



Transition Activities 2013

Building sustainability in so many ways

7th Generation Supper Presentations: *Living our Dreams for Sustainable Communities* (Vicki Robin); *Locavore - Sow What?* (local Girl Scouts); *Northwest Foraging* (Doug Benoliel); *Restoring the Shoreline – Ecology’s Anacortes Baywide Cleanup* (Betty Carteret); *Aiming for Carbon-Neutral in a Small, Midwestern Town* (Bob Ferguson); *Climate Change is Simple* (TED talk); *Seeds for a New Day* (Sarai Stevens); *Powering Skagit: Past, Present and Future* (Eric Shen, Cory Ertel, Pinky Vargas)

Candidate Forums: sponsored a July Mayoral Candidate Forum and a September Council Candidate Forum, with introductory statements focused on the question "What is your vision for a sustainable Anacortes as we move into a future challenged by climate, energy and economic impacts?" All four mayoral and all seven council candidates participated.

Special Presentation: "Is that Plastic Really Compostable?" by Michelle Riggs of Cedar Grove Composing.

Transition Vision 2030: Began with a brain-storming session at the April supper meeting and continued through 2013 with several committees working on sections such as food, energy, economy, etc. Look for publication in February 2014!

Eat Your Yard Classes: Presented the six-class 2013 Veggie U series, plus 2 special presentations (*Home Gardens, Ancient Rice Fields, and Seafood Feasts in Kisakata; Growing Dry Beans & Grains in Your Backyard*) to 368 people. Classes included: *Gardening Basics 1&2; Growing Cool-Season Vegetables; Growing Warm-Season Vegetables; Backyard Chickens; Fall-Winter Gardening*

Second Community Seed Swap (82 people) and second **"Tour de Coops & Crops"** (173 people)

Ocean on the Edge Earth Day Event: Organized to raise awareness and inspire action concerning climate impacts (ocean acidification, sea level rise) on the Salish Sea. Nick Bond, state climatologist and keynote speaker discussed "Climate Change in the Pacific NW." A panel discussion included Roger Fuller (Skagit Climate Consortium); Ed Knight (Swinomish Tribe); County Commissioner Ron Wesen; and Brooke Love (Shannon Point Marine Center).

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Anacortes Community Gardens: TF&F provided support for the new Mt. Erie school garden (Mustang Farms). Faculty, students, parents and community gardeners worked together to build, grow and harvest, topping off their efforts with a wonderful vegetable soup for the school's Fall Family Dinner. The 29th Street community garden had another successful year and donated 508 pounds of produce to the local food banks.

Produced *The Catalyst*, an Online Climate and Energy Info Newsletter: 12 issues. Reader comments: "This monthly fact sheet is the best thing going." "What great info in small enough bites for me to chew!" "I really appreciate the newsletter and the work of the organization." "This is outstanding and I have forwarded it to many!" "Thanks for the fantastic smorgasbord - these are great links, and you win for one of the best info emails I receive."

Fidalgo & Friends TimeBank: This service exchange uses time as currency and helps stretch the budget, sharpen skills, share gifts, and build a caring community. The time bank moved into its second year in June and now has 61 members. We held quarterly socials, raised \$1629 in operating funds with a Shipwreck Day booth, and worked hard to streamline member processing. Join us at fidalgoandfriends.timebanks.org

19 Skillshare Workshops: 16 summer classes at the Depot and 3 fall classes at the library, with 393 participants. Classes focused on Growing Meat Rabbits, Sprouting, Culinary Herbs, Bees, Soil, Bike Maintenance, Guitar Maintenance, Tool-sharpening, Medicinal Herbs & Syrups, Making Quesco fresco, Raising Backyard Chickens, Making Natural Cleaning & Petcare Products, Vermiculture, Home Canning, Fermenting, Gluten-free Cooking, How to Eat Local all Winter, Front-yard Foraging, and Eating for Winter Nutrition

Four Fix-it Days to benefit Deception Pass State Park—reduce, REPAIR, re-use, recycle! Each event brought in between \$200 to \$250 for repairs and outright donations for the park.

Family Fun Rides: Worked with the City of Anacortes and the Anacortes Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to sponsor and promote two city bike rides (Tommy Thompson Trail Ride and Whistle Lake Forest Ride). Transition Fidalgo purchased a \$200 bike to be raffled off at the Tommy Thompson Trail Ride.

Climate Booklets: purchased and distributed 135 copies of *Climate Change: Evidence, Impacts and Choices* by the National Research Council of the National Academies.

Help us do even more! We are a hard-working, all-volunteer, 501.c.3 organization with little time to fund-raise. *Become a member by visiting our website at transitionfidalgo.org (click the Join Us! tab)*

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