



Transition Activities 2014

Building a resilient community with a reduced reliance on fossil fuels

7th Generation Supper Presentations: *Localizing Food – City Goats and Urban Agriculture; Island Hospital – Looking Ahead; Lessons Learned from the Honeybees; Vision 2030 presentation; Building a Sustainable Village from Scratch – Harako, Chad; Samish Indian Nation – Past, Present, Future; Scaling Up Community Solar; Feeding Our Community; Fidalgo & Friends TimeBank; The Climate Monologues with Sharon Abreu; Sharing Our Bounty & Giving Thanks*

Transition Vision 2030: *Vision 2030 began with a brain-storming session at the April 2013 supper meeting and the 100-page document was published in March 2014. It was distributed to local community leaders and is now on the City of Anacortes' website, and on TF&F's website at transitionfidalgo.org. The Vision 2030 Food Group has already begun planning to initiate programs such as Fidalgo and Guemes Island Gleaning, a Seed Library/Exchange, bee pollinator support, and pesticide alternatives next year. (April 24th – 4% Friday at the Mt. Vernon Co-op – will help fund these food programs; be sure to shop that day! Another date to mark is March 21st; we'll have an exchange of heirloom and organic seeds at the Anacortes Senior Center from 1-3 pm.)*

Eat Your Yard Classes: *294 people attended our 6th year of free gardening classes, which included Keeping City Chickens, Home Vegetable Gardening, parts 1 and 2; Growing Vegetables Year-Round in the Maritime Northwest; Keeping Good Garden Notes; Increase Your Soil's Micro-Nutrients for Higher Yields and Nutrition.*

Tour de Coops & Crops: *Sponsored the 3rd Tour de C&C in July, a free event that included 11 family "farmsteads" in Anacortes. Tour hosts graciously shared their backyard gardens and coops – chickens, rabbits, ducks, raised vegetable beds, fruits, pollinator-attracting plants, and more were featured. Over 140 people attended.*

Anacortes Community Gardens: *Both gardens were very successful in 2014. The 29th Street community garden donated 569 pounds of food to the local food banks, and clocked over 400 volunteer hours by the gardeners. At the Mustang Farms Community Garden at Mt. Erie School, students added to their studies by saving some of their flower seeds to plant next year. Next year, the Anacortes Family Center may be added as one of our places to donate produce.*

Skagit Community Solar projects: *Community Solar is a program set up by the State of Washington to help those unable to install solar systems at their own homes to buy shares in systems to*

be installed on public facilities. TF&F provided support for local SCS projects, which began with a system installed at the Anacortes Middle School in summer 2013. The next two projects – the Anacortes Library and Phase 2 at the Middle School – will be installed in January 2015. Three other projects are in development for 2015.

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 began in June 2012 and now has 87 members. In 2014 we held quarterly socials, raised \$2394 in operating funds with a silent auction, switched over to the open-source hOurWorld software, published an online newsletter, instigated weekly offers/requests notices, added two organizational members, and had a regular outreach booth at the Anacortes Farmers' Market. Join us! fidalgotimebank.com

15 Skillshare Workshops: Presented 12 free classes at the Depot and 3 at the Potluck Kitchen Studio, with 222 participants. Classes included *Making Queso Fresco; Bicycle Maintenance: Fixing a Flat and Beyond; Planting for Fall & Winter Vegetables; Pet Care and Health Using Natural Ingredients; Yogurt-making; Intro to Permaculture; Culinary Herbs; Medicinal Herbs; Mason Bees; Raising Urban Chickens; Canning Jams and Jellies; The Value of Good Food - Eating Well on a Budget; Boost Your Immune System; Know Your Energy Field: Self-healing Energy Therapy; Fermenting Food*

5 Fix-it Days: These events helped restore broken items, reduced the quantity of waste going to landfills, and provided funds to Deception Park State Park. On average, each Fix-It Day generated \$200-\$250 in donations received for the repaired items. The donations helped fund repairs at the Park, and helped to support interns and education projects. *Reduce, REPAIR, re-use, recycle!*

Sustainable Business Awards: This year we initiated an award to recognize those in our community who make business decisions that protect our environment. The first two recipients were Larry and Amber Nelson of Blue Cow Carwash, and Linda Sanford of American Dream Real Estate.

Hootenanny: Hootenanny is a Scottish word meaning "celebration" or "party," but in this case it describes an event for the young and the young at heart. Family-focused activities included a craft-making afternoon at the Whitney School playground, a bubble party at Causland Park, and old-fashioned games at Anacortes' first *Open Streets* event.

Produced *The Catalyst*, an Online Climate and Energy Info Newsletter: 12 issues. Reader comments: "I read these each month and appreciate how much work you must put into creating *The Catalyst*." "What a wonderful newsletter! Can I get on the list to receive it?" "These newsletters of yours are pure treasures, but this one has such power of urgency and hopefulness! It feels like a change has happened, and localities can surge forward." "Great work. I'll pass it on."

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)*

Thank you for your support!