

# Behind the Scenes

January 2021



Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! I hope the last weeks of 2020 were full of joy and peace for you and your families, and that the turning over of the calendar year brings you a renewed sense of hope and optimism for a less tumultuous year ahead!

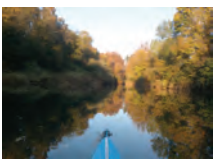
As you may have noticed, this month's *Behind the Scenes* is just one page rather than our customary two. This is because we have decided to change our publication schedule to streamline our two LWC publications and consolidate release dates for both. The LWC sends a monthly **Behind the Scenes** bulletin to Friends of the LWC only in the first week of every month, and we also have an e-newsletter **Meanderings**, which is emailed to our entire watershed community every quarter. Starting this month, we will send a 1-page *Behind the Scenes* "Lite" to our Friends along with *Meanderings* on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, October). Friends of the LWC will receive our full 2-page version of *Behind the Scenes* during the rest of the months of the year. If you normally receive *Behind the Scenes* in your mailbox, you will now start receiving both *Behind the Scenes* and *Meanderings* by mail. Please call or email me at the contact information below if you would prefer to receive LWC publications by email, and I will be happy to update your preferences.

As always, we welcome article submissions and photos from our Friends and community members! If you are interested in contributing a story about your favorite spot in the watershed, your poetry featuring the rivers and lands around you, watershed-inspired artwork, or local nature photography, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. We would love to showcase your talents in an upcoming LWC publication!

On behalf of all of us at the LWC, we wish you a great start to 2021!

--Suzanne Teller, LWC Outreach Coordinator (contact me at [Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC.org](mailto:Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC.org) or 503-837-0237)

## Love Your Watershed Event Registration



### The Power of Partnership: 20 years of Restoration with the LWC

January 28 @ 6:30 - 8:00pm  
**RSVP using the link below!**

During this *Sips 'n' Science* pub talk, LWC Executive Director Kristen Larson and Project Manager Jean-Paul Zagarella will talk about how the LWC and its partners have approached restoration planning over the past two decades. You will also see and hear about some examples of the many projects implemented over the years! Register at [www.luckiamutelwc.org/lwc-20-years](http://www.luckiamutelwc.org/lwc-20-years)



### Planning & Planting Your Native Garden

February 9 @ 2:00 - 3:30pm  
**Early registration is open for Friends!**

In this virtual workshop, you will learn how to identify your soil types and pick the best native plants for your yard and garden! You'll also hear about some of our favorite natives, why they are important, and where to plant them. *Partners include North Santiam Watershed Council, Yamhill County Master Gardeners, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Polk, Marion, Benton and Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation Districts.* Register today at [www.luckiamutelwc.org/native-plant-workshop](http://www.luckiamutelwc.org/native-plant-workshop)

**\*\*Special Announcement:** The LWC is getting ready to launch its first-ever photography contest! Stay tuned for all the details, guidelines and prize information coming to your inbox this spring. In the meantime, start thinking about any favorite watershed places and native wildlife you would like to feature in your submitted photography!\*\*

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# LWC Meanderings

Watershed News & Reflections



## LWC MISSION:

To engage and assist land-owners and communities in the voluntary protection, restoration and enhancement of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

## WHAT WE ARE:

The Luckiamute Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of stakeholders who live, work or recreate within the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

## WHO WE ARE:

Wendy Hudson, *President*  
Monmouth

Karin Stutzman, *Secretary*  
Monmouth

George Grosch, *Treasurer*  
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Dave Ehlers  
Kings Valley/Hoskins

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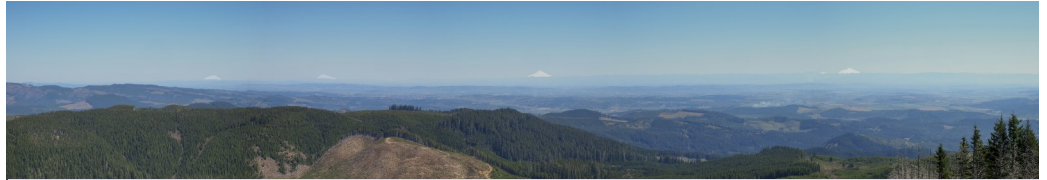
Scott Youngblood  
American Bottom/Buena Vista

## COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Typically held the second Thursday of every month from 6 — 8 pm.

Due to COVID-19, we are now conducting all our monthly meetings over Zoom. Details and links will be posted at: [www.LuckiamuteLWC.org](http://www.LuckiamuteLWC.org)

## Celebrating Two Decades of a Much Longer Watershed History



A gorgeous panoramic view of our watershed from atop the highest point (Bald Mountain) looking east. In the distance, you can make out the peaks of Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, and North Sister (left to right).

— by *Suzanne Teller, LWC Outreach Coordinator*

January 24, 2021 marks the official 20th anniversary of the Polk County Board of Commissioners recognizing the formation of the LWC as a local watershed council. That's two decades of working side by side with our watershed community to protect, restore and enhance our precious rivers and lands! In light of this milestone, we have designated our *Love Your Watershed* theme for 2021 to be Luckiamute History.

However, we do not intend to limit our focus to the story of our still-young watershed council. Rather, we seek to honor a more inclusive history that recognizes the vital stewardship role played by the original inhabitants of our watershed. In truth, the story of human relationship with the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds begins many thousands of years ago.

For more than 9,000 years before Europeans first settled in the Willamette Valley, the Luckiamute (Lakmiut) band of Kalapuya Indians lived along the Luckiamute River and its tributaries from Rickreall south to Corvallis. Far from a

passive subsistence economy, the Luckiamute intensively managed the landscape in order to maintain the foods and materials they relied upon. One of the tools they used in landscape management is fire. Not only did annual burning keep the overgrowth in check, it also controlled pest populations, encouraged new growth that attracted deer and elk down from the hills, promoted bumper crops of acorns, and prevented destructive fires by removing excess plant debris.

Today, there are an estimated 4,000 Kalapuya descendants, most of whom are enrolled with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. An increasing awareness of the wisdom and skill embodied in Kalapuyan land stewardship practices (also known as Traditional Ecological Knowledge or TEK) is resulting in a greater emphasis on partnerships among land managers and the Tribes.

There has also been an increased awareness of the need to better understand

## Luckiamute History, continued from page 1

and protect species that are important to Native American economy and culture. The Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*) is an example of a native fish that is an extremely important food source and cultural resource for local Tribes, and is in decline across the Pacific Northwest. The life cycle and habitat requirements of Pacific lamprey are similar to that of our native salmonids, and they perform a similar ecological role of nutrient transport between marine and freshwater ecosystems. Yet it is only recently that funding to promote the recovery of lamprey populations is emerging amidst the ample grant opportunities for salmon-focused restoration.

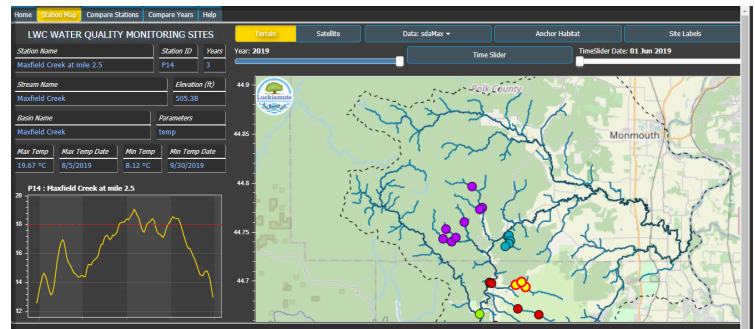


Our 2019 Sips 'n' Science pub talk focused on lamprey and local conservation efforts by the Tribes. <https://youtu.be/x789W-Ecyes>

The LWC welcomes this movement towards acknowledging the enormous contributions of the First Peoples of the Willamette, as well as focusing on restoration projects that take into account the priorities of the Tribes. We also look forward to more knowledge-sharing and cooperation among all members of our watershed community to take care of our rivers and lands. As the LWC embarks on its 21st year of restoration and community outreach work, we look forward to sharing and celebrating more of the history of our watershed—and watershed council—with you!

## Check out our stream temperature data on our new data viz website!

Since 2015, the Luckiamute Watershed Council has been monitoring and tracking summer water temperature data in the Luckiamute River and its tributaries. In 2020, funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and the hard work of our Monitoring Coordinator, Caleb Price, resulted in the launch a set of unique and interactive tools for visualizing this stream temperature data.\* We encourage you to experience these tools for yourself by opening your favorite web browser and navigating to <https://data.luckiamute.net>.



\*There are some monitoring sites where the landowner has granted permission to collect data but has opted to not release the data publicly. We are grateful for this access and to other funding from partners such as Hancock Forest Management to support monitoring at sites that cannot be funded by the OWEB grant. These data are not included in the public website.

## Now You Can Love Your Watershed in Style!

We now have a great selection of t-shirts, baseball caps, visors and zip-up hooded sweatshirts for sale on our website store! All clothing comes in multiple sizes, and features our full color logo. We also have some beautiful, hand-sewn face masks for sale, thanks to one of our talented volunteers. Check it out at [LuckiamuteLWC.org/LWC-Store!](https://LuckiamuteLWC.org/LWC-Store!)



Our t-shirts come gray or navy, in Unisex and Ladies styles. \$25



Our caps are one-size-fits-all with a Velcro closure. \$30



Our visors are one-size-fits-all with a Velcro closure. \$30



All facemasks have a nose wire and elastic ear loops. \$7 each.

## Soil & Water Conservation District Native Plant Sales coming soon!

Key Dates	Benton SWCD	Marion SWCD	Polk SWCD	Yamhill SWCD
Pre-order Deadline	<i>Order now while inventory lasts!</i>	Online ordering open now through Feb. 26!	<i>Order now for the best selection!</i>	<i>Order now for the best selection!</i>
Order Pick-up Day	February 6 <i>by reservation only</i> Benton County Fairgrounds Livestock Building	March 12 & 13 Bauman's Farm Gervais	February 11, 12 & 13 8:30am—4:00pm 580 Main St., Suite A Dallas	March 5 & 6 Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
Native Plant Sale (Overstock Sale)	N/A Order online or call (541) 753-7208	N/A Order online or call (503) 391-9927 x312	N/A Order online or call (503) 623-9680	N/A Order online or call (503) 376-7600
For More Information	Teresa Matteson (541) 753-7208	Jenny Miesel (503) 391-9927 x312	Karin Stutzman (503) 623-9680	Julie Lorenzen (503) 376-7600
Link to Native Plant Sale Information	<a href="http://www.bentonswcd.org/programs/plant-sale">www.bentonswcd.org/programs/plant-sale</a>	<a href="http://www.marionswcd.net/nps">www.marionswcd.net/nps</a>	<a href="http://www.polkswcd.com/store/c22/Bare_Root.html">www.polkswcd.com/store/c22/Bare_Root.html</a>	<a href="http://www.yamhillswcd.org/shop">www.yamhillswcd.org/shop</a>



## LOVE YOUR WATERSHED

### Upcoming Online Events

Get the details and RSVP at  
[LuckiamuteLWC.org/LoveYourWatershed!](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org/LoveYourWatershed!)

Sips 'n' Science: The Power of Partnership  
**Thursday, January 28 @ 6:30 - 8:00pm**  
Via Zoom (*RSVP required*)

Planning & Planting Your Native Garden  
**Tuesday, February 9 @ 2:00 - 3:30pm**  
Via Zoom (*RSVP required*)

### Join the *FRIENDS OF THE LWC!*

What does it mean to be a **FRIEND OF THE LWC?**

- ◆ Regular "Behind the Scenes" Bulletins
- ◆ Early access to event registration
- ◆ Discounts on workshops and our online store
- ◆ *Knowing that you are helping improve the health of your watershed!*

**Ready to Join?**

Find out how at

[LuckiamuteLWC.org/Friends!](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org/Friends!)

We welcome donations\* to support the work of the Council. All charitable donations will be used towards building the organizational resources needed to address our goals of water quality enhancement, habitat restoration and community education.

*\*Your contribution may be tax-deductible. The LWC will provide a letter of documentation in January 2022, following your donation.*

### Upcoming Council Meetings

Join us for our LWC Monthly Meetings, typically held the second Thursday of each month. **Please note that the time for our upcoming meetings has been changed to 6:00 - 8:00pm.** Our meetings are always open to the public and discussion topics include local watershed issues and actions. Details are at [LuckiamuteLWC.org](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org).

January 14 @ 6 - 8pm: *via Zoom*

February 11 @ 6 - 8pm: *via Zoom*

March 11 @ 6 - 8pm: *via Zoom*

To donate, go to [LuckiamuteLWC.org/donate](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org/donate) or you can send a check to:

**165 D Street, Independence, OR 97351**

***Thank you to our supporters!***

## ***THANK YOU TO OUR MOST RECENT DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS!***

We are so grateful to the following donors and volunteers who have contributed their hard-earned dollars and their time and energy to our conservation goals from October to December 2020, helping to make this uniquely challenging year a great success in so many ways! *THANK YOU!* A complete list of our 2020 donors and volunteers is available for viewing at [LuckiamuteLWC.org/donors-2020](http://LuckiamuteLWC.org/donors-2020).

### October - December 2020 Donors

Albany Animal Hospital	Charles Holstine & Hollis Fishelson-Holstine
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