




2022

Annual Report

Transition Fidalgo



Transition Fidalgo

Transition Off Fossil Fuels!

Our vision:

We envision a world where humanity has drastically reduced its reliance on fossil fuels, living wisely and well within planetary limits.

Our mission:

To spur local responses to climate change that strengthen our community and help heal the planet.

Transition Fidalgo urges a move away from fossil fuels through decreasing energy demand, increasing efficiency, supporting renewable energy, and fostering the local production of food, energy, and goods.

Local action for global change

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President's Message

To Transition Fidalgo Friends and the entire Anacortes Community:

I am honored to have finished my second term as your Transition Fidalgo President in 2021-2022.



Transition Fidalgo continues to serve the citizens of Skagit County as a well-established and effective local focal point promoting and implementing sustainable environmental solutions for our community. The TF Board of Directors is a diverse group of citizens who tirelessly work to promote the visionary concepts of sustainability and minimizing the use of fossil fuels.

In 2022, we created a solid track record of success by continuing our existing valuable programs, as well as looking to the future to provide new and exciting opportunities for improvement. Most significantly, we have identified a major goal for 2023 to hire an Program Coordinator. This position will enhance our local outreach, assist in project implementation, support long term project goals, and magnify our impact in the community.

Some of our successes for 2022:

- **Forest Health Monitoring** - We have an on-going study that is monitoring the health and well-being of our ACFL – the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. Multiple data points are monitored so that we can advise our

community leaders about the health of our forest lands. This data includes "soil moisture monitoring" as we seem to be challenged with too little rain and subsequently too little moisture in our soil. I'm sure everyone has noticed that the summers are getting longer, without adequate rain to support forest growth, in addition to the fact that the overall temperature in the summer is increasing. As predicted in our Vision 2030 document, our summers are getting longer, hotter, and the soil moisture content is declining. See the detailed article on page 16.

- The **Anacortes Middle School Garden** received a big boost when Transition Fidalgo and AMS partners provided a large greenhouse at the Middle School. Transition Fidalgo volunteers erected the greenhouse at no expense to the school system. Read more on page 8.

- Transition Fidalgo continues to provide **free food** for local citizens in need of fresh vegetables. We are maintaining our three "Free Food Stands" in Anacortes.

- We will offer \$2,000 in **direct scholarships** to AHS graduates again in 2023. This will be our seventh year of assisting local students to fund their higher education.

- **Fix-It-Days** will be entering their 11th year of providing this service to the community at the Farmers Market.

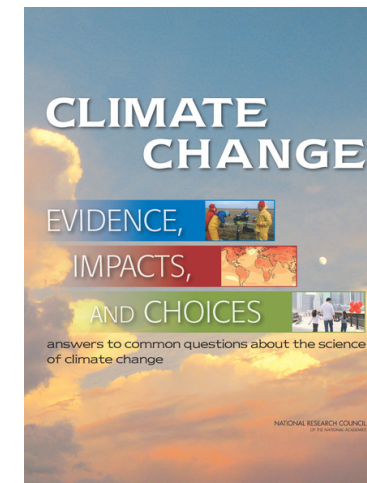
- We initiated a major funding campaign this year to support us hiring a **Program Coordinator**. I would like to specially thank all our community members who supported this program! This campaign has been successful, and we look forward to an exciting opportunity to enhance our local footprint in 2023.

- Additionally, we are beginning to see signs that

our federal government is recognizing these issues and working to mitigate climate change disasters by supporting COP-27 this past November. One result is a financial system that would help developing nations access financial assistance to adapt and recover from climate change. In the U.S., the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was a political win for the planet. Signed into law in August, the Federal Government invested \$369 billion in clean energy projects and incentives for energy-efficient technology such as electric vehicles.

Personal Thoughts:

I first became aware of the issue of climate change when I read the article written by William Kellogg in the February 1978 Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. At that time, it was not clear in my mind that we had a major issue with climate change; however, since then, scientific data has convinced me that climate change is real and is a present and significant danger to the future of our planet.



Consider the document "Climate Change - Evidence, Impacts, and Choices" written by the National Research Council of the National Academies of the Federal Government in 2012 - one decade ago.

Ten years ago, this document said in its conclusion...

"Responding to climate change is about making choices in the face of risk. Any course of action carries potential risk and costs; but doing nothing may pose the greatest risk from climate change and its impacts. America's climate choices will be made by elected officials, business leaders, individuals, and other decision makers across the nation; and those choices will involve numerous value judgments beyond the reach of science. However, robust scientific knowledge and analysis are a crucial foundation for informing choices."

Significantly, the National Research Council enlists the nation's foremost scientists, engineers, health professionals, and other experts to address scientific and technical aspects of some of the nation's most pressing problems. The Academies produce about 200 peer-reviewed reports each year that provide thoughtful analysis and helpful direction to policymakers and stakeholders. This federally funded agency provides these reports to every member of the U.S. House and Senate, as well as most senior elected government leaders.

Your Transition Fidalgo Board is working diligently to assist our community in solving these pressing issues, where we live.

Bud Anderson

President, Transition Fidalgo 2021-2022

Growing Gardens, Growing Students, Growing Skills

The Anacortes Middle School Garden Project



By Laurie Sherman

Thanks to generous donations from all of **YOU**, the newly-finished Greenhouse has opened up a slew of new gardening possibilities extending the season to fit the school year!

Students grew hundreds of pounds of food that was used both in the classroom and feeding those in the Anacortes Community.



The Garden to Kitchen program was so successful that **it doubled**, now serving four classes!

We are happily rebuilding and expanding the original garden from years past, located behind Anacortes Middle School (AMS).

Three cheers to the local **Heritage Bank** crew, who came out one Saturday to roll up their sleeves and help us tackle the upper garden restoration.



We are so very grateful for our partnerships with The Anacortes Schools Foundation, Ace Hardware, Anacortes Rotary Club, SignDog,

Sunland Topsoil, Uprising Seeds, Christianson's Nursery, Anacortes School District – especially the maintenance crew, whose work pouring the cement foundation for the greenhouse, and building a new three-bin compost system, helped to close the circle of recycling weeds-to-dirt-to-food **all year round**.

Lastly and with deep gratitude, a thousand thanks to those who joined the crew because they walked by and thought it looked fun, who heard the call to support our children, and faithfully helped water, weed, dig, mow, plant, assemble, harvest and tirelessly help with everything!

A BIG SHOUT OUT to all the Volunteers
None of this is possible without YOU

As you may remember, this garden project began 12 years ago with the foresight of teacher Anne Chase Stapleton, (now retired and a lead volunteer). The idea was to empower the students with the ability to grow, harvest and cook their own food! This involves so many skills: planning, time management, use of tools, teamwork, consistent nurturing and careful harvesting, followed by the reward for their labor in cooking and eating the vegetables! Their favorite food was raw KALE! Students embrace the tasks – the harder the better!

Working in the garden is inspiring and a welcome opportunity for us all! Come join us and be a part of this growing world.

TF raises the greenhouse with funds and labor

In January 2022, Warren Carr drove to Vancouver B.C. to pick up our specially-ordered greenhouse kit. By February, a focused group of TF volunteers spent some quality time together, carefully reading instructions and assembling parts – *thousands* of tiny screws! The end result was a beautiful, steel frame, 10'X 20' greenhouse, with self opening windows, just in time for spring.



The greenhouse lived up to its sturdy claims. This winter it endured almost a foot of snow, gale force winds and freezing temps, while the happy greens continued to flourish inside, waiting for the new semester students' harvest.

TF Volunteers dig in alongside students

"Each One Teach One"

With supervision, students work in groups and take turns helping each other learn to use the power tools; i.e. an electric lawn mower, weed whacker, drills, saws, hammers, and the mandatory shovel, loppers, pruners and hands!

The first drill project was to start a mushroom farm. Drilling holes in fruit wood, they carefully inserted mushroom spores and sealed wax plugs before soaking the logs to support mycelial growth. Later in the year they built a "mushroom log cabin" to make sprouting mushrooms accessible for harvest.

Below: building the mushroom log cabin



Above: ribbon cutting for the new greenhouse

The kids learned how to sift compost and mix soil with nutrients and water (like mud pies). Then like cookie cutting, they pressed out blocks of soil in which they dexterously



dropped one seed into each soil block. They grew many hundreds of veggie starts in this manner; no plastic pots needed. Most starts survived transplanting to live a full life, some to this day.

Stop by at 24th and M, peek over the fence, and you will find kale, chard, and arugula, still producing.



Above: Building worm bins and raised beds

And the list goes on!

- Repaired and rebuilt the worm bins and built extra raised beds.
- Planted bulbs and flowering plants to attract pollinators.
- Transplanted starts and filled the greenhouse with six prolific varieties of tomatoes and basil.
- Pruned fruit trees
- Planted figs and blueberries in the upper garden.
- Planted food for a summer harvest to put in Transition Fidalgo's "Share the Bounty" stands to share food with the Anacortes community.
- Laid down many, *many* yards of mulch this fall.

Next Steps...

Saving water and time with drip irrigation

Global warming, with smoke, high temps and drought, stalked us this summer into the late fall. Though the gardens did well, it required a great deal of water and time. TF hopes to lead by example and conserve precious water. So rather than using hoses to hand water each bed, we enrolled a TF member to assist with a solution. Many thanks to Taft Perry for drawing up plans for a drip irrigation system for each garden! Our hope is to partner with the AHS Green Club to learn and help install the systems in 2023. **Presently we are seeking funding for this new project.**

Join us!

We are totally reliant upon the kindness and efforts of local volunteers. This project is made possible by YOU! 🙏 If you like teens, like being involved with like-minded people, and are passionate about growing food, we sure could use your help! This year, starting in February, we will begin working the soil and preparing for another growing season. If you have a couple hours a week to spare and would like to join the fun, let us know! Help us build a healthy, resilient future with and for our children!

Please welcome our new lead teacher, Molly Robbins, who is full of energy and excited to help guide these motivated students towards a sustainable and empowered tomorrow. Together we look forward to growing our partnerships with local community members and groups, drawing us keenly and collaboratively into 2023!



Our 2022 AMS Garden and Greenhouse volunteers:

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| Amanda Hubik | Jan Hersey | Paul Sherman |
| Anne Chase-Stapleton | Jan Jensen | Rob Adler |
| Bud Anderson | Jennifer Wisniewski | Ruth Bachrach |
| Darlene Mindrum | Jonie Mills | Ruth LeBrun |
| Dick Newsham | Karen Harris | Sarah Roberts |
| Heidi Rooks | Kim Azolotusky | Sue Newsham |
| Heritage Bank Volunteers
(Liz Svobota, lead) | Kim Cole | Taft Perry |
| Herta Kurp | Kim Metz | Warren Carr |
| Jakob Smith, Green Club | Laurie Sherman | |
| | Pat Jackson | |



The Pathfinder

Compiled, edited, and written by Evelyn Adams, *The Pathfinder* provides info on the climate and biodiversity crises. While it refuses to soft-pedal the unraveling of our world, respecting the reader's ability to handle hard info, *The Pathfinder* gives equal weight to the many good things that are rising up in response, as well as how to face challenges that can easily feel overwhelming.

The monthly newsletter offers reflections and guidance from those learning to navigate a world of unimaginable loss, exploring questions we all need to ask ourselves in times such as these, including:

- What paths of service should we pursue in a time of collapse?
- How do we hasten a paradigm shift from a worldview of human supremacy and separation to one that fosters a loving coexistence with Earth?
- How do we care for ourselves and each other as things fall apart, and where do we find our hope and our joy now?

Join us on the pivotal journey of our time! Subscribe for free today.

From one reader:

"It is so much more than a newsletter. Yes, it brings you the facts, the news, the information, the good and the bad, but always in the context of an overarching desire not to just inform but to communicate, to bring understanding, empathy, to promote our willingness to be open to possibilities... beyond despair there is always wonder, beauty, mystery.

"to bring understanding, empathy, to promote our willingness to be open to possibilities..."

I consider the reflection you always start out with as my "Sunday musings", always personal, touching, to the point... rejoicing in the good news, easing into the pain of stark realities ... they are nothing short of prayer invocations, if I may say so."

(Back issues of *The Pathfinder* may be found at www.transitionfidalgo.org/learn/pathfinder/, where you can also subscribe to the newsletter.)

Inner Resilience Group

Transition groups strive to grow resilience on two fronts: outer (reducing fossil-fuel reliance, restoring the natural world, sharpening life skills, growing community connections) and inner (fostering mental and emotional fortitude, connection to Self, to each other, to the Earth).

In July 2022, Transition Fidalgo brought together a small group to focus in the second area. The intent was to support those looking for a safe place to share difficult feelings about the time we're living in. Acknowledging and processing grief, anger, and despair allows us to move to a deep knowing of what matters most now, an even greater appreciation of life, and a clarity on how we can best be of service in these times.



Eileen Templin

Monthly meetings are led by Eileen Templin, a **licensed psychotherapist** who volunteers her time and who notes that when Carl Jung was asked, "Will we make it?" he replied, "If enough individuals will do their inner work."

In this group, we explore how to do just that, believing that the more mentally and emotionally prepared we are to face what is now unavoidable loss, the better off we and our community will be.

We hope to keep this effort going and possibly growing, in 2023.

Fidalgo Forest Stewards

The ACFL Monitoring Program completed its fourth year of monitoring the health of our community forest lands.

Over 50 volunteers worked throughout the year to measure tree diameters, assess the color and density of tree foliage, note the biological cycles of trees and shrubs, measure soil moisture, record weather data, photograph the recovery of the Little Cranberry Lake burn site, and count birds in and around Heart Lake and Big Beaver pond.

It is early days for our long term monitoring program and so we do not have science-based conclusions or results from the data collected to date. However, there have been a number of interesting observations. Since determining baseline forest conditions in 2019, it appears that our Western Red Cedars are doing okay. We are lucky, because reports from other forests in our region show a continuing decline in the health of their cedars.

The recovery of the Little Cranberry Lake burn site area is proceeding quickly, and some unexpected species, such as Pacific Madrone and Indian Pipe, have dominated the early recovery. Anecdotally, prior to the fire these species were not present in large numbers in this area.



In some burn site locations, the foliage recovery has been so robust, a hiker new to the area would not realize that a fire ravaged the area just six years ago.

In 2023 and beyond, the forest monitoring program hopes to expand its ability to share new and interesting findings with our community and with other monitoring projects in our region.

A huge shout-out to our forest scientist David Peterson for sharing his expertise as an advisor for all of our forest stewardship projects.

If you are interested in joining our monitoring program or would like to learn more about what is happening, contact Eric Shen, sydster2@wavecable.com

Above: A madrone seedling growing in the burn area

Left above: The burn area in 2016

Left below: The burn area in 2022



Current ACFL Studies:

Stream surveys with AHS

Bird Surveys

Burn Area photos

Cedar Tree monitoring

Phenology: plant timings

Forest Plot Studies

Soil Moisture Monitoring

Weather Studies



“Fidalgo Grows” blog

In this third year of “Fidalgo Grows”, our blog bloomed with advice from our two main advisors – Peter Heffelfinger and Julia Frisbie – with added posts from Sequoia Ferrel and Peter Jackson. Exceptional gardeners all, they guided us through setbacks to successes, partnering their words with stunning, helpful photos.

Their reflections and suggestions are available at <https://www.transitionfidalgo.org/fidalgogrows/> where you can easily scroll through and savor the dos and don'ts of gardening on Fidalgo.

Want to know how to grow a successful winter garden, water in a drought, save seeds, prune fruit trees, make your own fertilizer? All of this and more is there for you to reference.

Just dig in! Into both the blog and the soil.

As Julia urges in one of her posts:

“Please plant a garden, even if you’re not sure which way is the right way. Encourage lots of different plants to grow in it. And then help your neighbors do the same. And then let’s lobby the city to preserve existing green spaces and transform easements into polycultures. And on and on, until every square inch of this island is too beloved to despoil.... By acknowledging that everything we create is part of a living ecosystem, we discover both responsibility and belonging.”



Fidalgo Seed Sharing



The goal of the Fidalgo Seed Share team is to promote resilience and security in our community food system. We hope to develop a network of home gardeners who will commit to saving seeds of food crops so we can ensure a supply of locally-adapted seed varieties.

In February 2022 we held a seed swap in Storvik Park that was very well attended. Many people brought in seeds that they had cleaned, and we had many donated commercial seed packets. The Anacortes American wrote a nice article about the event.

In April we had a booth at the Anacortes Farmers Market. We distributed free seeds and plants and had demonstrations and children’s activities.

In September one member hosted a garden tour of her garden and seed-saving projects.

We have a dedicated committee that has organized these events and we have great plans for the new year.

We are now working towards developing a seed library that will be housed in the Anacortes Public Library with a grand opening early this year. The seed library will make seeds available to members of the public free of charge and will have information available about the seed-saving process and why it is especially important now, in times of a rapidly changing climate, food supply issues and rising costs as well as social and political unrest.

“Share the Bounty” food stands

Our colorful Share-the-Bounty stands returned for a third summer, July through September 2022. Located at the Anacortes Library, Harbor House, and H Ave, anyone looking for free, locally-grown garden goodies could stop by the stands and help themselves.

Hand-crafted by volunteers and decorated by local artists, the stands have the double benefit of reducing food waste as well as strengthening community by helping those wanting access to healthy, home-grown food. Volunteers monitored the stands regularly through the summer to keep them clean and to remove anything in need of composting.

We had a challenging gardening season, with strong rains in June damping down the pollinators and summer drought adding more trials. But generous gardeners came through with steady donations, and the Anacortes Middle School garden was instrumental in helping to keep the shelves filled.



Fix-It Days



2022 was the eleventh year of holding Fix It Days events at the Anacortes Farmers Market. From June through September on the last Saturday of the month, Transition Fidalgo volunteers worked to repair broken items brought by community members.

Fix It Days has become an important part of the Farmers Market summer time offerings and is awaited by many in our community. People generally bring items in for repair to avoid having to buy a replacement, while others visited our booth to avoid sending a broken item to the landfill.

Often times, people bring in items to be repaired and then donate them to other organizations to help their causes. Whatever the reason, Transition Fidalgo is happy to offer an option that is more sustainable for our community.

If you have a broken item, bring it to our booth this summer and we'll do our best to make it usable again. All donations for repairs help the efforts of Transition Fidalgo to make everyone more sustainable and resilient for the changes ahead.



More Volunteers in 2022

Here is list of our other volunteers this past year, including many of our Board Members who donate dozens or even hundreds of hours each for the particular projects they oversee.

We are so grateful to each of you who shares your time and energy to make our current and future Transition Projects successful.

YOU make it all happen!

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| Adam Erie | Kari Bishay |
| Anthony Zumpano | Kath Goldhartt |
| Barb Horton | Keith Magee |
| Beck Pittman | Lynn Wohlers |
| Becky Platt | Margo Carroll |
| Becky Vavrosky | Mary Campbell |
| Bob Ross | Neil O'Hara |
| Bruce Hall | Noah Dunham |
| Carl Elliott | Pamela Taylor |
| Chris Wood | Paul Sherman |
| Dan Miner | Peter Heffelfinger |
| Larry Collinge | Rob Adler |
| Dave Crockett | Robbie Hutton |
| Dave Peterson | Robin King |
| Drew Frisbee | Rosann Wuebbels |
| Eileen Templin | Ruth Bachrach |
| Elizabeth Drozda | Sarah Pedersen |
| Eric Shen | Sarah Roberts |
| Evelyn Adams | Sharon Howard |
| Herta Kurp | Shirley Hoh |
| Jack Hartt | Steve Johnson |
| Jan Hersey | Steve Purcer |
| Jan Weedman | Taft Perry |
| Jon Ranney | Terry Slotemaker |
| Josh Smith | Tom King |
| Julia Frisbie | Tom Strawman |
| Karen Harris | Tony Idczak |

If you would like to help with any of our activities or projects, or if you have other ideas you would like to see take place, let us know! We welcome you with open arms.



Fix-It Day Volunteers:

- Bud Anderson
- Larry Collinge
- Bruce Hall
- Barb Horton
- Carl Elliott
- Tony Idczak
- Eric Shen

Total Hours: 128



Bird Survey Volunteers:

- Robbie Hutton
- Evelyn Adams
- Neil O'Hara
- Jack Hartt
- Kath Goldhartt

Total Hours: 102

Total species: 62

Presentations in 2022

January 25 2022:

Finding the Future in the Past: Pyrogenic Carbon and Plant Resiliency in a Changing Climate

Pyrogenic carbon, also known as ‘biochar,’ has received significant attention recently for its role in sequestering carbon and increasing soil resilience in agricultural and forest soils. This talk covered the role of biochar historically in forest and prairie ecosystems as a byproduct of regular fire return intervals, and charcoal’s potential to serve as a long-term soil amendment to store carbon, nutrients, and water in our soils as we transition into a changing climate.

Presenter:

Kai Hoffman-Krull, Forest Health Manager,
San Juan Islands Conservation District

[Meeting Recording](#)



April 26, 2022:

COB Building

Miguel Elliot presented his program on Cob Building. Miguel builds unique low-cost housing using natural materials.

<https://www.livingearthstructures.com/2020/10>

July 26, 2022:

What is Transition US?

Jessica Alvarez-Parfrey, Executive Director for Transition US, shared a program on our parent organization Transition US, its history, goals, and challenges for this coming year. Having worked on food, housing, community health and wellness, and other issues; Jess is a life-long learner of all things that would allow us to re-imagine our relationship to the earth and to one another. Sorry, no presentation link.

October 25, 2022:

Climate Resilience Roadmap

How to assist cities in becoming sustainable, such as working with the Bellingham climate task force. Can we make a road map for Anacortes?

Presenter:

David Roberts of
Peak Sustainability



[Here is a link to his presentation:](#)

[And here is a link to the meeting notes:](#)

Upcoming 2023 Presentations

January 31

Transition to a Clean Energy Future

Presented by Skagit Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) in partnership with Transition Fidalgo. Betty Carteret, co-lead of the Skagit CCL Chapter, will talk about why clean energy is so important to taking action on climate change. We'll discuss what we can do to reduce our dependence on oil and gas as we move to an all-electric future and how the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) can help us get there. Let's take advantage of a nationwide movement and work together to achieve these goals!

February 28

"The Supply Side of the Clean Energy Transition"

De-carbonizing our source of electrical power is a major challenge ahead of us in achieving greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The all-electric future will demand about three times the amount of electricity available today, transmitted by a smart grid system to make our clean energy future a reality. This talk will explore what will be needed to move from our current outdated electrical grid and power sources to a smart, distributed grid bringing us green power from an expected huge growth in solar and wind and possibly other non-carbon sources. Speakers to be announced.

March 28

"Electrify Everything in Our Homes"

The clean energy future will require that we all begin to transition our home power consumption to all-electric "machines". This talk will look at how we are already moving to all-electric new home construction and over time will replace fossil fuel-based heating, cooking, and other home systems with new all-electric systems in existing homes. We'll look at how the

Inflation Reduction Act can help us transition to an all-electric home. Speakers to be announced

April 25

"Electrify Everything We Drive or Ride In"

Sales of electric vehicles are skyrocketing speeding our transition to decarbonized transportation. This presentation will look at what you might want to know about making the shift to an all-electric vehicle. We'll discuss the state of technology, current costs, charging your vehicle at home or on the road, how to plan a trip, and what the Inflation Reduction Act offers to help you make the transition. Speakers to be announced.

May 30

Panel Discussion -

"Smoothing the Road for the Transition"

The clean energy future will require us to work together as communities with all levels of government to smooth the way for a rapid transition to an efficient green electric supply grid and all-electric homes and transportation. Part of the challenge is modernizing the rules and regulations that ensure safety and proper design are updated to this new movement. Many of the governmental regulations for power production and transmission were put in place many decades ago and do not reflect the needs of today. We will invite a panel of representatives from local, county and state organizations to join us to discuss this topic. Panel members to be announced.

[More programs will be scheduled for July 25 and October 24 \(not the 31st\)](#)

Scholarships

Transition Fidalgo will offer another \$2,000 in Scholarships in June 2023 to deserving local graduating students. This will be our seventh year of being able to support local students that have demonstrated environmental awareness.

The award goes to students that have been active in a leadership role working with fellow students to promote programs that emphasize sustainability. Unfortunately, we did not award scholarships in 2022, partially due to Covid restrictions that did not allow in-person interviews. This year, however, if we cannot conduct interviews in person, we intend to conduct Zoom interviews with the applicants and award our scholarships.

All scholarship money comes from donations **specifically designated** for these scholarships. Applications are available on our website at <https://www.transitionfidalgo.org/grants>



We are hiring!

Transition Fidalgo is excited to announce that we will be hiring a Program Coordinator in early 2023.

This will be a contract person, working half-time in a consulting role. This person will offer various services to improve our community programs, community outreach, our local political impact, and the overall community involvement.

Please refer to our web page for details and updates as we move forward. Go to:

<https://www.transitionfidalgo.org/hiring>

Deadline for applications:

Position will be open until filled; the first review of applications will be February 6, 2023.

Job Title:

Program Coordinator - Half-time contract position with room for growth

Reports to:

President of the Transition Fidalgo Board of Directors

Compensation:

\$25 - \$30/hr for approximately 15 - 20 hours/week for 50 weeks/year

Summary of Duties:

Responsible for supporting the Board of Directors and volunteer activities to successfully carry out the TF organizational mission. Leadership in planning, service delivery, oversight, evaluation, developing fundraising strategies (including grant writing), data tracking, marketing, volunteer training, and project supervision while facilitating communication internally and externally is expected.



Treasurer's Report

Heading into 2022 we expected – and actually planned – for TF to operate at a deficit as we pursued projects for which we had adequate reserves but which would exceed anticipated donations and contributions from our members.

As it turned out, even in a not-so-great economic year, we did better than expected, with a positive net income of just over \$7K.

This was in part because we were able to contain spending, with expenses for the year kept to just 81 percent of what was budgeted.

The other big factor was that our revenues exceeded our forecast by 65 percent (more

than \$10K) due to targeted donations in support of the Forest Monitoring and School Garden programs, as well as contributions supporting the hiring of a program coordinator.

The net result is a strong financial position entering 2023 to further the many ongoing projects we plan to continue, as well as broadening our reach of activities to strengthen our community and carry out our organizational mission.

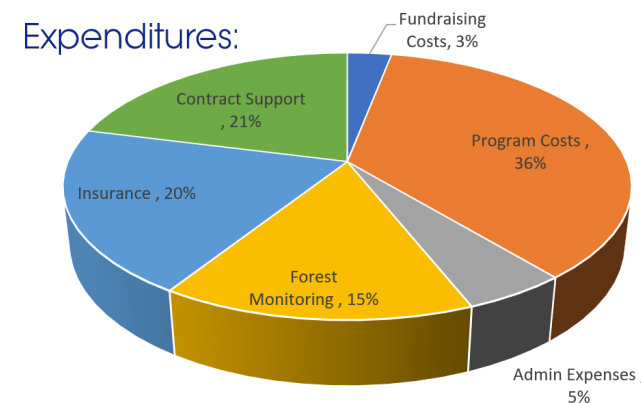
Thank you very much for your continued financial support! We so appreciate your help.

Total Revenues for 2022: \$26,380

General Contributions	\$ 6,509	25%
Targeted Contributions:	\$19,771	75%
• Forest Monitoring (City of Anacortes)	\$ 3,000	12%
• School Gardens (Schools Foundation & Rotary)	\$ 3,489	13%
• Program Coordinator (various donors)	\$12,500	47%
• Fix-It-Days (various donors)	\$ 875	3%

Total Expenses for 2022: \$18,900

• Fundraising Costs	\$ 475	3%
• Program Costs	\$6,791	36%
• Admin Expenses	\$ 934	5%
• Forest Monitoring	\$2,818	15%
• Insurance	\$3,800	20%
• Contract Support	\$4,082	21%



Your gifts make it all possible!

All of the work that we have done has been possible only because of your generosity in supporting Transition Fidalgo with your finances and your volunteer efforts on each of these projects.

We are grateful that you help make our community healthier and more sustainable as we witness the ever-growing crises of climate change.



Andrea Doll
 Anne and Jack Middleton
 Anne Stapleton
 Anonymous
 Barbara Cooper
 Becky Vavrosky
 Betty Carteret
 Betty Kuehn
 Brenda Lavender
 Bruce Mcdougall
 Carolyn Moulton
 Clay Wilcox
 Connie and Robert Snell
 Dave and Mary Picht
 Debra Strathman
 Dennis Parent
 Eileen Templin
 Eric Shen
 Erica Pickett
 Eugene and Barbara Kiver
 Evelyn Adams
 Glenda Alm and Dick Kent
 Heather Burke
 Jack Hartt
 Jan Hersey
 Jan Weedman
 Janet Moore
 Jennifer and William Woyski
 Joan Tezak
 Joanna and Tony Idczak

Julia Pederson
 Karen King
 Kari Bishay
 Katherine Goldhartt
 Kathryn Alexandra
 Keith Magee
 Kevin Maas
 Kris and Mike Lytton
 Kristi Hein
 Libby Mills
 Marcia Hunt
 Margaret Studer
 Maribeth Crandell
 Mark and Teru Lundsten
 Maureen Scheetz
 Michelle Marquardt
 Mick Cowles and Patty Munday
 Pat Jackson and Michael Cooke
 Paul & Rene Vance
 Paul and Kimberly Thorne
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Thank you for making a difference on Fidalgo Island!

Two Board Member Icons Retire

At the end of 2022, the Transition Fidalgo board said goodbye to two long time Board members, Eric Shen and Heather Burke.

Both Eric and Heather retired from Board service last month. Eric wanted to focus more of his time and energy on coordinating the ACFL Forest Monitoring project for Transition Fidalgo; Heather is experiencing some personal issues that will require her undivided attention.

Heather Burke

Heather Burke has been a valued member of the Transition Fidalgo Board for the many years.

Heather's focus was predominantly centered on her drive to promote healthy food and a healthy lifestyle for everyone. She was determined that our community should eat all-natural products and eliminate any consumption of GMO products.

Her care extended to the natural world, where she gardened, using only organic materials -- no hazardous pesticides. The gardens at her home were the talk of the neighborhood with lively flowers, decorative plants, and outdoor spaces to rest and enjoy nature.

She has always been a positive Board member, and shared thoughtful and valued opinions on many issues.

The entire Board will miss Heather's natural smile and feisty yet positive personality.



Eric Shen

Eric has been a Transition Fidalgo member for the 16 years that our organization has existed. He was one of the original members when Evelyn Adams founded "Beat The Heat" in 2006. This group morphed into Transition Fidalgo and Eric was a vital member throughout the years.

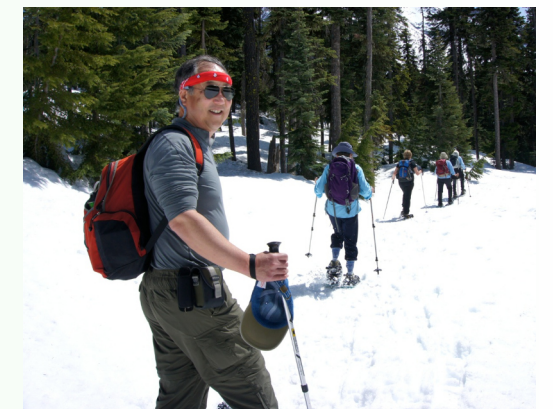
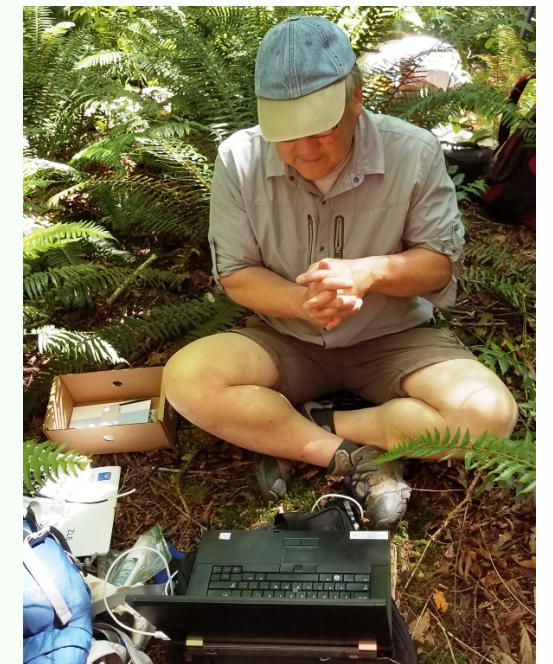
After a stellar career in engineering science, Eric's technical expertise was continuously on display as he provided knowledgeable, systematic, and astute leadership while serving on the Board. Eric was one of the first Board members to highlight the crucial data point of the rising CO2 concentration in the atmosphere. He warned the Anacortes community that when the concentration of CO2 exceeds 400ppm, irreversible and serious damage to our climate and our environment will occur. Unfortunately, his prediction has come true.

Eric leaves a legacy of leadership. Eric represented Transition Fidalgo in many talks and discussions with the City of Anacortes. He initiated a working partnership with the city Fire Department to help support volunteer community response for natural disasters. He founded the Forest Monitoring Project and has supported this project endlessly.

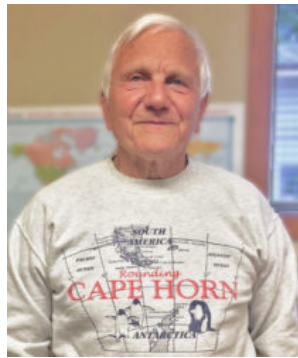
Eric and Kevin Maas developed five local and privately-funded community solar projects. The State of Washington helped sponsor 72 community solar projects. Five of those were these local projects developed by Eric and Kevin, including the Anacortes Middle School and the Anacortes Library. They did the engineering analysis and developed the business plan. All of these projects were a financial success, and all the investors saw solid returns on their investment. These facilities now enjoy the free solar power.

Eric founded "Fix-It-Days" 11 years ago. This program at the Farmers Market benefits the community because the repair of goods is much more environmentally friendly than discarding items and purchasing new.

Eric will stay on as a valued member of Transition Fidalgo and will continue to oversee the ACFL monitoring project.



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What Can You Do? Help!

Become a board member?

With the departure of long-time board members Eric Shen and Heather Burke, Transition Fidalgo currently has two vacancies on our board.

Would you consider lending **your** voice and heart to these great projects and positive directions?

We want to strengthen our community and help heal the planet. Do you have similar goals?

Board members gather once a month, currently via Zoom, to discuss ongoing projects and find the inspiration for new directions. We work with our volunteer members to support the projects and make them successful.

Your energy, interest, and ideas would be most welcome.

You know the need is great. One at a time, one project and action at a time, we work together to meet the needs right here, in our community, in our time.

Give it some thought.

Make a difference.



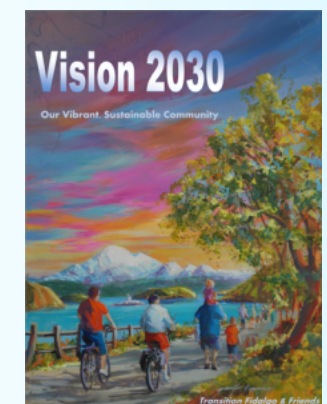
- Become a Transition member.
- **Lend your voice as a Board member**
- Subscribe to our monthly newsletters.
- Become informed.
- Read the monthly *Pathfinder*.
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