



# 2021 Annual Report



*Transition Off Fossil Fuels!*

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## Vision:

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

## 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.

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On the cover:

*A foggy, steamy sunrise over an Anacortes refinery, August 2021.*

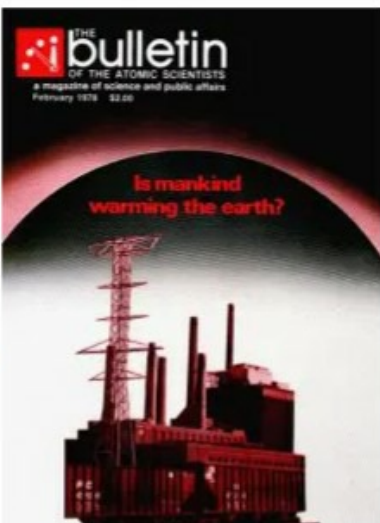
photo by Jack Hartt

# President's Message

First of all, I would like to thank our Past President, Rich Bergner, for handing over the "keys to Transition Fidalgo & Friends" to me in January 2021. TF&F is a well-established and effective local focal point to promote and implement sustainable environmental solutions for our community.

Additionally, the TF&F Board of Directors has been and continues to be a large and diverse group of local citizens who tirelessly work to promote visionary concepts of sustainability and minimizing the use of fossil fuels.

My first awareness of the issue of Climate Change occurred when I read an article in The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists in February 1978.



The picture on the cover of that monthly magazine was titled: "Is Mankind Warming the Earth?" The author, William Kellogg, was a meteorologist and senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. The featured article presented the science of climate and climate change and traced the impact of man on the earth.

Dr. Kellogg graphed the levels of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere starting in 1860. At that time, carbon dioxide was 285 ppm. The graph shows a steady climb in CO<sub>2</sub> until about 1950 when the level is 300 ppm. Unfortunately, after 1950 the CO<sub>2</sub> level starts to climb at an alarming rate and the article predicted surpassing 400 ppm early in the next century – this, of course, actually happened a few years ago. Continuing on this trajectory has proven to be an ecological disaster.

In the article Dr. Kellogg issued his warnings and promoted action to mitigate this scenario. One quotation from the article:

**"If the Arctic Ocean became free of ice, would it be likely to remain ice-free indefinitely? If the answer is "yes", then eliminating the Arctic ice pack would constitute a change as near to an irreversible one as we can think of."**

Few citizens heeded these early warnings of climate change impacts; however, almost everyone now is directly impacted and can see first-hand the devastation. The Arctic ice is melting, glaciers are retreating, sea levels are rising, storms are becoming massively stronger from a historical perspective, and fires are a major risk. The life and health of all animals and mankind is now in danger.

My last quote from Dr Kellogg:

**"Since the climate change is being caused by mankind, we could avert it if the nations of the world perceived it as 'unacceptable' and did not wish to gamble on the outcome."**

Fortunately, the world is becoming aware of the risk of climate change and most countries are beginning to develop innovative solutions. Our board, members and volunteers share in this report some wonderful projects taking Fidalgo Island into a more sustainable mindset.

The Board of Transition Fidalgo & Friends will continue to provide local support from the "grass roots" level to assist in providing long term solutions to these issues. As President, I am honored to have the "keys to Transition Fidalgo & Friends."

*Bud Anderson*

Transition Fidalgo Board President, 2021/2022

A similar article by William Kellogg can be found at this link:

<https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/BF00140251.pdf>

# AMS Students Grow Food

By Warren Carr and Laurie Sherman

Students at our middle school are learning how to care for a garden, and grow food for our community!

In late February of 2021 a group of Transition Fidalgo & Friends volunteers gathered at Gaia Rising Farm on Guemes Island. Our goal was to start 1400 spring vegetable plants to give away at the April Farmer's Market. It was great fun! Together we mixed soil and organic amendments and created soil blocks to plant the heirloom (open pollinated) seeds without the use of plastic pots or trays.

At the market event the enthusiastic recipients of the starts were encouraged to try growing some of their own food. Although the majority of starts found a home, we had about 400 kale, spinach and mesclun plants remaining, which we donated to the Anacortes Middle School (AMS) Garden-To-Kitchen (G-T-K) Program.



## The Students **Plant** the Garden!

In mid-April our group of volunteers worked with the kids to plant the starts and rejuvenate the garden, which had languished during the months in which remote learning kept them away. Our volunteers continued working in the garden through the summer so the returning students would have more to return to than just pulling weeds. It was fun for all, and a huge success!

The kids developed lifelong skills for growing healthy and delicious produce. The students are also learning about generosity and community giving as we distributed excess produce to Transition Fidalgo & Friend's "Share-the-Bounty" food stands, providing free food from June to October to those who need it.

## A **Greenhouse** Would Help

Jody Dylan, the AMS G-T-K teacher, who also instructs Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM), sees the benefit a greenhouse structure would provide for both educational and production purposes. She and AMS principal Patrick Harrington understand the value of the kids participating in the entire food cycle, from early season germination to the preparation of healthy and delicious meals.





Transition Fidalgo & Friends, with our community of volunteers, is committed to helping AMS acquire or build a greenhouse for production and learning opportunities. We want the greenhouse to get underway early in 2022 so that a functioning greenhouse will be available in time for fall instruction.

We will also continue our volunteer support in the school garden, and in the classroom when it becomes possible once again, to help with this important program.

Our thanks to Ace Hardware for donating many items, including a way to set up potato cages.

**If you would like to become a volunteer for either the greenhouse project or in the school garden, or donate toward this project, let us know!**

**Thank you!**



# Gatherings Presentations - 2021

Because of pandemic concerns, our "Gatherings" in 2021 were all held remotely.

January 26, 2021

## What's Going on in the Forest?

TF&F member Jane Billinghamurst shared about some of the unexpected delights to look out for on your next hike and explain a few of the latest scientific discoveries concerning the secret life of trees.



March 30, 2021

## Eating Locally and Seasonally

Based on his fifty years of experience on the S&S Homestead on Lopez Island, Henning Sehmsdorf shared how he and his wife, Elizabeth Simpson, grow, eat, and share sustainable food.

June 29, 2021

## Magnificent Mycelium:

*A deeper look into the symbiotic relationship between Plants and Fungi*

Fungi and plants have been allies for millions of years! Taylor Fairbrother taught about the fascinating relationship between these organisms, and how to harness this ancient symbiosis to enrich green landscapes at any scale. She discussed the use of mycorrhizal fungi, gardening with edible mushrooms, and how fungal sugars may benefit bees.

September 28, 2021

## Climate Change Effects on Local Forests

Climate change is expected to affect Pacific Northwest forests, mostly negatively, in future decades. David Peterson reviewed the effects of climate-related stressors, and discussed management practices that can be implemented to ensure long-term sustainability of forest ecosystems and their values.

# Upcoming Gatherings Presentations - 2022

**January 25, 2022** *Finding the Future in the Past*

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. Kai Hoffman-Krull will discuss charcoal's potential to serve as a long-term soil amendment to store carbon, nutrients, and water in our forest and agricultural soils as we transition into a changing climate.

**April 26, 2022** Miguel Elliot will present his program on Cob Building. Miguel builds unique low-cost housing using natural materials.

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

**July 26, 2022** Jessica Alvarez-Parfrey, program director for Transition US, will share a program on our parent organization Transition US, its history, goals, and challenges for this coming year.

**October 25, 2022** TBD



Miguel Elliot presents on April 26, 2022

# Ten YEARS of Fix-It Days!

By Eric Shen

After a COVID hiatus in 2020, the Fix It Days team resumed their in-person repair services at the Anacortes Farmers Market this past June, our 10<sup>th</sup> year of service.

On the last Saturday of each of the summer months (June thru September), the fix it team successfully restored items ranging from too-good-to-toss to family heirlooms.

In a world where our population is rapidly growing to 8 billion people, it is crucial that resources be conserved and not wasted. The throw-away norm is not sustainable and is creating an enormous pollution problem. It is a waste to discard many of our 'broken' items when oftentimes it only needs to have a cord replaced or a switch changed out.

Some of the more interesting and/or challenging repairs included bringing a tabletop ice maker to life, restoring an antique lamp, and fixing a deep fat fryer (after digging through and removing quantities of old hardened grease). Some of the more challenging or time consuming repairs were completed at home, including at Larry's Garage, which opened to help our community in 2020 and 2021.



Volunteers helping at the Fix-It Days booth at the Anacortes Farmer's Market

The Fix It Day team thoroughly enjoyed tackling the many repair challenges people brought to their tables in 2021 and looks forward to seeing what shows up in 2022.

This year's donations for repairs went to Transition Fidalgo & Friends to help finance some of our other community resilience projects, such as the forest monitoring program, our food stands, middle school community garden, and more.



## The Pathfinder

Walking Together through Turbulent Times

Compiled, edited, and written by Evelyn Adams, the monthly newsletter *The Pathfinder* includes a rundown of the latest climate developments and reports. It refuses to soft-pedal our situation, respecting the reader's ability to handle hard information. But it also 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.

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 coexistence 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 now?

Check out back issues of *The Pathfinder* at [www.transitionfidalgo.org/learn/pathfinder/](http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/learn/pathfinder/), where you can also subscribe to receive the newsletter.

*Join us on the journey of our time.*

# Reflection

By Evelyn Adams

A few days ago I gathered with some friends and the question arose, “If you were offered a seat on a spaceship that would take you to live on another planet, would you go?” It was heartening to hear five out of seven say no.

Maybe if we were a younger group there’d have been more takers, but the head-shakers were all well-seasoned folks with a passionate connection to *this* planet. We had no desire to leave it.

Later I thought, well, we don’t get to leave, even if we could. Because we have our work cut out for us here.

That goes for seniors especially. Recently I came across an interview with Ralph Nader who, when asked his opinion about groups such as *350.org* and *Black Lives Matter*, replied “Not enough elderly people in them.”

Didn't see that one coming. Here at TF&F we're always talking about how to draw in more young'uns to help. But Ralph is right. The onus is on the oldsters now. Those of us who think we've done our part and can now kick back should know it's all-hands-on-deck time. Nobody gets to retire from the need facing us now.

Seniors have skills, experience and knowledge gained over a lifetime. As well as, most precious of all, free time. All of which perfectly positions us to be both leaders and foot soldiers in helping to protect life on Earth.

Remember the Gray Panthers? Or the Raging Grannies, who tried to enlist in the Army so they could go to Iraq in place of their children and grandchildren? For years, I've received daily emails from one RG that alerts me to the latest in climate issues. This diligent Granny struggles with eye issues and the doubt that her work is of any real worth. But hang up her floppy granny hat? Not gonna happen.

Several years ago four Boeing engineers created quite a buzz at a scientific conference by unveiling an invention to harvest energy from the ocean. It wasn't only the invention that drew interest but the fact these guys were retired, with an average age of 82. One was dying of cancer.

“We were sitting around saying we can't understand why America isn't doing better in renewable energy. And then we thought: Hey, we're engineers. Instead of complaining, why don't we come up with something?”

Working 30-40 hours a week for four years, they did come up with something, a green-energy factory that would float where wave energy was the highest. I don't know the end result ... last I read was that their model needed to be tested somewhere other than in a hot tub. But that's beside the point. Those self-described “old fogies” knew we have serious problems and got their creaky bodies and brilliant minds off the couch to do what they could.

Jane Goodall is 87 now. She works ceaselessly on “developing a new relationship with the natural world,” because our current distorted and broken relationship is the rock-bottom reason for pandemics and the climate and biodiversity crises. “All I know is I am here to do everything I can to move us in the right direction,” she says. “And that's what I'll spend the rest of my life doing.” (Did I mention she's 87?)

Shouldn't we all be doing everything we can to move us not toward outer space but “in the right direction” here on Earth? Many have worked long and hard to give their children and grandchildren a good future. We may think we now deserve to sit around and enjoy the fruits of our labor. But we owe those fruits not only to hard work but also to things like a dependable infrastructure, cheap energy, and a stable climate—advantages our descendants won't have if we don't step up.

So let's scuttle the spaceship ride and focus where we're needed. A life-sustaining planet should be our greatest gift to those we love most. Without that, all other gifts are meaningless.



Excerpted from the May 2021 edition of *The Pathfinder*



## Birds of a Feather

Are bird populations in the ACFL changing along with our changing climate?

The only way to know is to keep track. This year, three volunteers have been tracking the numbers and species of birds they find on a monthly basis on three different routes through the woods. A couple of them go early in the morning, one in the late afternoon. They cover two or three miles through a variety of habitats to experience a diversity of bird populations.

After nearly a full year of studies, we have a database of sightings and identifications through songs of dozens of species. We had a high of 28 species and 140 total birds one spring day, and a low of 5 species and just 16 birds over the same route on a snowy frigid day in December.

In the following years we can see if the species observed and numbers begin to change.



Above: birder Neil O'Hara identifies some birds sitting on Little Cranberry Lake

A hearty thank you to **Robbie Hutton, Neil O'Hara, and Evelyn Adams** for their dedication to this study, and their identification of the avian life sharing our local forests with us.

## Documenting forest fire recovery

In 2016 a wildfire blazed through over a dozen acres in the ACFL on the eastern shore of Little Cranberry Lake.

Where the fire burned now looks radically different in 2021! Our photographers have been documenting the changes on a regular basis to see and record the changes as they are occurring.

Check out the difference in one of our study areas as seen in July of 2019 (bottom left) and July of this year, two years later (bottom right).



## Forest Plots



We were back in the ACFL this year to measure vegetative changes in the twelve plots we have identified in the forest lands.

Our volunteers measure tree diameters and height, tree health, density, species diversity, and more in each plot. As we do this through the years, we can see quantitatively how our forest is changing.

Forest scientist Dr. David Peterson helps us make sure our studies are consistent and professional, critical elements for being accurate so that decades from now this data will be ever more valuable.

Thank you to our many volunteers this year who made this happen.

*Top: Sarah Roberts and Bob Ross measure the diameter of a big-leaf maple in one of the forest plots this summer.*

*Below: Kari Bishay, Dave Peterson, Laurie Sherman, Paul Sherman, and Sarah Pedersen after studying three plots in July.*



## Phenology

| This year marks our second year of recording when our common forest trees and shrubs emerge with their leaves, needles, and flowers, and when the leaves fall off.



Volunteers rotate each week during the spring and fall to observe and photograph the changes taking place in our selected study plants.

Through the years trends will be visible as we see if there are any changes taking place.



*Above: a volunteer holds an emerging bud to document its readiness to open in the springtime.*

*Left: a cedar dying from a changing climate*

## Cedar Studies

A handful of volunteers continue to look at our cedar trees in the ACFL, monitoring their health through the year. We now have three years of data to track their health.

This year's heat dome event in June might show up clearly in how our cedars responded to the heat and drought. We will see this winter and next spring.

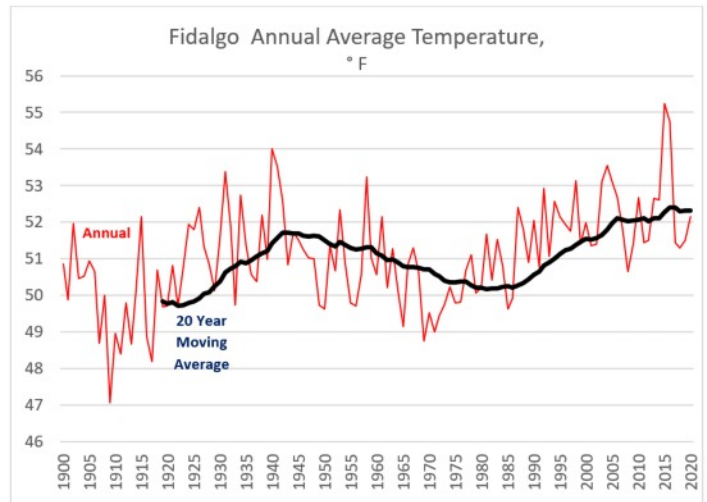
## Doing Something About the Weather!

Thank you, donors to Transition Fidalgo & Friends, for giving us the funds to have a good weather station in Anacortes. Without this station we would not be able to see what is happening day by day with our changing climate and weather in town.

And thank you Jon Ranney for recording and analyzing the weather data from the past 120 years in Anacortes, and keeping ongoing daily records for our current weather stats here because of that weather station.

Coupled with the information we are getting from our soil moisture monitoring, Jon has been able to give us some compelling comparisons and analyses of what tree roots are experiencing compared to what our weather is doing.

For an interesting picture and analysis by Jon Ranney about how the temperatures in Anacortes have changed over the past century, click on this link:



<https://www.transitionfidalgo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Fidalgo-Climate-History.pdf>

## Soil Moisture Studies

Thanks again to generous donations for our ACFL studies, we were able to purchase another soil moisture monitoring device. These are installed near our forest plot study areas so that we have a diversity of habitats to get a better understanding of the amounts of moisture that is available for our trees.

As the effects of climate change escalate, the ACFL forest ecosystem is expected to be impacted. Soil moisture is expected to be a key indicator of forest

health. These sensors measure the water available to plants.

We are getting very clear data of the moisture available at different depths in the soil, and it is showing a direct correlation to the amount of rainfall that our weather station is recording.

When we have the capability we will graph these numbers and show the results of these fascinating and critically important measurements.



*Left: Eric Shen digging into the soil to place the sensor. Look how deep the hole has been dug!*



*Right: Eric connects the sensor device to a monitor to be able to read the data.*

# Salish Sea Transitions Hub

Sharing, Supporting, Encouraging

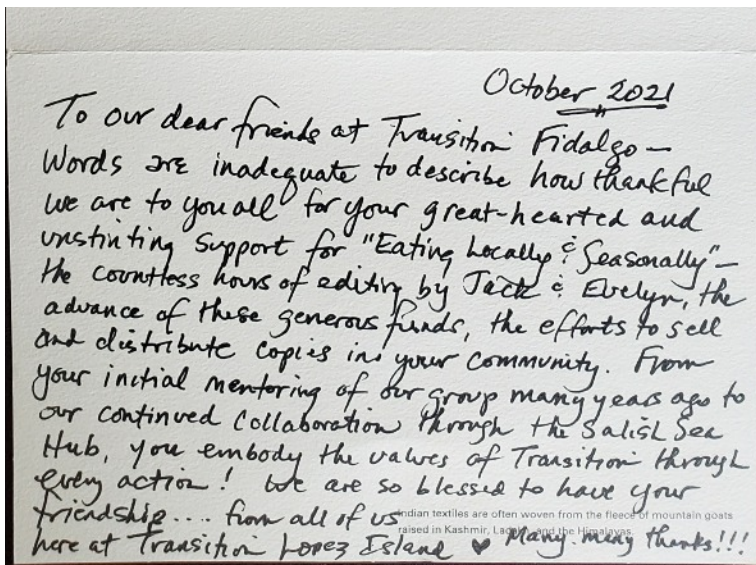
Now 1½ yrs old, the **Salish Sea Transition Hub** brings together Transition groups from Fidalgo, Whidbey, the San Juan Islands, Port Townsend, Bellingham and beyond to share ideas on how to bring about the critical, life-changing transitions the world needs now.

In 2021, the Hub had two special projects focused on building a resilient food system. TF&F aided Transition Lopez with the publication of **Eating Locally and Seasonally**, an impressive guide to growing, eating, and preserving food. Jack and Evelyn helped proof the book, and Board members dug into their pockets to loan funds for the printing.

The Hub also launched an **Eat Local! Campaign** to encourage sustainable eating habits. For three weeks during the summer, participants learned how to source, prepare, and preserve local foods, things we all can do to support our local farmers, cut our carbon “foodprint,” and grow fresh, nutritious food to feast on.



Below: a thank you note we received from Transition Lopez



October 2021

To our dear friends at Transition Fidalgo –

Words are inadequate to describe how thankful we are to you all for your great-hearted and unstinting support for “Eating Locally & Seasonally” – the countless hours of editing by Jack and Evelyn, the advance of these generous funds, the efforts to sell and distribute copies in your community. From your initial mentoring of our group many years ago to our continued collaboration through the Salish Sea Hub, you embody the values of Transition through every action! We are so blessed to have your friendship... from all of us here at Transition Lopez Island, many many thanks!!!

# TF&F Food Projects

By Evelyn Adams

## Weekly Garden Blog



Our “Fidalgo Grows” garden blog featured weekly advice to help our community with the joyful and challenging task of growing food.

In 2021, the blog expanded to include regular posts not only from Peter Heffelfinger, who has gardened locally for over 40 years, but also from Julia Frisbie, who began with a fascinating primer on transforming a lawn into food. Other voices chimed in too: Jan Hersey focused on growing great tomatoes, Sequoia Ferrel gave pointers on turning brassicas into perennials, and Jack Hartt spoke from personal experience on how not to garden.

This treasure trove of local growing info can be found at <https://www.transitionfidalgo.org/fidalgogrows/>

## Garden Give-Away

In February, TF&F volunteers gathered at Sequoia Ferrel’s greenhouse to plant over 1400 starts of spinach, kale, and mesclun to supply our “Share the Bounty Give-



Away” on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

When some of the starts jumped the gun on growth, we gifted the Anacortes Middle School with four flats to boost their “garden-to-kitchen” efforts.

We still had plenty of starts left to share at our Farmers’ Market stand, along with seeds, strawberry plants, seed potatoes, horse radish roots, and more. All free to help our community get growing!

## Produce Stands

TF&F’s effort to fight food waste and share surplus garden produce continued in 2021 as our **Share-the-Bounty** stands again popped up at the Anacortes Library, Harbor House, and on H Avenue. Donors to the stands this year included Moondance Farm and the AMS garden project along with many individuals. From June to October, anyone who craved free, locally-grown garden goodies could stop by the stands and help themselves.



Warren Carr and Jack Hartt helped re-install the stands this past spring. At the Harbor House, Warren noted, “two residents said they were so happy to see the stand return – they were looking forward to the fresh produce when available.

“At the library, a man who appeared to be homeless said he’d wondered if we were doing the stands again this year, adding ‘every little bit helps.’

“And at the H Ave stand in front of my house, my wife saw a woman walk away with bunched spinach, smiling like she’d won the lottery. We later found a nice note thanking the ‘spinach farmer.’ It’s so nice to know that what we’re doing is making a difference.”

## Seed-Saving

TF&F held a “Seedy Saturday” event on October 16<sup>th</sup> to help grow local food security. Those who visited us at the Farmers’ Market could check out our winnowing and threshing demos and learn how to get started on the adventure of saving seeds. To further help, we followed up with a virtual seed-saving Q&A in November.

Saving seeds to ensure supply as well as a diversity of plants adapted to local growing conditions is a critical part of a resilient food system. And did we mention seed-saving is also fun, frugal, and fulfilling? Plans for 2022 include a seed swap and efforts to grow a seed library here in Anacortes. Gardeners, join us!

# Anacortes High School Scholarships

Transition Fidalgo will award another \$2,000 in Scholarships in June 2022 to deserving local graduating students.

This will be our sixth 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 in support of working with fellow students to promote programs that emphasize sustainability.

Unfortunately, we did not award scholarships in 2021, 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>

## Washington Can't Wait Campaign:

*Updating the Growth Management Act for today's challenges*



During 2021 Transition Fidalgo & Friends supported Futurewise's Washington Can't Wait Campaign, which is an initiative to fight for action on climate change, environmental justice, and housing equity, by passing the biggest changes to the Growth Management Act in three decades.

In 2021, The Washington Can't Wait Campaign built a movement of constituents and organizations across Washington who called on their legislators to update the Growth Management Act to address the biggest crises facing our state.

**This year the campaign is back to finish what was started** and to ensure that our state is planning for the impacts of climate change, housing equity, and protecting our farms and forests.

The focus is on three policy initiatives for the 2022 legislative session:

1. Pass [HB1099](#) to ensure Washington cities and counties are planning for climate-resilient communities while reducing our contributions to the climate crisis.
2. Fully fund [HB1220](#) to ensure that the state legislature does not short-change housing equity and that we are doing everything we can to address race and income-based housing discrimination.
3. Pass [SB5042](#) to close the GMA's 'sprawl loophole' to protect farmland, forests, and critical habitats from harmful development.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.futurewise.org/projects/washington-cant-wait-campaign>

# Transition Fidalgo & Friends in the Headlines

Transition Fidalgo & Friends doesn't often make the local papers, but in the space of one August week:

- the Anacortes American (8/11) ran a half-page article on our collaboration, headed by Warren Carr and Laurie Sherman, with the Middle School to grow its garden;  
[https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/news/students-volunteers-work-together-to-help-garden-grow/article\\_5e658182-fa23-11eb-ae23-27d5c75291cd.html](https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/news/students-volunteers-work-together-to-help-garden-grow/article_5e658182-fa23-11eb-ae23-27d5c75291cd.html)



## Skagit Valley Herald

- the Skagit Valley Herald (8/11) provided a substantial piece on Fix-It Day's 10th year, and quoted Eric Shen;  
[https://www.goskagit.com/news/fix-it-days-project-offers-10th-year-of-repairs-in-continued-effort-to-reduce-trash/article\\_8575b5cf-ea1f-5031-acfd-5a0f31713768.html](https://www.goskagit.com/news/fix-it-days-project-offers-10th-year-of-repairs-in-continued-effort-to-reduce-trash/article_8575b5cf-ea1f-5031-acfd-5a0f31713768.html)
- the Skagit Valley Herald (8/15) interviewed TF&F board chairman Bud Anderson and board member/ecosystem ecologist Roger Fuller about the latest IPCC report;  
[https://www.goskagit.com/news/hitting-home-latest-climate-change-report-underscores-impacts-for-skagit-county/article\\_02edb71f-e803-5280-a133-deb9a40749da.html](https://www.goskagit.com/news/hitting-home-latest-climate-change-report-underscores-impacts-for-skagit-county/article_02edb71f-e803-5280-a133-deb9a40749da.html)

- and the Anacortes American (8/18) reported on how our Fidalgo Forest Stewards are monitoring the health of the local forest lands and quoted our volunteer coordinator Jack Hartt.

[https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/news/citizen-scientists-study-western-redcedars/article\\_91f171a0-ff9b-11eb-baae-9be2587a47f7.html](https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/news/citizen-scientists-study-western-redcedars/article_91f171a0-ff9b-11eb-baae-9be2587a47f7.html)

Anacortes  American

Thank you to our local press for your coverage, and to everyone involved in the work of Transition Fidalgo & Friends!

## 2021 Fundraising

By Bud Anderson, President

In October we conducted our annual fundraising campaign. We're so grateful for your support!

Your donation will allow us to continue helping our community grow stronger together as it prepares for a challenging future. With your help, we'll keep up our work to decrease fossil-fuel emissions, increase resilience to deal with impacts we can no longer avoid, and do our best to secure a livable world for humans and non-humans alike. A deep commitment, and people such as you, keep us doing what desperately needs to be done.

And *still* needs to be done, *more than ever*.

Thanks so much for partnering with us to move past "business-as-usual" to the better world that calls to us now.

# Treasurer's Report 2021

By Warren Carr, Treasurer

Going into 2021 we expected TF&F to be operating at a deficit, as income from solar projects came to an end. Fortunately, we were able to keep our expenses below that of the prior year, and below our forecasted amounts.

Currently all of our funding comes from donors. Thanks to the generosity of you, our amazing and engaged community of supporters, donations from general membership surpassed our projections by 40 percent!!

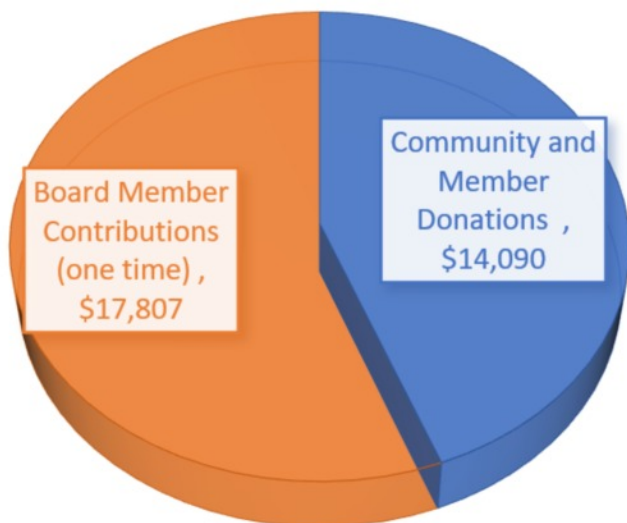
That, combined with one-time contributions by our Board Members (which more than matched funds from our members) provided the level of financial health needed to carry out the many endeavors with which we will be involved in the months ahead.

**Without the one-time Board donations, our net income for 2021 was \$2233.**

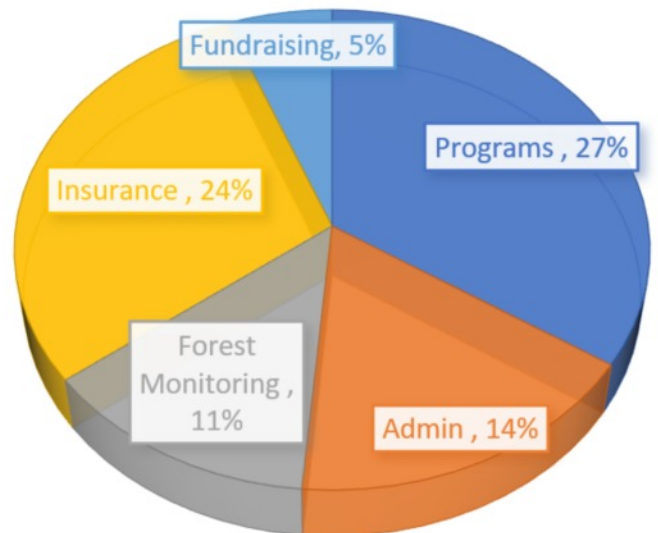
As mentioned earlier in this report, plans for 2022 include increasing our forest and climate monitoring activities, providing scholarships to graduating students, expanding our volunteer presence in school gardens, and continuing our community support with Fix-it-Days and "Share-the-Bounty" free food stands in town.

Accomplishing all that (and more) this year will require funds which may, at year end, result in an operating deficit. But thanks to you, and the funding received in 2021, we still expect to be in a stable financial position. Your continued financial support, however, is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to build strength in our community and improve the world around us.

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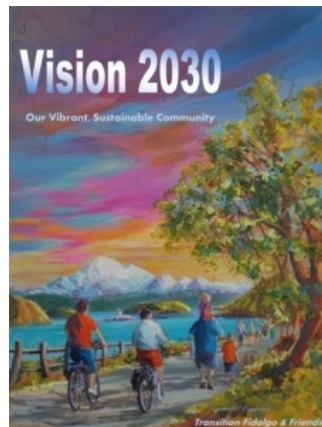
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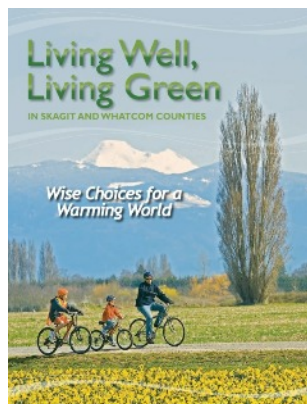


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