

# PARK PASSION

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING IN YOUR NATIONAL PARKS • APRIL 2020



The smell of spring. The longer days. The sound of birds chirping in the morning. Just as our senses are coming to life in anticipation of summer, BAM! We are struck by the thunderous storm of COVID-19. Our parks close down and we find ourselves confined to home like never before. At least in MY lifetime, that is.

At Washington's National Park Fund, we choose to remain firmly planted in the belief that brighter – and longer – days lie ahead. Obviously, so do many of you. Our Over the Top Society and monthly donors remain committed. The vast majority of you are sharing that your plans to attend our Dinner and Auction on August 29 remain intact. We have Fireside Circles to host, donor hikes to guide you on, and climbers from our fundraising climbs to cheer on. We also have The Great American Outdoors Act (Senate Bill 3422) to push through! Formerly the Restore Our Parks Act, this *new* legislation was introduced with strong bipartisan support in March; once passed, it will address maintenance backlog in our national parks and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Press on, everyone. Brighter days lie ahead!

**LAURIE WARD**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PS: Join us Wednesdays at Noon for our Virtual Field Trips! Learn more at [wnpf.org](http://wnpf.org).



## GROW THE FUTURE

"I'm glad I don't have to hunt for my food. I don't even know where sandwiches live." Understanding our relationships with nature is a valuable part of knowing our role and contribution to the planet. From programs in the classroom about dendrology and water quality, to in-park field trips with a focus on ecology and ecosystems, North Cascades National Park Service Complex builds stewardship and strong relationships within gateway communities through unique, experiential, place-based learning opportunities. This year the park looks forward to the growth and expansion of these relationships by partnering with Darrington School District, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Lummi Nation School, Lummi Natural Resources and the Glacier Peak Institute to introduce the Community Resilience through Food Sustainability Project. With funding for this project, students will learn the skills needed to grow their own food while building relationships

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## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

“Washington’s National Park Fund’s virtual field trips are the perfect antidote for Wednesdays at 12 noon. Take a virtual hike to your national parks, join in on a reading about junior rangers, or walk a mile in a park scientist’s boots. To learn more, go to [wnpf.org/field-trips](http://wnpf.org/field-trips).”



–Chip Jenkins, Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park

WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER,  
OUR NATIONAL PARKS WILL  
BE THERE, WAITING FOR US  
TO RETURN



Photo: Andy Porter



### PARK PERSON OF INTEREST: ELIZA GOODE

Visual Information Specialist,  
Olympic National Park



BY MARTHA CRAIG

Eliza Goode’s official job title is Visual Information Specialist at Olympic National Park, which is a short way of saying “filmmaker, photographer and social media manager who occasionally helps build apps.” Currently, she is working on a mobile app for use in Olympic National Park. NPS Olympic is designed to answer the question “what is there to see and do here?”, taking into account the visitor’s location, interests and mobility level. Eliza first visited Olympic National Park when she was working on her masters’ project, a meditative, non-narrative 12-minute film entitled “The Smell of Cedars Steeped in Rain.” She has a special passion for ensuring that disabled people feel welcome in the Park. “Our obligation is to be accessible to all people. It’s a civil rights issue and it’s the right thing to do.” She appreciates the support of WNPF. “There are all kinds of projects that we wouldn’t be able to take on without their help,” Eliza says. “I’m so grateful that they want to support our public lands.”

Read more, and see Eliza’s film, on our blog: [wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog/](http://wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog/)

### GROW THE FUTURE CONTINUED FROM FRONT

and contributing to food sustainability within local tribes. This program will enlighten the senses connecting to memory through touch, smell, sight, taste and sound as participants compost organic waste from their lunches, learn about seed stratification and what plants need to grow, collect and plant seeds from native plants within the park, learn the uses of native edible plants, maintain a garden throughout the year, harvest the fruits in the spring, and enjoy the “fruits” of their harvest.



## TRAILBLAZERS

### DALE THOMPSON

Dale Thompson, watercolor artist, is the inspiration behind the famed Paradise Inn lampshades. He was chosen to recreate the 50-year-old shades when they started to fall apart several years ago. Paradise Inn is more than 100 years old and on the National Register of Historic Places. The new shades needed to be made of the same heavy-gauge paper — in cylindrical form with sides woven together with raffia — and painted with tempera paints of flowers native to the park.

Over a period of four months in 1989, Dale painted the 64 floral lampshades that hang throughout the Inn’s lobby and dining room. “It is a huge honor and privilege to know that the shades I painted are now a part of the rustic furnishings of the venerable old Paradise Inn.”

Park visitors love them. When the sun sets in the evening, the low-wattage bulbs in the shades create a warm, relaxing ambience. Convinced that people hold a ‘memory of place,’ Dale is gratified to know that seeing the lampshades is an indelible experience imprinted on the memories of thousands of park visitors. Read more at our blog: [wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog](http://wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog)



Varied Thrush painting by Dale Thompson



Our Flat Hat Salute goes to **Bruce and Dawn** of Seattle for their years of loyal support of programs and projects across our three national parks. Their love and concern for public lands is palpable. Thanks, you two!!

## fun fact

Have you heard of the licorice fern? You’ve probably come across it in a wet forest around the Pacific Northwest – like the Hoh Rainforest for instance. The licorice fern isn’t fragrant, but it is flavorful! People that have tasted its roots have described it as having a spicy-sweet flavor similar to licorice.





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# EVENTS

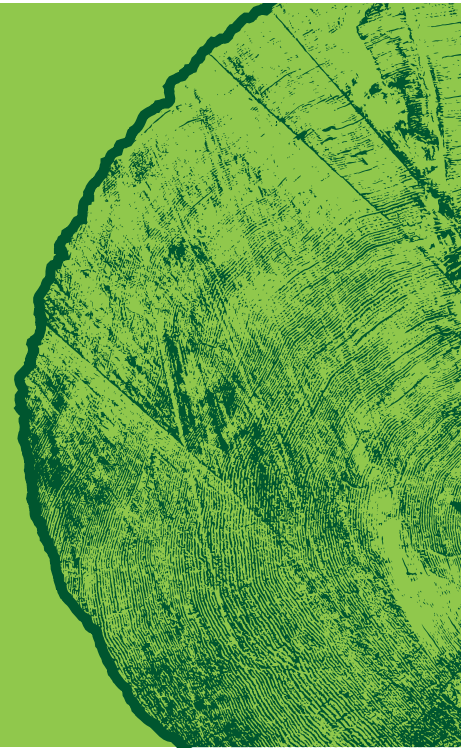
FOR A FULL LIST OF  
EVENTS, VISIT [WPNF.ORG](http://wnpf.org)

## NEW DATE! SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

### DINNER AND AUCTION

Join us at the Seattle Design Center to mix and mingle with park staff and fellow park lovers at this very special annual event. Bid on outdoor clothing and gear, unique experiences and more to support science and research in our national parks!

Secure your seat – tickets available at [wnpf.org](http://wnpf.org) or (206) 623-2063



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

#### EARTH DAY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Earth Day 2020 is focused on climate action with campaigns intended to activate a billion people worldwide. Visit [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) to learn how you can get involved in programs such as the Great Global Cleanup or Artists for the Earth.

### APRIL 18-26

#### NATIONAL PARK WEEK

Saturday, April 18th marks the beginning of National Park Week!

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

#### SAVE THE DATE: FIRESIDE CIRCLE AT PARADISE INN

Save the date and be on the lookout for additional information about this special opportunity to stay at Paradise Inn at Mount Rainier National Park before it opens for the season!

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

#### FIRESIDE CIRCLE SEATTLE

Join together with fellow park supporters to learn about the Cascade Fisher Restoration Project.

### JULY 24-26

#### PAIR UP FOR THE PARKS

Mark your calendar! This stewardship weekend at Mount Rainier will bring together dynamic duos to volunteer, hike and more.

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

#### RAMROD

Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day is the Pacific Northwest's premier one-day endurance cycling event benefiting Mount Rainier. Riders enjoy views of Mount Rainier while climbing 10,000 ft.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

#### RIDE THE HURRICANE

Ride Hurricane Ridge Road in Olympic National Park and take in the gorgeous vista before enjoying the ride back down.

**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.