

PARK PASSION

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING IN YOUR NATIONAL PARKS • JULY 2018



WHERE ARE YOUR TRAILS LEADING YOU THIS SUMMER?

Are you heading up to Mount Rainier for our upcoming Women's Only Weekend July 20 – 22 or for RAMROD on July 26? To Olympic National Park for the annual Ride the Hurricane on Sunday, August 5? Or maybe up to North Cascades National Park for our 50th birthday celebration of the park August 24 – 26? (Details on the birthday party are included in this newsletter.) Or maybe you're taking part in one of our several fundraising climbs this summer. Wherever your trails lead you, please keep our beloved national parks in mind as a reasonable place to make a gift through Washington's National Park Fund. www.wnpf.org 100% of your gifts go to the park of your choice.

Laurie Ward
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CELEBRATING THE NORTH CASCADES 50TH!

BY LAURIE WARD

1968: The year often referred to as our nation's most turbulent of the 20th century.

Amidst the turbulence across the country, a new day was dawning for Washington State. Senate Bill 1321 – a bill that would establish 570,000 acres as North Cascades National Park – was introduced by Senators Henry M. Jackson and Warren G. Magnuson. Interested parties including Harvey Manning, Patrick Goldsworthy, John and Polly Dyer, members of the "NC3" and David Brower and the Sierra Club were all passionately speaking up. They were collectively resolute with determination. WNPF founder Dan Evans, then Washington State Governor, was highly engaged as well.

Their determination paid off.

THE NORTH CASCADES ACT WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 2, 1968.

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OUR MISSION is to raise private support to deepen the public's love for, understanding of, and experiences in Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks. **OUR VISION** is for our three parks to be strong and vibrant, youthful and everlasting.



PARK PERSON OF INTEREST: ANNIE KILBY
Education Ranger at Mount Rainier National Park

BY JUDY WAGONFELD



"The cold and miserable days are those you never forget..."

They're more than you bargained for but the reward is bigger than you expected."

So says Annie Kilby, the bubbly National Park Service Education Ranger who tickled your heart in the WNPF Spring Dinner and Auction video. Her clowning, infectious joy, and reassuring attitude infuses her teaching role. It ignites students' curiosity and enthusiasm as Annie immerses them in an extraordinary day at Mount Rainier. It's a day that requires classroom preparation, Annie's calming video of what to expect and bring, and an hours-long ride on WNPF supported buses. Without that money for the "shockingly expensive" transportation, Annie and other park staff could not challenge 11,000 kids a year to understand and love Mount Rainier National Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average household pays \$10,000 per year in federal taxes and of that amount, **ONLY \$11 GOES TO THE NATIONAL PARKS NATIONWIDE.**

[Source: IRS: OMB's Public Budget Database: National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies: Time Graphic by Emily Barone and Lon Tweeten]

Photo: Andy Porter, inset photo, National Parks Service



Rentable home on wheels: PACWESTY...out & about!

Our flat hat salute goes out to our friends at Packwesty! **Located on Bainbridge Island, "Lulu"** is PacWesty's **rentable home-on-wheels dedicated to our three national parks.** Note: She's booking up fast! www.pacwesty.com



Photo: Russ Fox

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TRAILBLAZERS

BY KELLY SANDERBECK

Volunteering, visiting national parks, skiing, hiking, gardening – there's not much Russ Fox doesn't do. As one of 3 boys from Cleveland, Russ boarded a train after high school, saw our mountains, and never went back. He discovered the Fund through his wife, Carolyn Dobbs, who served on the Board.

In 2014 Carolyn passed away. Her obituary reads: Our national parks and wilderness areas, and the wildlife they protect, were Carolyn's church. Mount Rainier was her cathedral. For decades, Carolyn hiked, climbed, skied and volunteered in Washington's national parks with her "all-in" tenacity.

The Carolyn Dobbs Science Research Award at WNPF recognizes park science

employees, and Russ is endowing a scholarship at Evergreen for science and research in the parks. A board member with Vital Ground, Equity Trust, and South of the Sound Community Farm Land Trust, he's also a member of the Tuesday Men's Hiking Club, helps with grandkids, and volunteers for CIMAS.

He looks forward to the Fund's continued growth. He expects the parks to remain as popular as they are because of their heritage and pride in them as a nation. "I think one of the challenges over the next decade will be to find ways to not love our parks to death."

To read more, visit:
www.wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog/

...CELEBRATING THE NORTH CASCADES 50TH!
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What would Washington Pass be today if North Cascades National Park hadn't been established? How 'bout the Picket Range that so many love? The trails that so many find solace on? Washington's National Park Fund is truly thankful for those who went before us.

If North Cascades National Park holds a special place in your heart, consider joining us August 24 – 26 for the park's 50th birthday celebration. Music, a town hall, celebrating 50 peaks, hiking, and fireside chats.

Interested? Reach out: fund@wnpf.org. Space is limited.

FOUNDATION FOCUS:
First Federal Community Foundation

BY NICKY DUCOMMUN

First Federal Community Foundation, Port Angeles, was created by First Federal Savings & Loan Association in 2015 to help improve the quality of life within the communities the bank serves. WNPF has received \$5,000 from the Foundation for the Elwha River Restoration Middle School Science program. Thanks to First Federal, 275 eighth grade students will travel into Olympic National Park to collect data for their 11-year data set on the Elwha River restoration. Stevens Middle School has won state honors in science education. Park staff, educators and parents believe this program is a big part of that success.

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EVENTS

FOR A FULL LIST OF
EVENTS, VISIT [WNPf.ORG](http://wnpf.org)

JULY 26 | RAMROD: ENUMCLAW HIGH SCHOOL

Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day, a 152 mile bike ride benefiting Mount Rainier and Washington's National Park Fund.

AUG 1 | HIKE PINNACLE SADDLE IN MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Join WNPf staff and fellow park lovers for this 2.5 mile hike with a 1000 foot gain. It's a small, yet mighty hike. Contact Kelly for more details or to register: kelly@wnpf.org

AUG 5 | RIDE THE HURRICANE: OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

A bike ride up to Hurricane Ridge benefiting Olympic National Park and Washington's National Park Fund – distances vary to make this event accessible to all.

AUG 17 | HIKE LAKE ANGELES IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

Join WNPf staff, board and fellow park lovers for this 7.4 mile hike. Contact Kelly for more details or to register: kelly@wnpf.org

AUG 24-25-26 | NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK 50TH CELEBRATION

Celebrate NCNP's 50th Anniversary with a series of historical talks, walks, hikes and activities on the annual Founders Day weekend. We'll be there – will you?

SEPT 6 | FIRESIDE CIRCLE: GIG HARBOR

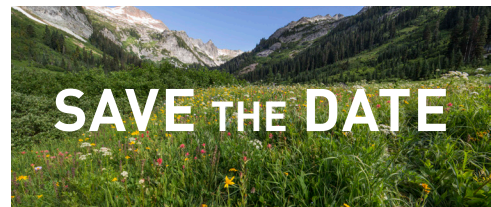
Do you live in the South Sound? Join us at a beautiful waterfront home as we welcome a ranger from Olympic and celebrate the parks! Contact Kelly for more information: kelly@wnpf.org

"The Fund has had a long-lasting impact on Olympic National Park. From trails, to restoration projects, to search and rescue support, to youth and family programs...the gratitude list goes on and on. Thank you, WNPf!"

— Sarah Creachbaum,
Superintendent,
Olympic National Park



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SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL PARKS AT BENAROYA HALL

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Save the date for this extra special event as Washington's National Park Fund celebrates its 25th birthday with a special concert by Northwest Symphony, featuring visual presentations of our national parks.