



TF&F Accomplishments 2017

Building a resilient community with a reduced reliance on fossil fuels

7th Generation Supper Presentations

Each month we gather at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center to share a simple supper, enjoy one another, listen to live music, and hear a presentation on environment and other topics of interest to building community resilience. In 2017, an average of 53 people attended each evening.

- *Jellyfish Increases in Puget Sound and Beyond: the roles of climate and humans*—Sarah Purcell
- *Preparing Your Home and Yourself for Emergencies*—Rick Wallace
- *The Woolley Food Forest: Using Permaculture to Grow a Resilient Community*—Will Honea and Matt van Boven
- *Native Plants as Food: Integrating Human Ecology and Natural History in a Time of Shifting Climate*—Abe Lloyd
- *Healthy Homes*—Ann Raab
- *The Changing Food Web of Puget Sound and What It Means for Salmon*—Correigh Greene
- *Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation in the Forests of the North Cascades*—Dave Peterson
- *A Path to Pricing Carbon Pollution in Washington State*—Sameer Ranade and Steve Garvey
- *Early Warning Systems for Biodiversity in Cascadia: A Journey via Southern Africa and Antarctica*—Phoebe Barnard
- Local Candidate Forum
- *Swinomish First Foods and Community Health as Indicators of Climate Change*—Jamie Donatuto and Larry Campbell

Anacortes Community Gardens. We added a new garden this year at Island View Elementary School in addition to the main Community Garden on 29th Street and school garden at Mt. Erie Elementary. Over 270 volunteer hours were logged at the Anacortes Community Garden, and over 450 pounds of produce donated to local food banks and the Family Shelter.

Fidalgo Island and Guemes Gleaning (FIGG). Our second year of gleaning was very successful. We gleaned over 6,100 pounds of fruit, including 3,444 pounds of apples, 1,682 pounds of plums, 674 pounds of pears, 261 pounds of blueberries, and 60 pounds of grapes. This fruit went to homeowners, gleaners, food banks, family shelters, churches, schools, animal feed, and anyone else who wanted fruit to eat! Forty-five homeowners shared their abundance, and roughly 75 people are on our gleaner's list.

Seed Exchange. Our second annual seed exchange was held on January 31st. Over 50 people participated. Seed exchanges are a way for community and school gardeners, as well as the general public, to get good seeds for free, both donated from seed manufacturers and shared amongst gardeners. Vegetable, flower, and herb seeds are shared.

Skagit Community Solar Projects. Community Solar is a Washington State program to encourage people to buy shares in systems to be installed on public facilities. Starting in 2003, TF&F provided support for local SCS projects at the Anacortes Middle School, the Anacortes Library, the Anacortes Police Station, and Maple Hall in La Conner. As of the beginning of 2018, all five projects are performing well and together have produced over 317,000 kw-hours of electricity. This has prevented 372,941 pounds of CO₂ (a greenhouse gas) from being emitted into the atmosphere.

Four Fix-it Days. These events help restore broken items, reduce the quantity of waste going to landfills, and provide funds to Deception Park State Park. Nine volunteers staffed the Fix-It booth at the Depot this year, helping 60 people with repairs. Since its inception, Fix-It Days has generated \$6000 in donations received for the repaired items to Deception Pass Park Foundation. *Reduce, REPAIR, re-use, recycle!*

Issues. We resolved to support the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy's efforts to introduce a state carbon tax initiative in 2018. To that end, we hosted a Seventh Generation Supper with Lauren Breynaert (campaign coordinator for the AJCE), Eddy Ury (ReSources for Sustainable Communities), Sameer Ranade (Climate and Clean Energy Campaign Associate for the Washington Environmental Council), Ahmed Gaya (AJCE Field Director), and Steve Garey (retired local refinery worker and past President of the United Steelworkers Local 12-591). TF&F formally endorsed the AJCE efforts in November.

Second Sunday Support Group. TF&F sponsored this group, which met four times to provide a venue for people seeking support in the light of challenging societal events, touching 57 participants.

Grants. TF&F's second year of awarding grants was exciting and gratifying. The \$1,000 Student Scholarship grant went to AHS graduate Tristan Munich. We gave a \$1,000 Business Incubator Grant to Anacortes Food Co-Op, and funded three Project Grants: \$1,000 to Anacortes Food Rescue, \$1500 to support the Island View school garden, and \$1500 to help fund an upcoming film on local impacts of climate change. We also sponsored three members' attendance to the Economics of Happiness Conference in October, which aided our efforts in this next category...

Special Events. This year we began planning FutureFest, a two-day Earth Day celebration and visioning event slated for April 21 and 22, 2018. Find out more at www.TransitionFidalgo.org/FutureFest!

Publications

- We produced *The Catalyst*, a monthly online climate and energy information newsletter
- We sent a monthly calendar, *Coming Up*, highlighting local events of interest to our membership
- We published notes (including member/community announcements and summaries of each presentation) from each of our Seventh Generation Suppers

Help us do even more!

We are a hard-working, all-volunteer, 501c3 organization with little time to fundraise.

Become a member by visiting our website at TransitionFidalgo.org (*click the Join Us! link*).

Volunteer to help by emailing info@transitionfidalgo.org.

Thank you for your support!