

Annual Report 2019

Our Changing Climate,
Our Changing Island –
Meeting the Challenges

President's Message

Scientists are not just ringing the alarm bells, they are hammering away on the bells with sledgehammers.

Eleven thousand scientists in 153 countries have declared a climate emergency and have warned that we need to make huge shifts in the way we are living---and do it quickly.

Locally, Transition Fidalgo & Friends (TF&F) continues to work on decreasing our fossil fuel dependence and increasing our resilience in the face of the challenges of climate change. We are working to tell the truth at our monthly presentations that cover local issues, in our newsletter, *The Pathfinder*, and in our guiding document, *Vision 2030*.

TF&F is part of an expanding international movement, Transition Initiatives. Over the past 13 years our organization has initiated many projects and programs, including these:

- Anacortes community gardens
- Energy conservation workshops
- Community solar arrays
- Tours of local sustainable programs/projects
- Fidalgo and Guemes gleaning project (FIGG)
- Fix-It Days
- Scholarships for youth

- Newsletters such as *The Pathfinder* and *Coming Up*
- Fidalgo Forest Stewards—a forest monitoring program for the ACFL
- Monthly Gatherings on the last Tuesday of each month (except December)
- Skill-share workshops, and so much more!



Marisol and Azuul

You can find more information about these projects, programs, newsletters, *Vision 2030* and a link on our website to the 5-page report signed by 11,000 scientists including co-author TF&F Board member Phoebe Barnard (see article on page 6).

Why am I involved in these efforts? My gardening, my interest in native plants and wildlife and my previous involvement in Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat started me thinking --“Why foster native plants and wildlife if the world is threatened because of climate change?”

So I started going to Skagit Beat the Heat (SBH) meetings. SBH transformed into Transition Fidalgo & Friends.

Other important reasons why I am active in TF&F are Marisol and Azuul, my two 10 and 8 year old grandchildren. I want them to live in a world with a stable climate. There are enough unstable factors in the world without climate becoming more and more threatening.

At times I say to myself (and even out loud at times), “I need to do more. TF&F needs to do more.” Other board members remind me, “No, it’s not just you or even the board that needs to do more. It’s the whole community that needs to step up to the challenge.”

We all need to use our imagination, our creativity and our perseverance to move forward with a positive vision of what we want to do and be. What kind of world do we want to help build?

Transition Fidalgo is here to help that vision happen.

The alarm is sounding. The time is urgent. We all have to do our part.

Richard Bergner

Board President

Our Cedar Trees are Dying . . .

By Jack Hartt

Like you, Transition Fidalgo & Friends feels an affinity with the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL). But now we see the forests changing: cedar trees and other species are dying, in numbers far beyond what we attribute to normal life and death in a Pacific Northwest forest. With the forests struggling with health issues the past few years, our care and interest has turned into a desire to see if we can make a difference.



During the 2018 FutureFest hosted by Transition Fidalgo & Friends, several people shared the concept of a forest monitoring program run by citizen science volunteers. Over 50 of our neighbors expressed an interest in being a part of the program.

We developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Anacortes to make sure the concept was acceptable and beneficial to our city leaders. Then we developed a team of advisors, made up of a cross section of forest scientists, other science specialists, local land managers including those of the Anacortes Parks Department and the Friends of the Forest, and TF&F board members.

The advisory group developed a set of protocols to guide the science projects, and also an organization to the program to make sure it was relevant and successful. Then in April they hired me to be a volunteer coordinator of the program, to see if we could tap into the interest expressed by so many local residents.

Our goals were simple:

- to get to know our forest better
- to document current conditions and track how the forest is responding and changing;
- to make that data available to researchers and land managers, to learn how forests respond and how we might help them adapt.

One unwritten goal was that whatever we do, we do it well, according to scientific principles of accuracy and objectivity. That means not taking on too many projects to begin, to do quality work in all that we do, and to make sure that whatever we do is repeatable and sustainable as an ongoing assessment into the next several decades.

I wondered if people would still be interested. They were! Several dozen people showed up for an organizational meeting this spring.

Forest Plot Studies

A short time later, over 25 of us hiked into the ACFL with UW Forest Science Professor David Peterson, Padilla Bay scientist Roger Fuller, and then-ACFL Ranger Dave Oicles to learn the basics of conducting scientific plot studies in a forest setting. For the next couple of months we studied twelve different random plots in two distinctly different habitats in the ACFL.



Under the watchful eye of UW Forester David Peterson, Taft Perry measures a tree in the ACFL.

Burn Area Photo Points

But that wasn't all. The ACFL had suffered a significant fire in the Little Cranberry area in 2016. How was this changing the forest there? We don't know. We decided to document the burn area with photos. With the help of Dave Oicles, we

established eight different photo points to take pictures of the burn area and its edges, one picture each quarter in four different directions. Jon Ranney took the lead in organizing this phase of the studies.



The program was given an initial grant by Transition Fidalgo & Friends to acquire equipment and support me as I organized the various projects. The Anacortes Parks

Department contributed equipment funds as well. We hope the program will attract enough interest to be supported by donations in the future.

And we want to do far more this coming year! We have volunteers ready to keep these studies going, and to also take on a couple other critical tasks, if we can get the resources to do it.

Fidalgo Climate Data

Jon also took on the monumental task of gathering precipitation and temperature data in the Fidalgo area from the past century and more, on a daily basis where possible, which amazingly was possible for most of that time span! He has crunched those numbers to give us fascinating insights into how our climate has changed over the decades.

Trailside Cedar Tree Monitoring:

Yes, there is more, thanks to the interest of so many of our neighbors. We took on the task of selecting a diverse cross-section of trail segments to look at each cedar tree within 5 meters of the trail, and analyzing the health of these trees with subjective evaluations of their density and height. From this data, which will be collected once every season, we can begin to see how individual cedar trees are doing. We check up on them on this regular basis and track the changing health as it happens.

Over forty people contributed a total of over 250 hours of volunteer service so far this year. The volunteers are called the Fidalgo Forest Stewards.



We gathered baseline numbers this year that can now be applied to future studies to see the changes in black and white as well as green and orange.

Soil Moisture Studies?

We are hoping to purchase soil moisture measuring devices so we can see what the tree roots are seeing: is there water in the root zone, how much, and for how long into the summer? We need equipment to do this, which means \$1000 more to fund this specific task.

We also want to do a more laid-back hydrological study of our ponds and wetlands, measuring the height of these bodies of water as it changes through the year.

Phenology?

And we want to take on a study of the time that plants 'do their thing': budding, leafing, flowering, going to seed, and dropping leaves. This is called phenology, and is critical to document so we see how their timing may or may not be changing in a changing climate.

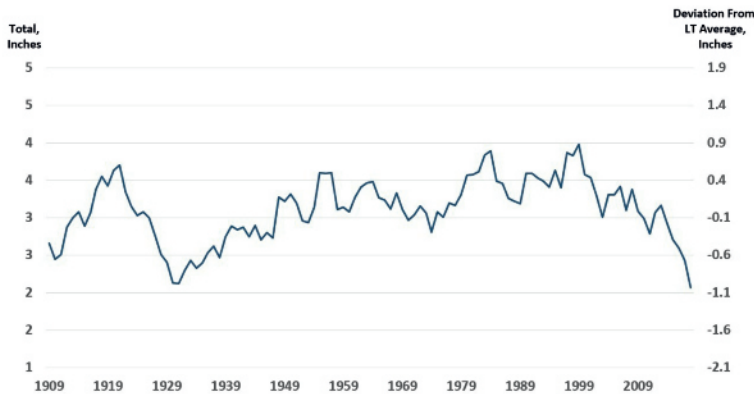
We have a treasure right in our backyard. Our goal is to protect this treasure, to learn what we can do to sustain its health, and document where we are today so that future generations can see how it was in our day. Come join us if you are interested. It only takes a few hours a year. Some of the projects are just once a year. Some are quarterly. Some will be ongoing, busier at times with lots of down time too. Let me know if you have an interest!

I am honored to be able to be a part of these valuable efforts.

The FFS logo was created by Laurie Racicot.

Sample Statistics from Forest Monitoring

Anacortes Summer Rainfall (June – August), Ten Year Moving Average



Above: Averaged out over the past century, look how our Anacortes summer rainfall is changing since the year 2000.

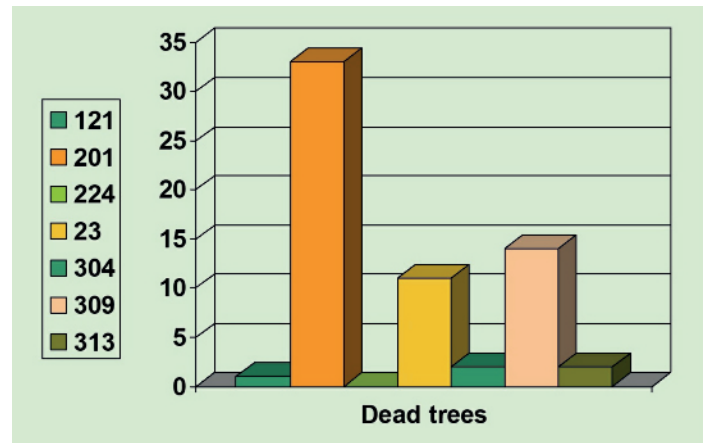
Anacortes Annual Average Temperature, Ten Year Moving Average



Above: And see what the temperatures have been doing ever since the 1970s here in Anacortes.

Trail 304	Trees/ha	Percent live	Mean diameter (cm)	Mean height (m)	Crown density(%)		
					H	M	L
Western redcedar	299	100	13.3	7.6	86	14	0
Bigleaf maple	258	90	29.7	20.9	65	29	5
Douglas-fir	121	90	57.2	32.1	50	42	8
Grand fir	121	86	16.9	12	32	56	12
Western hemlock	58	81	21.4	14	50	30	20

Above: Basic data from our plot studies on trail 304 in the ACFL. The percent live is typical of a northwest forest.



Above: Statistics from seven of the trails in the ACFL (listed on the left) showing the number of dead cedars out of 100 trees surveyed. Some trails are doing fine; some are not.

Trail 201	Trees/ha	Percent live	Mean diameter (cm)	Mean height (m)	Crown density (%)		
					H	M	L
Douglas-fir	350	83	46.6	27.6	47	34	19
Western redcedar	317	77	25.2	13.3	58	25	18
Western hemlock	92	61	17.6	12.2	31	23	46

Left: Basic data from our plot studies on trail 201 in the ACFL. Notice the difference in percent live from trail 304; note other differences as well.



Our special thanks to the City of Anacortes for partnering with Transition Fidalgo & Friends in sponsoring the *Anacortes Community Forest Lands Forest Monitoring Project*. From special funds created through a previous partnership between the city and TF&F, the Anacortes City Parks Department contributed to the acquisition of our initial equipment outlay for the project.

Thank you Jonn Lunsford, Parks Department Director, and the City of Anacortes for your vision in encouraging this study and for your contributions from those funds to make these and future studies possible.

International Attention Focused on Your TF&F!

International Climate Science Paper Co-Authored by Board Member

TF&F Board member Phoebe Barnard touches our entire world with her work. Modest and polite in person, nevertheless she is a major force in the international scientific effort to build a sustainable world economy. Check out this lead story on CNN:



TF&F Board member Phoebe Barnard in South Africa

(CNN) How many scientists does it take to convince the world to take climate change seriously?

More than 11,000 researchers from around the world on Tuesday, November 5, issued a grim warning of the "untold suffering" that will be caused by climate change if humanity doesn't change its ways.

The group said that as scientists, they have the "moral obligation to tell it like it is."

Phoebe Barnard, one of the lead authors of the report and the chief science and policy officer at the Conservation Biology Institute, a nonprofit science group, told CNN the report makes it clear "there's no more wiggle room" for policymakers.

"Posterity will remember them badly for dismissing climate change as a serious threat to our civilization," she said.

"It's been quite the week," she shared with us, "giving interviews to the BBC, CNN, Le Monde, New Statesman, and multiple congresspeople. We are using the paper to accelerate action and cohesion between organizations around the issue."

The full CNN article can be found here:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/05/world/climate-emergency-scientists-warning-intl-trnd/index.html>

The article contains a direct link to the document itself. It's only about five pages long, but each paragraph is powerful and pointed.

Transition US Features TF&F

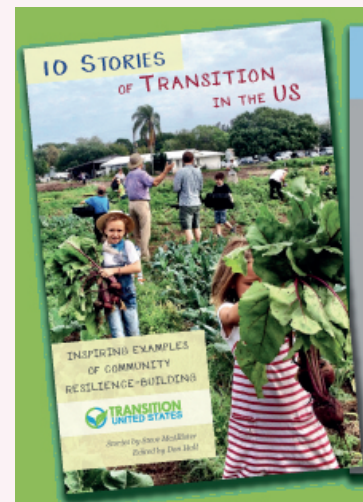
TF&F was featured in the new Transition US book - **"10 Stories of Transition in the U.S."**

The article talks about many of the activities and achievements of Transition Fidalgo & Friends over the past few years, including FutureFest, Vision 2030, Skills Sharing workshops, and more.

In the spring of 2013, Transition Fidalgo & Friends began an endeavor to lay out a clear vision for our community's future. Starting at one of our monthly Seventh Generation Suppers, we encouraged participants to freely imagine the best possible future for our community in the year 2030 in light of potential energy constraints and increasing impacts from climate change.

"Our members had been involved with projects that covered a wide range of interests that were deemed to fit our mission and goals (which are quite broad)," recalls Eric Shen. "But we had not yet spent the time to collectively think about what we wanted to see for the future of our community. That need was what launched the Vision 2030 project."

You can find the link to the book here: <https://www.transitionus.org/stories/10-stories-transition-us-transition-fidalgo-friends%E2%80%99-vision-2030>



The Pathfinder

Walking Together through Turbulent Times

TF&F's monthly newsletter began as *The Catalyst* in 2013. It became **The Pathfinder** in November 2018, following the IPCC's "Special Report on 1.5C Warming" that set off sirens around the world. The report laid out just how perilous the climate situation is, warning that humanity must change course at a speed and a scale that has "no documented historic precedent."

The Pathfinder includes a monthly rundown of the latest climate developments and reports. It doesn't soft-pedal our situation, respecting our readers' ability to handle hard information. But it also gives equal weight to the good things that are rising up in response, as well as to how to face challenges that can easily feel overwhelming.

As climate breakdown upends the world we've known, **The Pathfinder** offers reflections and guidance from those learning to navigate a world of unimaginable loss. It explores questions we all need to ask ourselves in times such as these. Such as, what paths of service to the world should we now pursue? How do we hasten a paradigm shift from a worldview of supremacy and separation to one that fosters a caring co-existence with Earth? What role does imagination and vision play as the world tumbles around our ears? How do we care for ourselves and each other as things fall apart, and where do we find our hope, and our joy?

You can find back issues of **The Pathfinder** at <http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/learn/pathfinder/> and can also subscribe there to receive the newsletter. We invite you to join us on the journey of our time.

Call Waiting . . .

It was October 2018 when the IPCC issued its "Special report on 1.5C warming," in which normally unflappable climate scientists finally hit the panic button.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>

That was followed in May 2019 by a massive report on biodiversity that warned a million species might go extinct.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2019/05/nature-decline-unprecedented-report/>

In August we had the IPCC's special report on land and climate change, delivered against the backdrop of a world burning from the Arctic to the Amazon. September brought us the IPCC report on the devastating state of the oceans. <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/home/>

This month we have the "World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency." (See page 6)

This isn't 'business as usual' language. As Rich Bergner stated on page 2, this is "hammering away with a sledgehammer on the alarm bells."

The call to action is clear. Our response...?

2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

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Reflections

By Evelyn Adams
Excerpted from June 2019 Pathfinder

I recently picked up a book by the Dark Mountain Project and read something startling about Manzanar, a Japanese internment camp where 10,000 innocent people were brutally torn from their lives and imprisoned.

The passage I'd like to share with you doesn't hold the despair you might expect but instead sounds a grace note from among the shadows. At the prison camp, "Gardens appeared everywhere, springing up from the desert floor like mushrooms after rain. There were pleasure gardens, flowering trees, stone bridges, pools. There were ladies strolling with parasols, couples laughing on the grass, artists painting, poets writing, and students dancing in the high school gym. In an extraordinarily short period of time, and with virtually no resources other than their hands and hearts, inside a prison in the middle of a desert in the middle of a war, a people that had had everything



taken away created culture. They invited life to flower behind the barbed wire."

At the same time I happened upon this lovely image, I was also reading about Transition founder Rob Hopkins' insistence that what we desperately need in these perilous times is imagination, or what social reformer John Dewey calls the ability to "look at things as if they could be otherwise."

That's what seems to have happened at Manzanar: "I began thinking of the spirit of the person who had imagined this place.... Someone leant over and began

to gather stones, chose boulders from the desert, poured the pools, planted trees, brought water and made a simple place of peace, inside a prison in the middle of a war, not knowing what lay ahead."

Over 60 years later, we have a chilling knowledge of what lies ahead if we continue down a carbon-fueled path. But along with the need to resist those who would force us down that path, it's vital to show that a different way takes us to a world both enticing and attainable. We need to imagine a satisfying, even joyful, future in the context of the challenges bearing down on us and "invite life to flower", even in ground that's cracked and hard.

That's the goal, in a nutshell, of the Transition movement, where imagination summons us to linger in the world of why not. TF&F attempted to do just that with its FutureFest event and Vision 2030 document, and it's what Hopkins urges in these days when visions other than apocalyptic struggle to take hold: "Alongside the call to mobilize hundreds of thousands of people to get arrested... what if a similar call invited people to occupy empty shops on their High Street and reopen them as stores that model a low carbon future, and create spaces for conversation and connection? Or playful artistic events that bring together activists and artists to 'makeover' their place so people wake up to find themselves in the world we're talking about, the world where we made it? Acts, if you like, of non-violent anticipatory futures-building in very public places. As David Graeber wrote, 'it's one thing to say 'Another World is Possible'. It's another to experience it, however momentarily'."

Once more, then, to Manzanar, where prisoners imagined, and experienced, tastes of a world they yearned for. How those gardens, the art, the parasol strolls must have fed them. And all because "someone chose those stones and planted those trees in the midst of all that they wished was not occurring."

In the midst of all that we wish was not occurring today – the extinctions, the collapse of the natural world, massive social injustice, and so much more – may we hold on to what still could be and bravely, doggedly, place the stones and plant the trees.

Fix-It Days

By Eric Shen

Board Member

2019 concludes the eighth year for Fix It Days. Our repairmen overcame challenges ranging from broken lamps, damaged foot massagers, sawhorses that needed assembly, coffee grinders that needed care, and dead watch batteries. This year we also included clothes mending, which we hope to include next year too.

Our staff of experienced repairmen eagerly await the arrival of your broken items next year. Fix It Days is held on the last Saturday during the months of June, July, August, and September at the Anacortes Farmers Market.

We only ask that you make a donation you think fair for the repair, which is used to fund future Transition Fidalgo & Friends projects.



Financial Report-

By Eric Shen

Board Member/ Treasurer

Transition Fidalgo & Friends (TF&F) is finishing out the 2019 year in good financial shape.

Our largest single expense this year has been the development and successful launch of our forest monitoring project, where funds were expended for the purchase of equipment and funding of a volunteer coordinator.

Also, as TF&F continues to mature and tackles larger projects, the organization's expenses have grown. Together these two cost centers account for the funds used in 2019, that were covered by your donations and our revenue generating projects.

A third cost center is our scholarship grants to two high school students who demonstrated extraordinary dedication on projects helping

the environment. These grants were specifically and totally funded by a donation from the Anderson family.

Our annual operating capital comes from your generous donations and an annual payout from our participation in the Skagit Community Solar Projects, which provides about \$5000 annually through next year.

An upcoming challenge will occur at the end of 2020, when the Skagit Community Solar Projects conclude. Up until this date, TF&F has been informal in its appeal for your donations. However, in light of this loss of income, we hope you, our supporters, can help bridge the gap.

We have omitted the end of the year financial report to keep this annual report brief. If you would like to have a copy of our 2019 financial report, please contact us at: info@transitionfidalgo.org.

Gathering Ideas

By Phoebe Barnard
Board member

Your board is taking active steps to broaden the constituency of the Transition movement in our area, to bring more people, of different ages and backgrounds, to a sense of purpose and positivity in what often seem like challenging times.

The board is looking to expand the nature of our Gatherings to include many more

interactive, skills-transfer workshops and family-friendly community events.

We have also experimented with different forms of video recording and broadcasting of our events so that people unable or unwilling to travel in the evenings can enjoy the talks, either then or later.

The Anacortes Senior Activity Center's broadband has proven too erratic to enable consistent live-streaming of the event. However, many of the meetings are video recorded by one of our members, filmmaker John Bowey of Transmediavision USA, and his team of Jeff Bergner, Phoebe Barnard, Julia Simmons and Kevin Riley. They are then

added to the TF&F website as a valuable resource.

We are also using social media to embrace members of the broader Anacortes, Skagit, Guemes, Whidbey and San Juan communities with news, ideas, encouragement, and invitations to our events.



Our 2019 Monthly Gathering Presentations:

January: Earth's Bipolar Disorder,
by Dr. Bob Bindschadler

February: Ocean Acidification,
by Dr. Brooke Love

March: Marine Plastic Debris,
by Hillary Burgess

April: Paris to Pittsburgh movie

May: The Truffle, the Millipede, and the Moth, by Roger Fuller

June: Net Zero Housing,
by Kevin Maas

July: Mini-Houses in Anacortes,
by Bud Anderson

August: Climate change and soils,
by Gabe and Dierdre LaHue

September: Climate change and forest fires,
by David Peterson

October: Disaster Preparedness,
by Dennis Clark

November: Is It Worth the Carbon?
by Eric Shen



Dierdre Griffin LaHue, speaking to our Monthly Gathering about "Climate Change and Soils."

Anacortes Community Gardens

By Sylvia Cooper

2019 was another great year for the community gardens here in Anacortes. A Big



“Thank You” to the gardeners, scouts, Brownies, and many beyond the garden; this year’s food bank plot at the 29th street garden produced over 570 pounds of vegetables that went to the Family Shelter, Anacortes 100 and the Salvation Army. The school gardens as well produced food that was shared with students, teachers and families.

What is coming up in 2020? We will be coordinating with the Anacortes Middle School garden in growing specific vegetables to quantify and help with school projects, that in turn will help the Anacortes Family Shelter.

If you would like more information on the Anacortes Community Gardens please contact sylviac@cityofanacortes.org

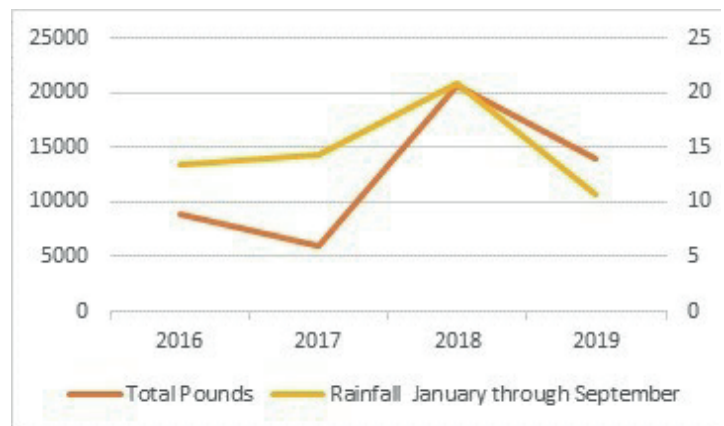
FIDALGO ISLAND & GUEMES GLEANERS (FIGG)

By Sylvia Cooper

FIGG is a group that schedules gleans with homeowners to harvest fruit from their trees to distribute to groups and members of our community. The goal is to use this fruit that may otherwise fall on the ground and not be used.

This year marks the 4th gleaning year for this program. Volunteers play a pivotal part in this program and can help in many ways, such as picking fruit, delivering to the Anacortes Senior Center, the Anacortes Family Shelter, food banks, and schools, and maintaining the community stand.

Each year’s results will vary with many factors to consider: pollination in the spring, freezing times in the spring, rainfall through the season, and warmth in the summer. Some trees will produce heavily one year and not so much another year. The chart in the next column reflects rainfall and pounds distributed in each year so far.



What is new for 2020? Homeowners have asked and we are listening – we are expanding our services by providing a demonstration on thinning fruit in the spring once the fruit is set.

For more information on the FIGG Gleaning Program please write to fidalgoislandgleaners@gmail.com.

Whether you are a home owner, volunteer, or distribution point, we want to hear from you. Another Big “Thank you” to all the homeowners and volunteers who contributed these last four years.

Two Scholarships Awarded!

For the last five years, TF&F has awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a qualifying Anacortes High School senior.

Thanks to a generous and specific donation, we were able to award TWO scholarships to graduating Anacortes High School seniors this year! Both recipients clearly demonstrated that they value our planet and show leadership in reaching solutions to climate crisis issues.

Saville Feist was awarded a \$1000 scholarship for her continuing education at Portland State University. Her documented successes with the Honor Society, the Green Club, and in athletics were exemplary. Her personal essay was outstanding. We are proud to acknowledge her past achievements and wish her the best future possible.

Allison Schuh was awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship for her continuing education at the University of Utah. Her documented extra-curricular activities, volunteer activities and leadership in the Green Club and more were also exemplary. Her personal essay was also outstanding. We are proud to acknowledge her past successes and wish her the best future possible.

Money to provide these grants came from a special donation by the **Bud and Jackie Anderson family** of Anacortes, designated specifically for providing scholarships to deserving Anacortes High School graduating seniors.



Above: Saville Feist being congratulated by TF&F President Rich Bergner.



Above: Allison Schuh is congratulated by TF&F President Rich Bergner.

Anacortes High School Green Club

Transition Fidalgo & Friends actively supports and works with Grace Hill, the president of the Anacortes High School Green Club. Transition will again provide volunteers for the AHS sponsored all-city trash pick up day. Additionally, we have offered up to \$1,000 to support environmental projects at AHS.

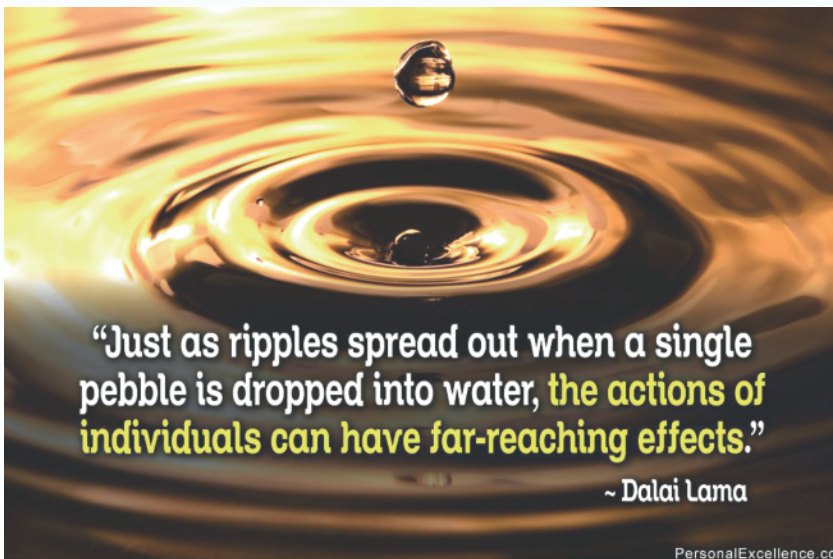
Who We Are



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Heather Burke, Rich Bergner, Bud Anderson, Eric Shen, Sequoia Ferrel

Transition Fidalgo & Friends is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Our mission statement:
to raise awareness of and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change, energy uncertainty, and economic instability. Transition Fidalgo & Friends promotes a move away from fossil fuels through decreasing demand, increasing efficiency, supporting renewable energy, and fostering the local production of food, energy, and goods.



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This Annual Report has been compiled and designed by Jack Hartt, with lots of help.



Your support is needed!

We've worked hard in Anacortes for 13 years, doing a lot with little to put our community on a sustainable path. We can't stop now, there's so much more to do. Thanks so much for helping with a donation. You can mail a check or go to this web address to give electronically:

www.TransitionFidalgo.org and click on the **donate** button.

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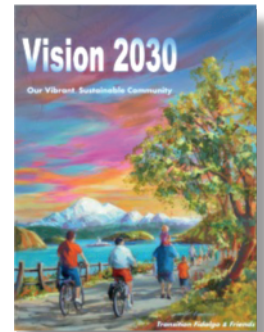
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Further Resources:

(These are available on our website for download.)

Vision 2030

At a meeting hosted by Transition Fidalgo & Friends, Fidalgo islanders from young adults to grandparents came together to visualize a community of the future that thrives despite the challenges of climate, energy, and economic upheaval. This document is a blueprint for change and a vision of Anacortes that we can make happen – together.



Living Well, Living Green

Living Well, Living Green in Skagit and Whatcom Counties – Wise Choices for a Warming World



The Pathfinder

(a monthly e-newsletter)

The Pathfinder explores “how to live with uncertainty and how to strengthen ourselves to act in ways that serve a suffering Earth.” Excellent reading.

You Can Help

Get informed: Study the resources above, and read the reports being released by the IPCC and other scientific studies. Visit our website and click on the LEARN tab.

Get involved: Join us at our monthly presentation gatherings; Sign up on our mailing list to receive updates of meetings, news, and local events.

Give time: Participate in local activities around Fidalgo. Help with the forest monitoring, with Fix-It Days, with gleanings, with gardens — or start a new endeavor!

Give financially: Help support TF&F as we sponsor local studies, food sharing efforts, educational activities, and everything else you see outlined in these pages. Become a member! Our website has a Donate button for your convenience.

Live low-carbon: We have twelve years to avoid drastic changes to our economy and culture. Each of us makes a difference.

- o Ask us how you can make your home energy efficient and reduce your carbon footprint
- o Buy only what you need
- o Reduce, reuse, repair, recycle (vs Buy)
- o Be food efficient- don't waste food
- o Bring your own bag for shopping
- o Walk, ride your bike, take the transit
- o Get more great ideas from *Living Well, Living Green!* (See our website)

Download or sign up for the resources listed above by going to our website:

www.TransitionFidalgo.org/learn