



Pilchuck Audubon Profile



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Join the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 18-21

The 14th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is February 18-21. And, Pilchuck Audubon is sponsoring a couple of events to support it.

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On Saturday, February 12, from 1-3 p.m., Alan Mearns will offer a free training workshop at the Wildlife Habitat and Native Plant Demo Garden in Edmonds.

The workshop, which will take place in the education building, will help you learn about the GBBC and how to identify birds you'll likely see. Alan's workshop last year

got rave reviews. So, don't miss it!

In addition, weekend bird hike leader, Jonathan Blubaugh, will lead a trip to the Bellevue Botanical Garden on Sunday, February 20, to coincide with the GBBC. Admission is free. If you'd like to join the trip, meet at 8:30 a.m. at Everett Mall – in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness. For more info, contact Jonathan at 425.244.7633 or aracfi@msn.com.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning birders to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy – and it helps the birds. Participants enter their tallies at www.birdcount.org where everyone can follow real-time results.

The 2010 GBBC was a record-breaker with more than 97,300 bird checklists submitted by an estimated 63,000 volunteers from across the United States and Canada. These volunteers found connecting with nature to be great fun.

"I enjoy being outdoors and birding is a source of relaxation and stress relief!" wrote one participant. "Looking and listening for birds forces me to focus on the environment around me at a higher level of intensity, and notice things I might otherwise miss."

From reports of rare species to large-scale tracking of bird movements, the GBBC provides insight into the lives of bird populations.

Highlights from the 2010 GBBC

- A roost of nearly 1.5 million American Robins was reported in St. Petersburg, Florida. Will they be back in 2011?
- The invasive Eurasian Collared-Dove keeps expanding its range. It was reported in 39 states and provinces during the 2010 GBBC. Where will this hardy dove show up next?

(See "GBBC" on page 9)

February program meeting
Friday, February 11, 7 p.m.

Snow Geese of Wrangel Island

Learn about the unique Snow Geese of Wrangel Island, Russia. These birds nest in an interior valley and the pre-flight goslings walk 120 miles to the sea. Don't miss this special presentation!

Everett Firefighters Hall
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett

For more information, call 425.252.0926

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for the most up-to-date information.

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We'll use Facebook and Twitter to provide program, field trip and other important updates. See you in cyberspace!

**It's time to start
thinking about
Birdathon 2011!**

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President's message

By Mike Blackbird, President, Pilchuck Audubon Society



I just finished reading Tim Egan's *The Big Burn*, about the 1910 forest fire which burned three million acres of prime forest land (approximately the size of Connecticut) in northeast Washington, the panhandle of northern Idaho and western Montana.

The firestorm burned over two days (August 20–21, 1910), and killed 87 people, including 78 firefighters. It's believed to be the largest – although not the deadliest – fire in recorded US history. The citizens of Idaho's Shoshone County, where I grew up, well knew the history and high cost of the infamous 1910 fire because it also consumed the city of Wallace, the county seat. In my youth, it was still possible to see fire scorched snags on the mountainsides of the Silver Valley, standing as stark testament to ravages of wildfire.

When the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, a squirrel could travel from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River without ever touching the ground. By the end of the 19th century, the timber trusts had successfully mined the old growth forests of the east and then cast their covetous eyes on the huge timber stands of the west, particularly the northwest.

Ironically, it would have succeeded in its cut-and-run business model – which had, sadly, devastated the forests of the east – but for the apocalyptic 1910 forest fire. And, an entity modern day environmentalists have never viewed as an ally: the US Forest Service. Indeed, one can say that this event was the young Forest Service's "trial by fire" that led to the solidifying support of the agency during its turbulent beginning.

Insisting he was as much a westerner as he was an east-

erner, President Teddy Roosevelt was determined the west would not suffer the loss of huge tracts forests as the east had. During his presidency, using executive privilege and the assistance of Gifford Pinchot, he set aside 230 million acres of the west as national forests.

Roosevelt created the US Forest Service as a vehicle for conservation to manage the national forests for the public good.

His initial efforts were thwarted by two powerful US senators, Heyburn of Idaho and Clark of Montana. Each, a creature of the timber trusts, had a vested interest in exploiting the forest lands of the west. They set out to kill the fledgling Forest Service by strangling it with the purse strings.

If not for the 1910 fire, they may have succeeded. The heroism of a lonely few forest rangers over two days of conflagration wrested the purse strings from the hands of Heyburn and Clark. The Forest Service – now fully funded – was prepared to fulfill the vision of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot.

Senators Heyburn and Clark had failed to kill the US Forest Service. But, the timber trusts, not to be deterred, changed their tactics. They ultimately gained access to forests of the west by placing their allies inside the Forest Service, where they effectively established policies that allowed the building of thousands of miles of roads to exploit vast tracts forest land of the west by clear cutting.

In the halcyon days of youthful naiveté, I knew none of this.

During the summer of 1957, a lightning strike started a forest fire up Bear Creek – near my home in north Idaho. The Forest

(See "Blackbird" on page 9)

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 the 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, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

Newsletter submissions

Submit articles to annette.colombini@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the fifth of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.252.0926.

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Trip calendar

Check our web site at www.pilchuckaudubon.org for the latest information.

Tuesday, February 1

Fir Island

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5, exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Expect almost anything: Golden Eagle, Northern Shrike, Tundra Swans, Merlin, etc. Pack a lunch.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Saturday, February 5

Corson Wildlife Preserve

Meet at 8 a.m. at Everett Station at 3201 Smith Ave. Park in the northwest corner of the parking lot, across Smith Avenue from the Everett Station building. We'll carpool to Lake Stevens and get a tour of the Corson Wildlife Sanctuary. This nature preserve features 160 acres of ponds, fields, marshes and a large collection of exotic birds. Total distance will be between 2-4 miles with minimal elevation gain. Actual distance will depend on how ambitious the group is feeling. This is a half-day hike so pack a lunch and we'll eat at one of the shelters on the grounds.

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

Tuesday, February 8

Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Lynnwood Walmart at 1400 164th St SW (I-5, exit 183). Park at the edge of the lot, away from the store, to the west. This will be a long road trip of some 80 miles each way. Once at the refuge, we will walk several miles to fully experience the delights and surprises of its marshes, tide flats, grasslands and riparian woodlands. Two hundred species have been seen here. Part of the new Estuary Trail is now open. A video about the trail on KING TV's web site makes it look exciting. Pack a lunch. Expect a long, adventurous day.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Port Gamble to Port Townsend

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Edmonds Marsh (south of West Dayton St., turn left just before the railroad tracks). We'll take the ferry to Kingston, go through Port Gamble and across the Hood Canal Floating Bridge. We'll visit Marrowstone Island and Indian Island and enjoy views of Admiralty Inlet. Waterfowl, seabirds and maybe Orcas. Past year's trips have been memorable and rewarding. Pack a lunch.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Sunday, February 20

Bellevue Botanical Garden

This trip coincides with the Great Backyard Bird Count. We will upload our data in this citizen-science event. If you'd like to join us, admission is free. No, I've never been there. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Everett Mall – in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness. The visitors' center opens at 9. Probably just a half-day because it's close by. We just might stop on the way home for lunch.

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

Tues., Feb. 22 Birch Bay, Semiahmoo, Drayton Harbor

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5, exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Expect Harlequin and Long-tailed ducks, Brant and many seagoing species. Wilma will serve hot soup and dessert at her waterfront cabin.

Leader: Wilma Bayes, 360.629.2028

Saturday, March 5

River Meadows Park, Arlington

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5, exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. We'll carpool to Arlington's River Meadows Park and wander through its forest, hike riverside trails and tour the eponymous meadows. The park is 145 acres and includes a network of trails spanning up to six miles. The total distance we travel will depend on the weather and the will of the group. Elevation gain is a mere 100 feet. This is a half-day hike, so pack a lunch or plan for a sit-down meal in rustic downtown Arlington.

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

Sunday, March 20

West Sammamish River Trail

This 5.5 mile loop is flat and accessible to folks with disabilities. We'll start at Sixty Acres Park in Redmond, walk upstream towards Slough House Park and then return on the Sammamish River Trail on the opposite bank (or vice versa). With any luck, we might spot some early arriving migrants. Pack a snack, although we may stop on the way home for a late lunch. Meet at 8 a.m. at Everett Mall – in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness.

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

May 20-22

Kittitas County

More information to come. Reservations will be accepted beginning in January. Contact Susie Schaefer if you're interested: susie.schaefer@pilchuckaudubon.org or 425.771.8165.

June 2-6

Ferry County

This year's trip will go in a different, "loony" direction. See page 5 to learn more. Contact Susie Schaefer if you're interested: susie.schaefer@pilchuckaudubon.org or 425.771.8165.

Notice to field trip participants: Field trips are open to members and non-members alike. No advance notice required unless otherwise stated in the trip description. Trips go, rain or shine. However, in case of snow or ice, contact trip leader! Bring a sack lunch, beverage, binoculars, scope and field guide if you have them. If not, we'll share. Please, no perfume or cologne. Be prepared to share gas money with carpool drivers. Pets, even leashed, are prohibited on field trips. Please leave them at home.

**Birdathon is fun and easy.
You should try it!**

Hurray for us!



The Vaux's Swifts of Monroe and Pilchuck Audubon's efforts to protect the chimney at Frank Wagner Elementary are featured in the current issue of *Audubon Magazine*. Check us out under *Audubon in Action* on page 10.

Our Vaux's Swifts expert, Larry Schwitters, is quoted and a photo by newsletter editor, Annette Colombini, also appears.

Have fun, be entertained and get smarter

Sound Waters 2011 – All Things Puget Sound February 5 Langley, Washington

Sound Waters, a one-day “university for all,” offers more than 50 classes, ranging from “Meet your intertidal neighbors” to “People of the Salish Sea.” And, for \$40, you can enjoy the keynote address by Dr. Rick Keil of the UW, take three classes and still have time for lunch and to peruse the informative exhibits. Register online until January 28 or find more information at www.beachwaters.net/sw_2011.

Great Backyard Bird Count Training February 12 Native Plant Demo Garden, Edmonds

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The garden is located at the Willow Creek Hatchery, 95 Pine Street, Edmonds.

Environmental priorities coalition lobby day February 15 Olympia

Come to Olympia with hundreds of other citizen lobbyists to push for the passage of the Environmental Priorities Coalition’s legislative package (*see article on page 10*).

For more info about Lobby Day and representing PAS there, contact Mike Blackbird, Jan van Niel or Susie Schaefer.

Port Susan Snow Goose and Birding Festival February 26-27 Stanwood, Washington

The geese are back and plans are set for the 2011 Port Susan Snow Goose Festival on February 26-27. Check the official festival web site – www.snowgoosefest.org – for a complete list of field trips, seminars and activities.

Wings over Water Northwest Birding Festival March 19 Blaine, Washington

Fun festival activities take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include guided field trips to Semiahmoo Spit, a wildlife cruise, an art show, live raptor presentations, family activities, prizes and more! For more information, visit www.blainechamber.com or phone 800.624.3555.

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival March 25-27 Othello, Washington

Plan to attend the 14th Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, March 25-27. The festival features field trips to view Sandhill Cranes, along with other specialty tours such as Columbia National Wildlife Refuge/Potholes wildlife tour, Lower Grand Coulee birding tour and Wahluke Slope/Shrub Steppe birding tour. Trips fill up quickly. Pre-registration is recommended.

With your paid admission into the festival, you’re entitled to attend lectures on topics such as falconry, Grouse of Washington, Othello History within the Drumhellar Channeled Scablands, Shrub-Steppe Flora and Fauna, Owls of Eastern Washington and Spring Migration in the Columbia Basin.

For more information, visit the festival web site at www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org or contact Susie Schaefer: susie.schaefer@pilchuckaudubon.org or 425.771.8165.

Olympic BirdFest April 8-10 Sequim, Washington

Join the Olympic BirdFest 2011 celebration at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, April 8-10. The stage is set ... quiet bays and estuaries, sandy beaches, a long sand spit and a island bird sanctuary on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Wetlands, tide pools, rainforests and lush valleys. Enjoy guided birding trips, boat tours and a gala banquet.

Come bird with us and experience the spectacular landscapes of the Olympic Peninsula ... you just might go home with a new bird for your life list! Check out the offerings at www.olympicbirdfest.org or call for a brochure.

Follow your BirdFest weekend with a three-day birding cruise in the San Juan Islands April 10-12. Visit San Juan and Sucia Islands – and more. Stay at the historic Roche Harbor Resort.

Get cruise info and registration forms at www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org. Contact us by phone (360.681.4076), e-mail (opas.birdfest.info@gmail.com) or by mail: Dungeness River Audubon Center, PO Box 2450, Sequim, WA 98382.

Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival April 29-May 1 Hoquiam, Washington

Each spring, hundreds of thousands of shorebirds stop to rest and feed in Grays Harbor estuary on their migration north. This concentration of birds offers people a great chance to view a number of shorebird species, and with luck, to see the birds fly in beautiful formations while trying to escape the fastest creature on earth, the Peregrine Falcon.

This year’s festival features field trips to view shorebirds and raptors, plus lectures, workshops, a nature fun fair, a birding marketplace and more. The keynote address will be by Bart Rulon, artist, naturalist and photographer. You’ll recall Bart spoke at the Puget Sound Bird Fest several years ago.

For more information, visit www.shorebirdfestival.com or phone 360.289.5048.

Backyard Bird Festival May 14 Tukwila, Washington

Join us for this annual event that helps educate and inspire us to welcome wildlife – like birds, butterflies and others – into our backyards, garden and communities! This event will host a variety of activities and educational opportunities, including local gardener Ciscoe Morris speaking on how to attract and support wildlife through garden and landscape practices, and creating and preserving wildlife habitat in our region.

For more information, visit www.backyardwildlifefair.org or call 206.768.2822.

Call 24 hours a day for help for injured wildlife



Second Chance Wildlife Care Center
Snohomish, 425-335-0788

Deer Creek Wild Animal Rehab
Everett, 425-334-8171



Sarvey Wildlife Center: Arlington, 360-435-4817

PAWS: Lynnwood, 425-787-2500, ext. 817

Ferry County trip to focus on nesting loons

This year's birding trip to Ferry County – scheduled for June 2-6 – will focus on Washington's dwindling loon population. Leaders Susie Schaefer and Bill Lider plan to take the group to as many as 11 lakes with a history of nesting Common Loons in Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Whatcom counties.

Pilchuck lobbied WDFW, last year, to ban the recreational use of lead sinkers on these lakes as baby step towards a statewide ban. Last season, there were only nine successful loon fledglings in the entire state. The Common Loon is in danger of becoming extirpated in Washington.

Susie, Bill and the rest of the group will observe and record all loon activity during their visit, as well as document – with photos – any baby loons they find.



Common Loon, by John Gavin

The trip will still include birding many of the usual hot spots – and lots of fun adventures.

The group will depart Thursday morning, June 2, and return Monday night, June 6. They'll use Curlew as a base. If you're interested in extending your visit beyond June 6, bring your passport and you can visit a loon lake only accessible from the Canadian side.

Expenses for food and gas will be shared. Contact Susie Schaefer at 425.771.8165 or susie.schaefer@

pilchuckaudubon.org for more info.

We'll schedule separate weekend fieldtrip in May to the two known loon nesting lakes in King County. Watch the *Profile* for more info.

Work continues for wintering Vaux's Swifts

The chimney at Frank Wagner Elementary is quiet and empty. It is winter and our friends, the Vaux's Swifts, are happily wintering in warm Central America. They'll likely return sometime in April.

In the meantime, the kiosk with info about these tiny birds is finished and positioned in front of the school. The cement pad was installed in December. The pad sustained some weather damage, but will soon be repaired. The next time you're in Monroe, stop by and check out the informative kiosk.

Swift expert, Larry Schwitters, and swift tech guy, Curt Young, are busy watching hours of video captured by the cameras in and on the chimney. These cameras were operational during

most of the fall migration, so there is much to see and learn – especially about predation by crows and Coopers Hawks!

Larry is compiling a "best of" video collection, which will be available on DVD. Thanks, Larry, for wading through this fascinating footage.

If you subscribe to *Audubon Magazine*, see the article about our swifts program on page 10. It features quotes from Larry and a photo by newsletter editor, Annette Colombini.

Keep up to date on what's in store for 2011 on the PAS web site (www.pilchuckaudubon.org) or www.monroeswifts.com. See you in Monroe!

Birdathon is good for you!

PAS dues to increase

The PAS Board recently voted to increase yearly membership dues from \$25 to \$28. This increase is in response to two issues.

First, donations to PAS are down due to the economic slowdown. Second, PAS is collaborating with most other Washington chapters to hire a policy advocate to represent our views to state legislators. This is a new financial commitment for us – and requires new funds.

As budget deficits and cuts impact all areas of state government, we strive to be a voice for conservation of state lands and the preservation of wildlife habitat.

Anyone interesting in donating to help fund this new position is invited to contact Jan van Niel at 425.778.7568. Jan represents our region on the state committee coordinating this effort.

March birdseed sale

After many years, Art Wait – also known as Mr. Birdseed – is turning this job over to Jay Ward and Carolyn Lacy. Art has handled birdseed sales for years – and done an outstanding job. Thanks to Art and Shirley. We appreciate your hard work!

It will take two people to replace Art. But, the system will be nearly the same. To order birdseed and related supplies, contact Carolyn at carolynlacy137@frontier.com or 206.245.5836. Orders must be placed by Tues., March 8.

Orders can be picked up in Everett on Saturday morning, March 12, at Bering Sea Fisheries, 3862 Railway Avenue. Jay and other volunteers collect payment and help load the seed.

Bering Sea Fisheries is located on the Snohomish River, east of I-5. From I-5, take the Pacific Avenue exit and head north on Walnut Street. Turn east onto Hewitt Avenue. Hewitt becomes Highland Drive. After about a mile, turn right onto California Street. California becomes Railway Avenue. Bering Sea Fisheries is ahead on your right.

If you prefer to pick up your order in Edmonds, let Carolyn know when you place your order. You'll need to arrange a pickup time with Paul or Laura Spehar: 425.672.2150.

Please remember: the price of seed fluctuates. So, the price the day you pick it up might be slightly different than what you were told when the order was placed.

Birding highlights

By Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

November 26, 2010–December 25, 2010

Good news! We have a new reporter to add to our list of bird sighters: John Davis of Everett. He takes daily walks in Forest Park and will report on the birds he spots there.

The number of species reported usually varies throughout the county. The larger counts are near lakes and along the coast, although Julie O'Donald reported 25 species from her Brier location.

Carole and Larry Beason usually report numbers in the 30s from Lake Bosworth. In fact, they reported 36 species this month. They listed 53 **American Crows** flying over the lake, 31 **Canada Geese** on the lake, 17 **Common Mergansers**, 62 **Evening Grosbeaks** in a birch tree, 2 **Hairy Woodpeckers**, an **Osprey**, 60 **Pine Siskins**, 24 **Red-winged Blackbirds**, 18 **Dark-eyed Juncos**, 10 **Spotted Towhees**, 5 **Mourning Doves** and a rare **Sabine's Gull**. The **Sabine Gull** is uncommon for this area. It usually nests on Tundra ponds and is rarely seen on inland lakes.

California Quail topped Gail Dibernardo's list with 8 reported in her yard in Brier. Her species count of 21 also included 2 **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, 2 **Varied Thrushes**, 10 **Pine Siskins**, 4 **Steller's Jays**, 2 **Pileated Woodpeckers**, 2 **Bewick's Wrens**, a **Brown Creeper**, 15 **American Robins**, 2 **Townsend's Warblers**, a **Great Blue Heron** and 12 **Dark-eyed Juncos**.

How'd you like to have a **Barred Owl** in your yard? Well, Kriss Erickson spotted one in her yard in Everett last month. She also reported a **Winter Wren**, 8 **American Goldfinches**, 13 **Dark-eyed Juncos**, a **Bewick's Wren**, 6 **Western Gulls** flying over, a **Spotted Towhee**, 8 **Black-capped Chickadees**, 2 **Mallards** in her yard, 6 **Golden-crowned Kinglets** and 60 **European Starlings** for a species count of 14.

Adeline Gildow spotted a **Blue Jay** on December 6. It appeared to be a healthy, raucous, nervous bird at the feeder. She heard it call for two days and then it was gone. She also reported 2 **Eurasian Collared Doves**, which are found mostly in southern states, but must be making their way up north. Her species count of 35 also included 14 **Bushtits**, 2 **Downy**



Sabine's Gull, by Stefan Hage



Golden-crowned Kinglet, by Annette Colombini



Blue Jay, by Marg Hestin

Woodpeckers, 3 **Great Blue Herons**, 3 **Barn Owls**, 27 **Trumpeter Swans**, 4 **White-crowned Sparrows**, 2 **Ruby-crowned Kinglets**, 3 **Varied Thrushes**, a **Red-breasted Sapsucker** and 1000s of **Dunlin** at Juniper Beach.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo usually features a large variety of species. She reported 2 **Anna's Hummingbirds**, 2 **Bald Eagles**, 11 **Bushtits**, 5 **California Quail**, 21 **Dark-eyed Juncos**, a **Fox Sparrow**, 4 **Golden-crowned Sparrows**, a **Red-tailed Hawk**, 5 **Steller's Jays**, a **Townsend's Warbler**, a **Downy Woodpecker** and 2 **Varied Thrushes** for a species count of 25.

So many chickadees! Mary Sinker reported 15 **Black-capped Chickadees** and 10 **Chestnut-backed Chickadees** from her Stanwood home. It must be difficult to sort them out because they move so quickly. Her species count of 28 also included 5 **American Robins**, 50 **Dark-eyed Juncos**, 20 **Evening Grosbeaks**, 15 **Mourning Doves**, 2 **Pileated Woodpeckers**, 5 **Pine Siskins**, a **Sharp-shinned Hawk**, 2 **White-crowned Sparrows** and 2 **Winter Wrens**.

Dick Vanderhoff's access to fields and bays around Stanwood affords him great views of the seasonal **Snow Geese** and swans. His species count of 9 included 50+ **Trumpeter Swans**, 800+ **Snow Geese** and 30+ **Double-crested Cormorants** on the bay, 1000+ **Dunlin** across the bay, 15 **Black-capped Chickadees**, 10 **Steller's Jays**, a **Pileated Woodpecker** and a **Bald Eagle**.

The count from my home in Marysville is a little short this month. I was busy with house guests and Christmas, although I did participate in the Christmas Bird Count in Area 9. My total species count of 19 included 4 **California Quail**, 2 **Pileated Woodpeckers**, 15 **Dark-eyed Juncos**, 2 **Purple Finches**, a **Cooper's Hawk**, 4 **Spotted Towhees**, a **Great Horned Owl** in the woods, an **American Kestrel** along 100th Street in Marysville, 5 **Northern Flickers** and 30-40 **Rock Doves** on the wires along 67th.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please e-mail me at pricemara@clearwire.net or leave a message at 425.750.8125.

Reiter Forest comments due January 31

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is taking public comments until **January 31** on its construction plan for the "motorized trail system" for Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) at Reiter Forest.

DNR issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), which means DNR doesn't intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the ORV trails. DNR needs to hear from many individual non-motorized recreationists and conservationists.



A "tube buggy" moves through trees scarred by previous ORV use. Photo courtesy Karl Forsgaard.

PAS and its partners – Alpine Lakes Protection Society, Conservation Northwest, Friends of Wild Sky, The Mountaineers, North Cascades Conservation Council, Sierra Club,

Washington Trails Association and Washington Wilderness Coalition – ask you to send an e-mail today to help save Reiter Forest from further ORV damage.

Background

Last year, PAS supported DNR's overall recreation plan for Reiter because it significantly reduced the acreage open to ORVs. And, it helped protect adjacent wild lands from ORV trespass. The new Wild Sky Wilderness, Wallace Falls and Forks of the Sky state parks are all adjacent to Reiter Forest,

Demo Garden is a happening place

This year is shaping up to be another busy one at the Demo Garden in Edmonds, where the native plants are healthy and filling in. It will soon look like a full-fledged native plant garden.

Volunteers continue to work on signage for the garden. The big educational sign should be ready for Native Plant Appreciation Week in May. And, thanks to a grant from the Native Plant Society, we have a map of plant locations in the garden. There are beautiful slate signs throughout the garden, as well. Come check out the changes!

We're planning many educational activities during the next six months:

On February 12, Alan Mearns will conduct training for the Great Backyard Bird count. This free workshop will run from 1-3 p.m. in the education building. The purpose is to teach more about the GBBC and how to identify backyard birds common to the area. This workshop was a great success last year. All are welcome!



and trespass and vandalism do occur.

We like the designation of non-motorized areas within Reiter Forest, to protect the land and wildlife, plus provide year-round, lower-elevation non-motorized recreation (the non-motorized trail system is still being designed). These and other forms of mitigation should help reduce the impacts of future ORV use at Reiter.

However, we cannot support DNR's ORV construction plan as currently written, because it omits too many important points. Although we support DNR's efforts to protect public resources, we urge DNR to conduct a full EIS, and provide the missing substance – especially on enforcement and restoration.

The construction plan calls for 25.8 miles of new trail for motorcycles, quad ATVs and 4x4s, several 4x4 challenge areas and motorcycle trial riding areas, three temporary parking areas and a new trailhead and parking lot. The SEPA documents also refer to future additions to the ORV area such as a campground, for which no details are given.

How you can help

Please send your e-mail comments to sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov. The comment deadline is **Monday, January 31, at 4:30 p.m.**

Talking points are available on the PAS web site. The subject of your e-mail should read: Reiter Foothills Forest Motorized Trail System, Phases 1 and 2 – File 10-122002.

DNR's Reiter Forest ORV construction plan documents can be viewed at www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/SEPAOthers/Pages/amp_sepa_other_reitertrail_feb.aspx

March 13-19 is National Wildlife Federation Week. We're planning loads of workshops and activities. Watch for the *Profile* and PAS web site for details.

In April, several groups will offer workshops for stream-side homeowners to help them keep their backyard streams healthy.

May 1-7 is Native Plant Appreciation Week – and the first anniversary of our demo garden in Edmonds. We have a big celebration planned!

June 20-26 is National Pollinators Week. Watch for more info about informative workshops.

We need more folks to help with educational events, as well as the care and maintenance of the garden. We guarantee all volunteers will learn a lot and have fun. Please contact Susie Schaefer at susie.schaefer@pilchuck-audubon.org or 425.771.8165 to get involved.

**Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Bird Count.
We appreciate your efforts. Results to come!**

Smart Growth report

By Kristin Kelly, Smart Growth Director

Protecting Snohomish County farmland also means supporting Snohomish County farmers. So, a proposed year-round farmers' market (featured in a front-page story in the January 8 *Herald*) comes as good news. The market, set to open in 2012, will be located near the Sno-Isle Co-op in downtown Everett.

Some background

For the past seven years, Snohomish County has hosted a Focus on Farming Conference. Farmers from across Washington gather to discuss ways to keep farming profitable and to help resolve obstacles they face. At the first conference, Snohomish County farmers suggested a year-round indoor farmers' market, as well as a location to process their products and a plan for better distribution and storage.

The county and interested stakeholders formed the Snohomish County Agricultural Economic Development Action Team (SAEDAT), which published a report to identify ways to support economic success for local farmers – including a year-round farmers' market. (The full report is available at www.snoco.org. Search for SAEDAT.)

A committee was formed to work towards completing the recommendations of the report. Three feasibility studies on the viability of a year-round market followed. Everett was deemed the best location. The studies also suggested the market should be administered by the farmers. So, the Growers' Alliance was formed. This group will decide who is eligible to sell at the market and how the market will be run.

The Snohomish County Growers' Alliance is a non-profit organization and anyone – farmer or not – can join. For more information, contact Carol Krause at 425.334.4124 or info@swantrailfarms.com, or Linda Neunzig at Snohomish County at 425.388.7112 or linda.neunzig@snoco.org.

Originally, the market was planned for the Everett's new waterfront development. But, recently, Dargey Enterprises, a private developer, convinced the growers' alliance to locate the market at his site in downtown. Lobsang Dargey, a former Tibetan monk who was raised herding his family's sheep and goats, appreciates the need for farmers to have a central location to sell their products.

The proposed farmers' market will cover 60,000 square feet and include a 2,400 square foot commercial kitchen. It will serve as a distribution center for farmers to transport products to different locations. There'll be no initial investment by the farmers – just the cost of leasing stalls.

In addition, the building will feature nearly 200 residential units and will include parking for residents, as well as space for 200 cars for the market. The development's restaurants will be required to buy directly from the farmers market.

This is a positive step forward for the future of farming in Snohomish County. Hopefully, the market will be a regional market and a tourist destination.

There are unanswered questions and time will tell if the year-round farmers' market will be as successful as hoped. Now that there's a location, what will it take to make the market a success? Will the farmers be able to manage the full-time operation? Will the development include other environmental

amenities like green building standards and passive solar energy? Will the year-round market hurt smaller farmers' markets around the county? Will it hurt or help the nearby Sno-Isle Co-op?

Attracting customers to the market will be the true sign of its success. I sent an e-mail to about 700 folks around the county to get a feel for opinions, concerns and level of support. If you're reading the *Profile* online, you can read what people had to say at the end of this column. If you're reading the printed version of the *Profile*, a summary of the responses follows.



Photo by Natalie Maynor

Most folks were pleased a year-round farmers' market will be built soon. Most thought the downtown location would be more accessible for those using public transit or the foot commute than the waterfront location. Still, those who don't live or work in Everett may have visited the market on their way home. But, most feedback I received didn't see it that way. It makes me wonder if the farmers' market will truly be a regional market, or if most regular customers will be folks who live or work in downtown Everett.

Some folks said they would drive in on the weekends or at least once a month to visit the market. Some would rarely or ever go to Everett for a farmers' market, especially during the summer when weekly farmers' markets take place all around the county.

Perhaps, with a year-round farmers' market in Everett, the city will have a more walkable downtown – not just on weekdays, but in the evenings and weekends, too.

It'll be interesting to see how many and how often farmers are at the market selling their products. Some farms are small enough that farmers spend their time actually plowing fields and growing crops. They don't have time to be retailers, too.

How will this market compete in the summer with local farmers' markets? According to the feasibility study, smaller weekly markets usually do better with a regional farmers' market because the exposure educates people about the importance of buying locally – not just to support local farming, but for their health, as well.

My hope is the farmers' market will be successful and folks see the importance of supporting local farming. I also hope the need for more transit opportunities will spring from this endeavor, so citizens see the connection between buying local and reducing our carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

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The GBBC is in mid-February because it offers a good picture of the birds typically found throughout the winter months. It also coincides with migration for some species, like the Sandhill Crane. That window of transition affords an opportunity to detect changes in timing for northward migration.

On the www.birdcount.org web site, participants can explore real-time maps and charts that show what others are reporting during the count. The site has tips to help identify birds and special materials for educators.

GBBC participant surveys have shown that people really enjoy exploring the data and say they learn more about

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Service's chief ranger at the Kingston ranger station put out an urgent call for the public to help fight the fire.

Since 1935, Forest Service policy dictated that any fire spotted in the course of a working day must be under control by 10 o'clock the following morning. A number of chief rangers were fired for failing to meet the deadline.

The Wright brothers, Larry and Richie, and I answered the call and set out down the railroad tracks to the mouth of Bear Creek four miles away. Making our way to the fire camp, we were immediately enlisted and placed in a fire crew by the fire boss – even though it was evident we were underage. Richie was 14, I was 15 and Larry was 16. But, the fire was out of control and every available hand was needed to fight it.

By dawn, the fire was under control. The three of us were sent back to the fire camp where we were put to work wash-

their local birds. "I looked at data with my 9-year-old son to help him learn about birds in our area," wrote one parent. "We talked about migration, bird flyways and compared bird counts for our area (coastal South Carolina) with where his cousins live (Wisconsin and Alabama). We found out our area has a much greater variety of birds in February than either of the other two."

All participants are entered in a drawing for prizes that include bird feeders, binoculars, books, CDs and many other great birding products.

For more info about the GBBC, visit www.birdcount.org.

ing dishes as the fire crews rotated through for breakfast.

As soon the crews were fed and returned to putting out the now-dying fire, the chief ranger came to lecture us about being underage and sneaking on to the fire. The America of the 1950s hadn't evolved into the litigious society of today. He tried to act upset with us for being underage and knew better it was of little concern to him the day before when the fire raged out of control. Finishing his lecture, he gave each of us the necessary form to fill out to make sure we got paid.

As we set off down the road on that summer morning in 1957, we were tired, but satisfied with getting paid for the adventure. And, we were proud that for 24 hours, we had fought a forest fire for the US Forest Service – which, in north, Idaho still retained its mantle of heroism almost 50 years after the Great Fire of 1910.

Bird of the month: Townsend's Warbler



Gerald Plowman photo

Quick facts

- Small songbird (5" length, 8" wingspan)
- Chest and face yellow
- Stripes down sides of chest
- Two white wing bars
- Dark face patch, crown; black throat

Townsend's Warblers breed in mature coniferous and mixed forests from Alaska through BC to the Olympic Peninsula, to western Montana, the Idaho panhandle and northeast Oregon.

Those that breed in the Queen Charlotte Islands winter on the Pacific coast from BC to southern California. Others to Arizona, Texas, Mexico and Central America.

Cool fact: On their breeding grounds, Townsend's Warblers eat insects exclusively. While wintering, they'll also eat fruit and honeydew, a sugary insect excretion. Attract them to your feeders with suet containing fruit or insects.

Environmental priorities for 2011 legislative session

The Environmental Priorities Coalition has identified four priorities for the 2011 legislative session. Following are brief summaries. For detailed info, visit their web site: www.environmentalpriorities.org.

Coal-free future for Washington: The state's single largest source of air pollution is the TransAlta coal-fired power plant in Centralia. This legislation will transition the plant off coal in order to address concerns about the health impacts of coal, climate change and air and water pollution caused by the TransAlta plant.

Clean fertilizers, healthier lakes and rivers: Phosphorus from industry, wastewater plants, septic systems and lawns can cause algae blooms and impact water quality, fish habitat and recreation in our lakes and rivers. The Freshwater Pollution Control Act is a common sense, cost-effective approach to reduce phosphorus in waterways by restricting the sale of phosphorus lawn fertilizer in Washington.



2011 Clean Water Jobs Act: Each year, millions of gallons of petroleum pollute lakes, rivers and marine waters through toxic oil runoff from our roads and cities – a serious threat to our health and environment. The 2011 Clean Water Act will fund job-creating projects all over the state, by building clean water infrastructure by taxing the oil companies, who profit from the pollution.

Budget solutions for our environment: A key element to the long-term economic health of our state is protecting clean water, clean air and special places. By sustaining core environmental protections, continuing investments in parks and preservation and requiring companies and others to pay their fair share for the services they receive, we can strike a balance that – even in hard times – will protect public health, economic future and quality of life in Washington.

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What others had to say

"The current Everett farmers' market has been serving the community since 1994. Once a week, 80 vendors sell there – farmers, crafters and others. Many of these vendors will not be part of the new market as their commitment is once a week, on Sunday. The stalls are affordable and they don't have to pre-pay or make a long-term commitment to attend. Many of the vendors are teachers, retirees or work other jobs. I see the year-round market as a possible conflict to the Sunday farmers' market, which is a member of the WAFMA and follows guidelines for food and crafts being grown and made locally.

"Sno-Isle Food Co-op on Grand Avenue in Everett has been serving Snohomish County and beyond for more than 10 years. The co-op is not only member based, but relies on the surrounding community to support its operation, as many go to the co-op for their daily shopping. The co-op is centered around organic and natural foods – some local – with concerns about food security, what's in our food and products that are used daily in our homes. I see the year-round market as a possible conflict, as they will be competing for the same customers. In the beginning, many shoppers will not know the difference.

"This being true, right now, as we are not talking about the future of growing food, we are talking about the 2012 season, local farmers will not be supplying this new market with food, unless they are producing what we call value products like jelly, wine, relish, beer, soup, preserved or dried food, etc. Where will the food be coming from?" – *Karen Erickson, Snohomish Farmers' Market Manager, Everett*

"We always miss the Everett farmers' market when it closes in the fall, and would love to see a large regional market on Grand. There is a year-round market near Olympia, with crafters and a bakery spot that stay open year-round. The fresh veggie booths, etc., are not open in the winter. I always enjoy this market when I visit friends in Lacey – any time of year." – *Marlene Sweet, Lake Stevens*

"We live in Snohomish, so getting to Everett to grocery shop is a bit challenging. However, since this is year-round, I would make more of an effort to get there (probably once a month). I believe it is im-

portant to have an ongoing location for local products and produce: a place that is comfortable, reasonably easy to reach and has parking available. I would expect a farmers' market to be easily accessible for local residents and elderly. It should have a meeting area or cafe so people can sit, relax drink something refreshing, enjoy the sites and look at their purchases." – *Megan Somerville, Snohomish*

"If I were already in Everett, I would make it one of my stops. But, I would probably not drive from Edmonds to Everett just to shop there. Our Edmonds PCC meets my needs for fresh, mostly local produce. I'm happy to know that Everett is moving in this direction, though." – *Rebecca Wolfe, Edmonds*

"I live in the Delta neighborhood of north Everett, so that would be too far to walk. Although I really liked the idea of it being along the river, I would love to see a regional, year-round farmers' market in Everett that has easy access and well-planned parking. Smart to localize this for farmers/vendors, consumers – good for the community, economy – will help support/maintain our farmlands and local food supply. To be frequented, those who don't live nearby and want to come in from single-family neighborhoods will need parking like Pike Place and the co-op in Mt. Vernon. Those who make intermittent, planned shopping trips and purchase too much to carry by hand/bus will need parking. Vendors and delivery trucks will need easy, uncongested access and parking, as will emergency services. I already shop at the co-op next to Sisters Restaurant on Grand, love that old building, and can generally find parking now. Want to see that maintained." – *Deborah Blake, Everett*

"I would certainly patronize the market consistently since it is only blocks from my home." – *Charlene Rawson, Everett*

"I would use a farmers' market on Grand Avenue between Hewitt and Wall. I used the one down on the waterfront almost every week. My elder friend and I would go by bus – the Everett #5 was specifically started two seasons ago on Sunday to provide a public transportation option. The Grand Avenue location would be right on the #5 bus line. Unless they plan on building a lot of parking, it will have the same lousy parking situation as the waterfront location has now. So using the bus makes a lot of sense. If people insist on

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using their cars, they can drive to the Everett Station and get on the #5 there." – *Kinuko Noborikawa, Everett*

"It seems that for the people of Everett proper, in the heart of the city and via bus routes, a farmers' market at the new site will be well used. However, I don't believe that I would get in the car, drive 25 minutes and try to find a place to park in downtown Everett in order to purchase produce. A farmers' market would be a nice addition to the Riverside project, if they ever develop it. Downtown seems a bit limited." – *Mickie Gundersen, Alderwood Manor*

"I would likely visit an ongoing market once a month or so."
– *Brooks Bennett, Bothell*

"I live in south Everett and will use the farmers' market at least weekly. I love the idea of a 12-month farmers' market, even if it is not local within 50 miles, but local as in west coast, BC greenhouses, etc., and hopefully more greenhouses locally, too. I see this as a great opportunity for local urban farming to thrive and become meaningful in our area with venue to sell." – *Zsafia Pasztor, Everett*

"Personally, the Grand Street site would be wonderful because it's close to where I work. I'd love it and would probably use it more often, especially during the school year. The Riverside site would be more out of the way. Of course, it would also depend on the ease of access to the river area and how appealing it would turn out to be. I probably wouldn't get over there as often during the work week."
– *Joan Reichenberger, Lake Roesiger, rural Snohomish County*

"Love the location! It's within walking distance of our home. If it's located on Grand Avenue as proposed, we'll certainly use it, probably weekly or more often!" – *John and Christine Witters, Everett*

"This is an excellent location. It makes more sense and would be more convenient to me than the Riverside location. It's downtown! Within walking distance of places I frequent: KSER, the Y, county buildings, and most notably, the Sno-Isle Co-op! The proximity of the latter would go a long way, I think, to increasing the clientele at the market, though I'd be interested to see whether the co-op thinks it might hurt their business." – *Kathy Johnson, Marysville*

"Whether I use it or not would entirely depend on hours of operation. During the week, I'm only in town until about 8 a.m. I would use it on Saturday, though." – *Kay McDonald, Lake Stevens area*

"I live between Snohomish and Monroe and would likely not go to Everett during the winter months. Because Snohomish has its own farmers' market during the summer, I would go to Snohomish market instead." – *Barbara Penniston, Monroe*

"My feeling about the site of the market is mixed. It's hard to know where the best place is. However, I think anything that adds to the vitality of an inner city is fabulous, and the more vibrant, community-based activities a city has in its inner core, the more we're moving in the right direction. People will go into the city for it if it's done right." – *Ellen Hiatt Watson, 7-Lakes area near Stanwood*

"It doesn't sound like a very good location. I wish I was more hopeful about the governing structure, location, hours, opportunities for farmers, etc." – *Angela Day, farmer in Snohomish River Valley*

"A year-round farmers' market is a wonderful idea. Having it in downtown Everett is not a good idea. The area requires us to drive through town, find parking and then get to the market. I fail to understand why it has to be in the downtown area where traffic congestion will be high, especially when Comcast Arena has an event. The traffic issue is enough to make me reconsider visiting the market at all, especially when Comcast Arena is having an event.

The new location is a huge disincentive for me to want to come to the market." – *Martha Jordan, south Everett*

"I think it is great that Everett will have a year-round farmers' market. I am hoping Brier will have a summer market perhaps later this year or next year." – *Eric Teegarden, Brier*

"We support the current markets in Snohomish and Everett and would use in either location, but the Riverside project would be much more conducive to the success of projected businesses in that complex." – *Darlene Salo, Marysville*

"Since I live in Edmonds and work in Everett, I don't mind the downtown location of the new farmers' market. In fact, I may be able to walk over in my lunchtime, which works for me! If it was at Riverside, I would have to drive there, since the bus I take home doesn't go there. I'm very excited to learn about this new development for our area!" – *Lindsey Legaspi, Edmonds*

"Personally, the proposed location on Grand for the farmers' market is outstanding. We live in the Valley View neighborhood but travel into or through Everett with a frequency that will make this location far superior to the Riverside area. I suspect the planned central location in downtown will be convenient for city workers, people who live in the apartments and condos in the immediate area, as well as people traveling to the city for business or pleasure at venues like the Children's Museum, Everett Theatre, Everett High, Comcast Arena, various restaurants or county buildings. We have shopped at the marina farmers' market and are delighted with having one all year." – *George Lockeman, rural east Snohomish County*

"I would be more likely to use a permanent farmers' market on Grand Avenue, as long as there was enough parking available. It would be more like Pike Place and might attract restaurants and other business to that area." – *Annett Gamble-Olson, Arlington*

"I work second shift (starting at 2:30 p.m. in Everett). If it were open at a time I could attend, I would certainly use it at this location." – *Lorraine Pedersen, Lake Stevens*

"I live in Snohomish. I like the idea of a year-round market. After reading the *Herald* article, I wonder what they'd sell, since our growing season here is done by October. Are there lots of greenhouse farmers in the area? As to location, if it is outside of Snohomish, it doesn't much matter to me where it is. Either way, I would be driving to Everett to go there. The Riverside would probably be closer. However, Grand Avenue would be in a more historic and picturesque location, since it would have the view of the bay. What are they going to do with the Riverside area that they were previously planning the market for? I guess that would shape my decision, too." – *Gina Parry, Snohomish*

"I was wondering when Everett would finally get a farmers' market! I think it makes sense to locate close to the Sno-Isle Co-op and public market building. This would make using the farmers' market on a regular basis even more convenient for our family since we are co-op members and shop there every week. I think the county and city should locate the farmers' market close to the co-op for the main purpose of supporting a business that has kept real food available to the downtown area." – *Christina Bandaragoda, Mukilteo*

"The downtown Everett location, while not as close to I-5, is close to Swift service and is right on my bike commute from Everett to Marysville. So, for me, it suits my relatively narrow 'regional' travel corridor and mode choice. Grand is a bike and pedestrian friendly street. The only better location from a regional, multimodal access

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perspective would be close to Everett Station, around McDougal or Smith. I don't know the planned location at the Riverfront site. But, at this time, I don't see that location as particularly pedestrian or transit accessible. Without other development there, it is not a regional destination." – Kristin Kinnamon, Marysville

"From what I know of the new location and market, it's going to be much better for the farmers and downtown Everett. Rent will be cheaper, we don't have to sign a guarantee lease. I'm excited about it and want to do something there." – Mark Craven, Craven Farms

"What will the effect be on the dozens of local seasonal markets located throughout the county – the markets that people can walk to, or at least drive only a few miles? The operators of these markets have invested time and resources so that people can shop locally – what happens to their businesses and the surrounding ones that prosper because of them? How does Farm-Mart in Everett jibe with the county's study on a regional farmers' market that has strong support at the Cathcart Site? Does some sort of public process come into play here? Didn't Everett steal the county seat from Snohomish in 1897?

"What our county may need more than a mega-vegatorium is an international market place. Granted, there are clusters of Korean markets, Mexican groceries, Ukrainian bakeries and other ethnic stores in our area – many of which are along Highway 99 (cheap rent, transit oriented, located near dense urban centers?). But, what about a market place with stalls for small vendors – vendors who represent the people who live here – selling a variety of goods (food to handmade crafts) from their native countries? Think of the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul – only much, much, much smaller.

"There is a rich cultural mix of people in Snohomish County. Although programs like the (Everett) Mayor's Advisory on Diversity and the work being done in local churches and schools are admirably providing services, history has shown that public markets foster cultural cross-pollination, exchange of ideas and acceptance. At the market, people interact with each other on a personal level, appreciate new things and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. And, of course, there should be room for local farmers to sell their products if they want to." – Valerie Steel, Everett

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