



Farewell and Adieu

By Mike Blackbird

Most of the friendships in our lives are either situational, such as fellow workers, or geographical, such as childhood friends. Most are transitory but that doesn't devalue their importance over the arch of our lives. I remember well shipmates from my time in the Navy that I haven't seen in fifty years, yet their long ago friendship remains as poignant today as it was then.

When Florence and I were young and beginning our family in southern California, we lived in a new subdivision of a rapidly expanding San Diego. We shared with our new neighbors the tribulations of launching careers and raising young families. Leaving California and moving to my hometown in north Idaho in 1979, Christmas cards became the tenuous tie to friendships that seemed enduring when we lived on the same block in 1979.

In the spring of 2008 after almost thirty years, four couples from our California days came together to take a trans-Atlantic cruise. We picked up where we left off thirty years ago. One couple now lives in Michigan, two remain in San Diego and Florence and I are in Seattle. Our kids are now grown with families of their own; our wives have aged with grace; the men, distinguished with gray hair, each sport a perceptible paunch. We discovered that we hadn't really changed all that much, other than we were less assertive in our opinions and more inclined to tolerate each other's point of view. It would seem that one of the few advantages of aging is discovering that friendships, old and new, are the thread woven into the fabric of our lives.

As president of the Pilchuck Audubon Society, I have made many friends, the majority much better birders than I will ever hope to be. After birding together for fourteen years, you have been tolerant of my birding shortcomings and gentle in your reproach, even when I once identified a Green Wing Teal as a Eurasian Widgeon. The vital element of friendship is accepting people as they are rather than what they should be.

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June Program Meeting Friday, June 14, 7 PM

Craig Romano and Day Hiking the Columbia River Gorge

Come hike the Columbia River Gorge with award winning Washington state guidebook author, Craig Romano. Drawing from his recently released, Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge, Craig will be sharing tales from the trails from Ridgefield, WA to Boardman, OR. Spotighting 100 hikes, this book treats both states equally, and like Craig's other titles, includes not only well-loved trails but overlooked gems as well. Learn about Clark County's wonderful trails, the Silver Star Scenic Area, the Trapper Creek Wilderness, Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge, and Clackamas' Mount Talbert. Books will be available for purchase at a discount to help you get out and explore the Columbia River Gorge. For more information, call 425.252.0926.

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The Law and the Land – Navigating the Public Involvement Process

By Alan Gibbs, Conservation Committee Chair

Building new national forest trails, repairing washed out roads, trails and campgrounds, and watershed restoration that may include removal of roads and thinning of trees – they all require decisions following NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).

Federal land managers must analyze proposed projects on their land to determine effects upon the environment. If effects are found to be significant, what must the proposing agency do to mitigate for those effects?

What rights do citizens have to be notified of proposed actions and to comment upon those actions? How do we put our names on notification lists? Or how do we have our names removed when we are no longer interested in a particular project. What is required of “We, The People” if we want to participate in the NEPA decision making process?

Join your fellow Pilchuck Audubon members, policy advocates, land managers and other citizens to learn how NEPA is applied, especially to Forest Service projects. Get answers to your questions from Mount

Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and Snohomish County NEPA experts. Representatives from the two agencies will join speakers from the Washington Trails Association and The Mountaineers in an evening workshop on June 12th in Everett to demystify NEPA. Their experts will clarify opportunities for citizen participation plus teach how to influence design and implementation of proposed actions on federal lands.



The workshop is free, but pre-registration (now open) is required to ensure adequate seating and materials. The workshop is co-hosted by The Mountaineers and the Washington Trails Association.

Place: Snohomish County PUD Building, Commission Room 2320 California Street, Everett

Date: June 12, 2013

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Pre-register via email: NEPA101@wta.org

Pre-register via phone: 206.625.1367, Kim Brown at WTA

If you have questions, contact Allen Gibbs at 425.338.5466 or conservation@pilchuckaudubon.org.

About Pilchuck Audubon Society

The Pilchuck Audubon *Profile*, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society, is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife for the benefit of earth's biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to

encourage the involvement of our members in efforts to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon for survival.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. PAS is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

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Submit articles to newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290-1742.

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Trip Calendar

Check our calendar at www.pilchuckaudubon.org for the latest information

Saturday, June 1

Wolf Haven

Meet at 8 AM at the Everett Mall. Park in the back near LA Fitness and the Everett Transit Center facility. We will carpool to Wolf Haven near Olympia and get a guided tour of the facility. Rumor has it there might be baby wolves on view. Please RSVP to me via email or phone if you would like to join us on this trip, so that I can give an approximate group count. After touring Wolf Haven, there should be time to look for birds at Millersylvania State Park, about five miles away.

Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale, 206.619.2383, tnight@pobox.com

Tuesday, June 4

Snohomish City and Outskirts

Meet at 8:00 AM at Snohomish Park & Ride, located at the junction of Highway 9 and Bickford Ave. Enjoyable and relaxed trip. We usually have high species counts and surprises. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Art Wait 360.563.0181

Tuesday, June 11

Big Four Meadows

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Frontier Village Park and Ride (9600 Market Place). A beautiful setting for our annual potluck bird trip. Bring something to share. Virginia provides hot dogs and potato salad and will advise if you want to know what to bring. Expect swallows, hummingbirds, swifts, warblers, vireos and Dippers. A trailhead pass or Golden Age Pass will be needed, but is obtainable en route.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Tuesday, June 18

Ellensburg

Meet at 6:30 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. We will bird portions of Umtanum Creek area, Robinson Canyon and other areas. This will be a long rewarding day. Hope to see Yellow-breasted Chat, Warbling Vireo, Lazuli Bunting and maybe Canyon and Rock Wren. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Margaret Bridge 360.862.1694, Wilma Bayes 360.629.2028

Saturday, June 22

Centennial Trail

Meet at 8 AM at Everett Mall and park in the back near LA Fitness and the Everett Transit Center facility. This paved former rail-bed trail is ADA accessible, so it won't have any steep sections. The trail itself is long, but we will only be doing a small portion of it. Afterwards we might gather for a little socializing over a late lunch. Bring munchies for the trail, water, sun screen, hat, good walking shoes, and binoculars, if you have them.

Trip Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425.244.7633, aracfi@msn.com

Tuesday, June 25

Mid-Whidbey Island

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). This is the area between Crockett Lake and Swantown, an always exciting experience for both birding and scenery. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Art Wait 360.563.0181, Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Smart Growth Report

By *Kristin Kelly, Director*

Today the national organization, Smart Growth America, released a comprehensive study on 17 different cities throughout the US regarding the financial impact of development patterns. And it is exciting news!

With current planning underway for policies and regulations that will guide growth and development through the year 2035 for Snohomish County's cities, urban growth and rural areas, this information is truly timely and will be extremely useful.

While the facts in this report substantiate what Smart Growth advocates have known all along, it also will help me in my work of convincing our elected decision makers that smart growth policies and regulations pay off—not just for protecting our air, water and wildlife habitat but also in economic terms by saving taxpayers huge amounts of money while making our cities better places to live, work and play. The report compares two different development patterns. The smart growth pattern makes more efficient use of land by providing for a mixture of homes, businesses and community services located close

together with better connections between streets and neighborhoods. The other pattern is conventional suburban development that is characterized by less efficient use of land with homes, schools and businesses separated and areas designed primarily for driving. The report looks at the costs associated with each development strategy as well as its revenue potential. The findings included:

- In general, compared to suburban development, smart growth development costs one-third less for upfront infrastructure such as roads, sewer, water lines and sidewalks. Some of the studies showed a 50% reduction in costs.
- Smart growth development saves an average of 10 percent on ongoing delivery of services, such as for police, ambulance and fire.
- Smart growth development generates 10 times more tax revenue per acre than conventional suburban development.

To read the entire report titled "Building Better Budgets: A National Examination of the Fiscal Benefits of Smart Growth", click on <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/building-better-budgets.pdf>.

Community Events, Classes and Festivals

Weekend Activities: Birds and their Songs

June 1 – 30

Seattle

Every weekend in June, explore birds at the Burke Museum. See and touch birds and feathers from the collections, make your own bird feeder to take home, and learn how to ID local birds by their "songs." Also learn about the types of birds found in our local parks, and join the guided exhibit tours every Saturday at 1 PM.

Wings Across The Big Sky

June 7 – 9

Lewiston, MT

Experience Central Montana and all its landscape through festival field trips or on your own. Great speakers, birding trips, interesting presentations, and fun festivities in the heart of Montana. Lewistown is one of only ten cities nationwide selected to receive an Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

For more information, visit <http://mtaudubon.org/birdwatching/festival.html>.

The Birds and the Bees

June 21

Edmonds

Special workshop at the Edmonds Wildlife Habitat Native Plant Demonstration Garden from 1 – 3 PM. Last year Todd gave a great workshop on Mason Bees, so we are very pleased to have him back again. Candy who teaches birding classes for PAS will share information on Hummingbirds. Workshop is free and all are welcome!

More information about the Demo Garden can be found on the PAS webpage, under "Programs."

First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story

June 30

Everett

The hummingbird nesting movie won BEST of Category - INDEPENDENT, Merit Award for Storytelling, Merit Award for Educational Value, Merit Award for Animal Behavior and Merit Award for Backyard Nature at the 33rd International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, Montana.

Film screening will take place at Adopt-A Stream Foundation, McCollum Park, at 7 PM. Event is free but registration required. Please call 425.316.8592 for more information.

National Audubon Convention

July 7 – 9

Stevenson

After 13 years, the Audubon Convention returns. Join Audubon staff, volunteers, and Chapter leaders to learn about how our work contributes to Flyways conservation. Experience four days of cutting-edge science, networking, birding and FUN in the Pacific Northwest.

For more information and to receive email updates visit www.audubonconvention.org.

Mark your calendar for 2013 chapter picnic

The annual Pilchuck Audubon picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 18. Save the date now and watch for further details in the next Profile.

Past picnics have featured delicious food, bird walks, games, and more.

Western Field Ornithologists and the Washington Ornithological Society Conference

August 22 – 25

Olympia

Hosted by Black Hills Audubon Society. Workshops include Fall Warblers with Jon Dunn and Kimball Garrett, Sapsuckers – ID challenges and research update with Steve Shunk, Gull Identification with Mike Donahue, Dragonflies with Dennis Paulson and more. Keynote talk by John Marzluff on those amazing Corvids. Two sessions of talks on recent research in the region with a plenary talk by Dennis Paulson. A full set of field trips (including Pelagics). Photo and Bird Sounds ID sessions.

For schedule of events, go to www.westernfieldornithologists.org.



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President's Message

By Kathleen Snyder, Pilchuck Audubon Society President



I have very good news this month. After a few years of being vacant, the Avian Science directorship now has been filled.

Joan Poor has moved from an At-Large board position and into Avian Science. Joan was already heading the Avian Projects committee so is very ready to step into her new role. Although she is currently recovering from foot surgery, she expects to be up and around this summer and supervising the installation of Barn Owl nest boxes on Spencer Island. Thank you Joan!

The PAS board also has a new at-large member, **Kathy Johnson**. Kathy has been involved as Pilchuck Forest Practices chair for years. Her knowledge of the ins and outs of NEPA, SEPA, EIS, etc. is priceless and we are so lucky she still has passion to protect our wild places. Welcome back to the board Kathy!

I know you have all been enjoying the return of our neotropical migrants and Pilchuck has special news on that front. There was at least one pair of nesting Purple Martins out on the Everett marina last summer. In hopes of encouraging more, we have installed four more nesting gourds/houses on Jetty Island in close proximity to last year's nest. **Kraig Hansen** (Avian Projects Committee), **Jay Ward** (PAS board member) and **Lee Douglas** went out at the end of April with a boat and ladder to put up the houses. It was a beautiful day and it seemed Ospreys were everywhere. With a little luck, in a few years, Purple Martins will be more abundant as well.



If you received an on-line "Monkey Survey" from Pilchuck in the last week or two, I hope you will take the time to respond. Your leadership team very much wants to hear your ideas on how we can better serve both you and our beautiful natural area. If you didn't receive it and would like to give us some input, please email me at president@pilchuckaudubon.org.

Our PAS website has had a minor modification. We have a new section titled "Flights of Fancy" where you can find

"Close Encounters of the Bird Kind" (short essays of magical birding moments) and "Photo Gallery" featuring bird photos of our members. The newest essay by **Rob Sandelin** is a delight and I highly recommend you take a moment to read it.

Vaux's Swift Update

By Susie Schaefer, Programs Chair

First some exciting news from **Larry Schwitters**, leader of the Swifts Project:

"Your Wagner chimney roost site has been officially recognized as an Audubon-Partners in Flight-BirdLife International, official Important Bird Area. This means an appointed committee of wildlife professionals compared it to a series of specific scientific standards and agreed that it was of significant importance to wildlife at the starting state level to receive that distinction.

It's since been bundled together with the three other known major Washington State roost sites to become the "Vaux's Swift Chimney Corridor IBA", which has been recommended to receive the designation of Important Bird Area at a continental, or perhaps even global level of significance."

We should all be proud of this and say a special thank you to all our Swift counters who have been coming to Monroe at Frank Wagner School every night and counting on the spring and fall migrations for the past six years. Several of the counters have been with us the whole time and have counted more swifts than anyone could ever imagine. Thanks to **Judy Alles** who has been counting and coordinating the counting at Wagner since we started this project and also thanks to long time counters **Cathy Clark**, **Dian McRae**, **Bill Kauffman**, **Linda Cline**, **Jim Carr**, **Carolyn Vigos**, **Ann and Richard Dubois**, **Connie Young** and all others who have joined in the fun of on the Wagner School lawn in the rain, heat, snow and everything in between.

The Vaux's Swifts have been heading north since April but it has been a different year as the numbers have been lower and the arrivals later. All of the sites in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia have reported lower than usual numbers. The big Saturday night count on the 20th of May reported at Wagner was 2233 but the total to date for this year's spring migration coming through the Wagner Chimney is down by about 20,000. There may be many reasons for the changes in numbers, so stay tuned as Larry continues to analyze the reports, temperature information and other possible factors. Without the work of all the swift citizen scientists over the past six years, the change would not be documented and could not be studied.

Also, check out our live streaming video courtesy of Wild Earth TV at <http://www.wildearth.tv/player/vaux-happening-swift-roost-webcam/>.

Backyard Birding Highlights

By **Mara Price**, *Sightings Coordinator*

March 26, 2013 – April 25, 2013

I hope you had a chance to get out and enjoy International Migratory Bird Day on May 11. I joined a group at Spencer Island led by **Virginia Clark**. You not only enjoy the sightings of the different birds, but you also learn how to identify the different bird species.

Carol and Larry Beason were away part of the month visiting the Grand Canyon and the Southwest. They saw many birds they have never seen before such as Cardinals, Western Bluebirds, Golden Eagles, Mexican Junco and Green Towhees. They total species count of 38 from their home a Lake Bosworth included 7 Brewer's Blackbirds, 24 Band-Tailed Pigeons, a Common Loon on the lake, 10 Evening Grosbeaks, 15 Pine Siskin, 3 Purple Finch, a Red-Breasted Sapsucker, 2 Ring-Necked Ducks, 2 Varied Thrush, 20+ Violet-Green Swallows and a Turkey Vulture overhead.

An American Goldfinch finally arrived at the feeders at **Hilkka Egtvedt's** home in Mukilteo, the only one so far. The Sharp-Shinned Hawk is still hanging around, but is not affecting her bird count. Her total species count of 27 included 13- Band-Tailed Pigeons, 2 California Quail, 7 Dark-Eyed Junco, 5 European Starlings, 4 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, 35 Pine Siskin, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, a Townsend's Warbler, 2 Violet-Green Swallows and 2 White-Crowned Sparrows.

Reporting from Everett, **Kriss Erickson** listed 4 American Robins, 19 Bushtit, 6 American Crows, a Northern Flicker, 3 Anna's Hummingbirds, 3 Mallards, 16 Black-Capped Chickadees, 6 Mourning Doves, a female Hairy Woodpecker, 6 Dark-Eyed Junco, 12 Band-Tailed Pigeons and 3 Steller's Jays for a total species count of 15.

On the 30th of March, **Julie O'Donald** spotted a Western Screech Owl in the trees in the Green Belt near her home in Brier. On April 9th the Barred Owl arrived and apparently chased off the Screech Owl. Her total species count of 28 also included 20 American Crows, a Golden-Crowned Kinglet, 2 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Pacific Wrens, 20 Pine Siskin, a Red-

Breasted Nuthatch, a Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, 2 Violet-Green Swallows and a Cooper's Hawk.



Ruby-crowned Kinglet by William H. Majoros

Mary Sinker reported 2 American Goldfinch at her feeders at her home in Stanwood. She also listed 6 Tree Swallows, along with 25 American Robins, 2 Bewick's Wrens, 10 Black-Capped Chickadees, a Brown Creeper, 11 Dark-Eyed Junco, a Great-Blue Heron at the creek, 17 Mourning Doves, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers at the feeders, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, a Red-Breasted Sapsucker, 9 Red-Winged Blackbirds, 7 Rufous Hummingbirds, 5 Song Sparrows and 2 Pacific Wrens for a total species count of 34.



European Starling by Dick Daniels

I now have 2 California Quail in my yard. My little male found a mate. The Evening Grosbeaks finally returned toward the end of the month. My total species count of 20 included 2 Evening Grosbeaks, 20+ American Crows in the field, a Bald Eagle, 7 Dark-Eyed Junco, 7 House Finches, a House Sparrow, 3 Mourning Doves, 22 Pine Siskin, 3 Spotted Towhee, 3 Steller's Jays, 2 Rufous Hummingbirds and 2 Downey Woodpeckers.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me at pricemara@clearwire.net or call my cell at 425.750.8125.

Adieu...

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On May 17, Florence and I are returning to Idaho to live out our retirement years. Shortly I will re-join the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society and renew old birding friendships. Consequently, many of you reading this will never see me again. Should my name come up in a future conversation and someone asks, "I wonder whatever happened to old Blackbird", I hope you remember me kindly.

Your friendship has contributed to my success in life and I thank you all for that.

Weekend Bird Walk Trip Report: Nisqually and Mima Mounds

By Terry Nightingale, Vice President

On Saturday, May 11, fourteen birders made the journey south to Nisqually Wildlife Refuge to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. The weather was breathtakingly gorgeous—blue skies with nary a cloud in sight.

We started the day by making our way to the observation deck behind the visitor center, where we were reminded that it is indeed spring by the nesting **Cliff Swallows** in the eaves of the observation deck. Like last year, the swallows were not afraid of people and flew within just a few feet of us, and we could again see the cliff swallow faces peering out of the nest holes. Your humble correspondent never gets tired of this type of close-up observation of bird behavior.

After Biologist Sue Miller gave a brief introduction to the history and ecology of the Nisqually Delta, we set off on the trail out toward the delta itself. This year we opted for the gravel trail between the forest and the open fields with large ponds. This gave us a nice view of the waterfowl in the ponds. Notable among them were the **Cinnamon Teal**, showing us their brilliant copper colors in the bright sunlight, a mated pair of **Wood Ducks** in flight, and **Blue-winged Teal** showing us their colorful wing patches when the sun caught them just right.

As we made our way closer to the twin barns, we started hearing a familiar hooting call. Hmm, what could it be? Ah yes, the **Sora** that we heard last year for the first time! Again this year, we had no visual confirmation, but the call is distinctive enough for a positive identification. What's that rapid drumming sound? A female **Downy Woodpecker** doing what woodpeckers do, very near us in the willow forest.

Continuing with our viewing of the waterfowl, we spotted **American Coots**, both **Hooded Mergansers** and **Common Mergansers**, some lovely **Gadwall**, and **Northern Shovelers** wearing their bright breeding plumage. Once we got close to the barns, the swarms of swallows demanded our attention. **Barn Swallows**, **Violet-green Swallows**, and **Tree Swallows** were all making use of cavities in and around the barns, and taking the opportunity to snatch bugs on the wing by the beak-full. Not to be outdone, three male **Brown-headed Cowbirds** were on the ground displaying to a single female, who apparently had her pick of the local boys.

Rounding the corner and heading out on the boardwalk, we became aware of a **Mallard** mom and her two adorable ducklings. A mere twenty feet or so from the path we caught sight of shorebirds; twenty **Long-billed Dowitchers** were feeding or basking in the warm rays of the day. **Killdeer** made their signature call to let us know

they were nearby, and a **Whimbrel** flew over us with its long, curved bill. The shorebird highlight of the day was a **Wilson's Phalarope** in breeding plumage! The bird's amazing rust-colored neck and back contrasted against white underparts and its bandit-style mask over the eyes. Truly spectacular!

We made quite slow progress on the path, given that we were seeing so many great birds. Next up was a **Common Yellowthroat**, singing and hopping from branch to branch of a small bush near the path. We got nice, long looks at his black mask and yellow belly. A more common sight, but welcome nonetheless, was the **Savannah Sparrow** clinging to a sapling just a mere five feet from the other side of our path.

Our next stop, in celebration of Prairie Appreciation Day, was the Mima Mounds. These mounds vary in size, are composed primarily of small rock particles like gravel, and occur in a repeating pattern across the Mima Prairie. There are several theories which attempt to explain how they formed; the "sun cup" theory says they formed when glacial ice melted, and another theory says they were created by pocket gophers. Whatever their origin, the mounds offer an unusual prairie habitat where one can observe butterflies, wildflowers and a few prairie birds like **Savannah Sparrows** and **Red-tailed Hawks**. This year in addition to the prairie birds, we heard a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** in the adjacent conifer forest, and we had the good fortune to see a **Red-breasted Sapsucker** making its way up a fir tree and pecking holes!

Other than getting the first sunburn of 2013, your correspondent and our group of birders had an excellent day!



Bats Spotted in Edmonds!

Last month **Barb Ogaard**, The Bat Lady, came and gave a wonderful workshop on Bats at the Edmonds Wildlife Habitat Native Plant Demonstration Garden.

After learning all about bats and how they benefit us, seeing wonderful photos and meeting two of her bats in person, the group headed off on a bat walk just as it was starting to get dark. Sure enough, everyone got to see several Little Brown Bats flying in the area. A great evening for all!



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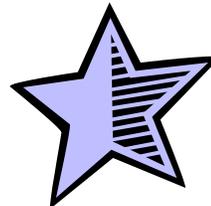
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Volunteer Opportunity of the Month

We need help on Sunday, June 23, at our storage unit in Everett. We will be moving out of a 10' by 15' unit into a 10' by 10' unit to save close to \$700 per year. The two units are approximately 20 yards apart so we will be using hand trucks, wheelbarrows and arms to carry our belongings.

If your spirit and back are up for the task, please call Kathleen Snyder at 425.438.1505 for details. With enough help, this shouldn't take long at all.