

PARK PASSION

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING IN YOUR NATIONAL PARKS • JANUARY 2021



Photo: Michael Freedman

\$1 million was given by individuals, couples and families. 2020 was a banner year for Washington's National Park Fund. Comments shared by donors include statements like...

- *We now understand the full value of our national parks*
- *I missed the parks [due to COVID] more than ever during the lock down months*
- *The parks are there for us whenever we want/ need them...we're simply returning the favor*

To everyone who stepped up for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks, the gratitude continues to be all ours.

Now, as we turn the calendar, we go into 2021 with HOPE and TRUST.

We have a lot of hope for all that lies ahead, and we trust that everyone will continue showing some love for the benefit of these three iconic public lands.

Quietly and simply, thank you.

LAURIE WARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER



INDEPENDENT, FORWARD-THINKING AND FULL OF FUN: REMEMBERING ISABELLE "BOH" BOHMAN

BY KELLY SANDERBECK

When I last talked with Isabelle 'Boh' Bohman in April, we shared a Zoom interview while she sheltered in place at Panorama City in Lacey. She always made me laugh, and had the best crinkly-eyed smile holding a world of life stories. Up until August 2nd when she passed, she kept many of us in stitches with her cartoons, quips and puns to bolster our mood during COVID. Even though she had to cancel trips to the Caribbean, Tahiti and Morocco, Boh was still in great spirits with her matter-of-fact, take-it-as-it-comes, demeanor. "I'm doing well without too much anxiety -- cleaning projects, keeping in touch with relatives. Nothing to do about it. I don't do needlework, but I'm keeping busy!" With a life full of travel and meaningful work as a Physical Therapist, Boh lived and learned fully, creating the "Bohman Method" that many PTs around the world continue to use today. A WNPF donor since 2004, she "fell in love with Mount Rainier the first time I flew out here." And as a member of the Parks Everlasting Society, Boh's good work will continue on through passions like the Elwha, kids in the parks and service-oriented projects. She will be so missed. To read more of Boh's story, visit wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog.





As we kick off 2021, our flat hat salute goes out to the thousands who gifted more than \$1 million to Washington State's National Parks in 2020. The gratitude is all ours. Thank you.

FOUNDATION FOCUS:

WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION

Coming soon to Olympic National Park is "Conservation from Here," a traveling exhibition with accompanying educational programs synthesizing art and science. Inspired by President and conservationist Teddy Roosevelt, it features the work of Pacific Northwest artist Joseph Rossano, one of the world's foremost artists combining art and science to spark discussion that brings about change. This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission, a state agency charged with advancing the role of the arts in the lives of individuals and communities throughout Washington. Thank you ArtsWA!



PARK PERSON OF INTEREST: DEAN BUTTERWORTH
Park Ranger, Outreach and Education Specialist, Olympic National Park

BY MARTHA CRAIG

Dean Butterworth has worked at Olympic National Park since 2008. He collaborates with teachers on creating classroom and field trip curricula; with park education technicians on designing field trips that encourage public use and support of the park; and with local partners on park outreach and engagement programs for all communities. "As American citizens, we hold the national parks in trust, and it's our job to preserve and care for them on behalf of the rest of the world," Dean says. "People of different racial, national, and socio-economic backgrounds can come here to share an experience of healing and rejuvenation, something we could all use right now." Washington's National Park Fund has made many of the programs he works on possible." Dean observes. "With their help I've been able to fund field projects, hire more staff to help with outreach, and pay the cost of bus transportation for Boys and Girls Club kids. They are essential to our mission."

Read more on our blog: wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog



TRAILBLAZERS

KEN & MARY CAMPBELL

BY KELLY SANDERBECK

"We're wildlife junkies." That's quite an understatement from this couple, considering their electrifying nature photos, adventure tales, animal carvings and an insatiable ability to wait – and WAIT -- for just the perfect photo. Their discovery of the Fund is familiar, as we hear it over and over again, taking on the resonant nature of mycelium webbing out to like-minded park lovers: They took a wildflower hike with Friends of Olympic, were invited to a Fireside Circle in Sequim where they met Bret Wirta (past Board President), then met Donovan Rafferty (past Board member) who told them of a marmot project at Olympic, and they soon joined WNPf's Over the Top Society. Kiosks all over Olympic feature their donated photos – at Sol Duc, Elwha, Hurricane Hill – and their photos are regularly seen in Olympic National Park's newsletter, *The Bugler*.

They visited Olympic National Park and Mount Rainier in 1990. With no children to consider after retirement, they moved to the Olympic peninsula in 2007 for the bears, wildflowers, marmots and Hurricane Ridge. "It had stuck with us as we were looking for a place to retire as second-career artists." Read more at our blog: wnpf.org/to-the-parks-our-blog

fun fact

Fossil and rock magnetism studies indicate that the North Cascade terranes (a fragment of crustal material formed on one tectonic plate and sutured to another, preserving its own distinctive geologic history different from that of the surrounding area) were formed thousands of miles south in the Pacific Ocean! (nps.gov/noca)

"2020 has given many people a need to reconsider their highest priorities personally, professionally, and in service to one another. Throughout the year, people have shown us that they value their parks, and need to connect with them now more than ever."

–Tracy Swartout, Acting Superintendent
Mount Rainier National Park



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SAVE THE DATE

2021 SPRING DINNER & AUCTION

APRIL 19-24

Join us for the 2021 Virtual Auction for the Parks! Bidding will open on Monday, April 19th and run through the week. You'll get to bid on incredible auction items and experiences designed with outdoor enthusiasts in mind. Then, on Saturday, April 24th, we'll join together virtually to celebrate the closing of the event.

EVENTS

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

JANUARY 18

FEE-FREE DAY AT THE PARKS

The National Park Service will be waiving entrance fees to all National Park Service sites in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

JANUARY 20

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Join us online for "Following the Flush: Wastewater Management" at Olympic National Park with park engineer, Kerri Cook. Sign up at wnpf.org/field-trips.

JANUARY 28

PICNIC WITH THE PARKS!

Over the Top Society member "picnic" with park leadership. Are you a member yet? Call us! (206) 623-2063 or email Kelly@wnpf.org.

APRIL 17 TO 25

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

Saturday, April 17th marks the beginning of National Park Week with free entrance to your favorite parks for the day!

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.