour to walk there from the parking area).

Sunday, August 24 *Nisqually Deli: The Pond Menu*

10am – 11am

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Our Amazing Plant World

1:30pm - 3pm

Summer is the perfect time to experience the Refuge plant life is all its diversity! Join Hank Henry on a nature walk through the Refuge—all the while learning about plant-insect interactions, adaptations for survival and other interesting facts. You only live once: Stop to smell the flowers! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

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Saturday, September 27 **Nisqually Watershed Festival** **10am – 4pm**

Tours and guided walks through-out the day, as well as music, live animal presentations, educations exhibits, a marine touch tank, and Fin, the Wild Olympic Salmon! Join us in a celebration of the cultural, economic and natural resources of the Nisqually Watershed! ✎



Naturalist and Refuge Volunteer, Lynn Corliss introduces visitors to her nature program, "The Nisqually and Medicine Creek"

Wilderness Act

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agency according to trends, new science, and changes in administration or funding.

The Wilderness Act created a new, more stable and consistent designation, simply called "Wilderness," which, when superimposed over these other land designations, supersedes a given agency's directive to in turn provide the highest level of protection: No roads, vehicles or permanent structures are allowed in designated Wil-

derness, and the designation also prohibits activities like logging or mining. The "wilderness character" of the land must be preserved, in a state "untrammled by man ... affected primarily by the forces of nature." Today, over 750 wilderness areas have been designated to protect nearly 110,000,000 acres of land.

This anniversary is a major event for all four major land agencies. As such, over the coming months, look for announcements of special events, or celebrate by going for a hike in a Wilderness near you! ✎

Exploring Our Diverse World

The 27th Summer Lecture Series at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge will be held the last four Wednesday evenings in July and every Wednesday evening in August.

July 9

Oceans and Climate Change

Dr. Peter Rhines
Professor of Oceanography and
Atmospheric Sciences
University of Washington

August 6

Great Blue Herons of the Puget Sound

Dr. Kate Stenberg
Senior Wildlife Biologist
CDM Smith, Seattle

July 16

Gifts of the Crow

Dr. John Marzluff
Professor of Forest Sciences
University of Washington

August 13

Birds and Plants — They Need Each Other

Dennis Paulson
Author; Director Emeritus of the Slater
Museum of Natural History
University of Puget Sound

July 23

Sea Ice Loss and Arctic Marine Mammals in Greenland

Dr. Kristin Laidre
Polar Science Center
University of Washington

August 20

National Wildlife Refuges of the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands

Glynnis Nakai
Refuge Manager
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

July 30

Wolves of Washington

Michelle Tirhi
District Biologist
for Thurston and Pierce Counties
Wash. Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 27

Small Watersheds, Big Ideas: 25 years of the Nisqually Land Trust

Joe Kane
Executive Director
Nisqually Land Trust

Location: All lectures will be held in the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Take I-5 exit 114 and follow signs to the Refuge.

Time: The lectures start at 7pm and will last approximately 1 hour followed by questions. Doors open at 6pm.

Entrance Fee: The Refuge entrance fee is waived for those attend-

ing the lectures. All lectures are free.

Special Accommodations: Persons with disabilities who require accommodations should contact the Refuge at (360)753-9467.

Limited Seating: The Visitor Center auditorium seats 100 people. Attendance is limited to seats available. Seating will be issued starting at 6pm on a first come basis, and

you must be present. If there are not seats available when you arrive, you will not be able to attend the lecture. The trails are open until sunset.

Additional Notes: On lecture nights, the Visitor Center will be open until 7pm and after the lecture. Thanks to Friends of Nisqually NWR for their support of the Summer Lecture Series. ✎

New and Renewing Friends Membership

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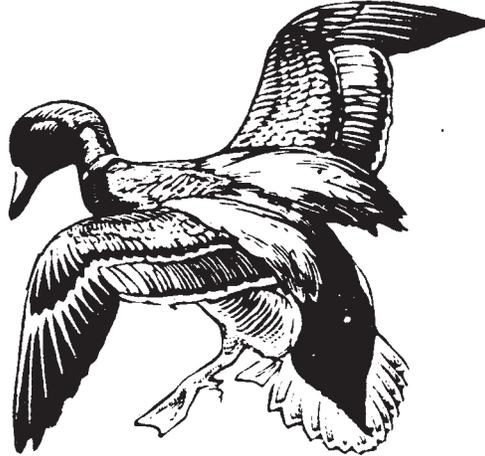
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 Van Perdue
 Charles Pratt
 Marilyn Pratt
 Chuck Holmquist
 Russ Smith
 Joani Easterlund
 Peggy Shaules
 Louise Wackerle
 James Kinney
 Steve Coombs
 Gerald Julian
 Geoffrey Apgar
 Ralph Norris

Individual (\$25)

Diana Davis
 Sandra Slaby
 Helen Spalding

Paul R. Hunter
 Susan Todd
 Mary Frey
 Alaka Lindsley
 Karen Lewis



Family (\$50)

Charleen Ward
 Lisa Ramsey
 Tom Barnes
 Thomas K. Hirota
 Bob & June Fields
 John & Trisha Tubbs
 John & Elly Walkowiak
 Susan & Rob Ahlschwede
 David & Dolly Yates

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 L. K. Malcom

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Brian Sullivan
 Anna Leon-Guerrero

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- Check here to receive an electronic version of *The Flyway* newsletter by email.

Individual/Family Memberships

- \$15 Student/Senior
- \$25 Individual
- \$50 Family
- \$100 Supporting
- \$250 Partner
- \$500 Patron
- \$1000 Benefactor

Corporate/Business Memberships

- \$250 Business Sponsor
- \$500 Community Partner
- \$1000 Sustaining Business
- \$2500 Corporate Patron
- \$5000 + Corporate Benefactor

Please make checks payable to: Friends of Nisqually NWRC, 100 Brown Farm Rd, Olympia, WA 98516

Your tax deductible contribution will help preserve the unique habitats, fish, and wildlife of the Nisqually Delta and the Grays Harbor Tideflats.

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Great fun for the Whole Family:

- ▶ Music and live animal presentations
- ▶ Tours and guided walks throughout the day
- ▶ Great educational displays from around the area
- ▶ Red Salmon tent, storytelling, and critters parades
- ▶ Marine touch tank
- ▶ Check out the Nature Explore Area for children
- ▶ And of course, the yummy food!

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For more information, go to **www.nisquallyriver.org**
or call **(360) 753-9467**