

Behind the Scenes

May 2019



Dear Friend,

First of all, I want to extend a warm welcome and a heart-felt THANK YOU to all of our renewing and new Friends of the LWC! We are so grateful to all of our Friends for the role you play in helping us achieve a healthy watershed for all. Not only do your donations of dollars and time aid us in our habitat restoration efforts, your support is also critical to the success of our community education and outreach programs. So, hats off to you for helping us inspire and empower so many of our community members to take action for watershed health at home and in their neighborhoods! In this issue of **Behind the Scenes**, we'll be featuring a preview of our **Love Your Watershed** event line-up for 2019 - 2020. Our June 1 Redgate fundraiser will kick off a month-long fundraising campaign that will help make it possible to bring all of these events to our watershed community. We are also proud to introduce our brand new Business Circle, and one of our very first Business Circle supporters - Hancock Forest Management!

Happy reading, and I hope to see you at Redgate Vineyards this Saturday!

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

LOVE YOUR WATERSHED: Connecting Communities to their Watershed



Once again, Joel Geier led a fantastic Spring Bird walk at Boardmember Dave Ehler's J2E tree farm on May 12. With more than 40 species of birds and wildlife sighted, it was quite an amazing day for our group of nature enthusiasts! Located near Vincent Creek — a tributary of the Luckiamute — J2E is managed for sustainable timber production, carbon sequestration and healthy ecosystem function. We hope to continue visiting this exceptional site for future bird walks and project tours, so stay tuned for more exciting news from J2E Tree Farms!

Here are some more events coming up that you won't want to miss:

Sips 'n' Science: Geology of Little Luckiamute Falls (RSVP required)



June 21 @ 5:00 - 8:00pm (the presentation begins at 6pm, but arrive early to order - this will be a busy night!)

The Bread Board, 404 N. Main St., Falls City

Dr. Stephen Taylor, Geology Professor at Western Oregon University, will give us a fascinating account of the geological history of Falls City's namesake falls. Afterwards, there will be an optional walk over to see the Falls in person!

RSVP today at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/fallscitysipsnsience

Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club Grand Parade (Volunteers needed!)



July 4 @ 10:00am - 3:00pm

Western Oregon University campus

Join us as part of the Grand Parade "rear detachment" as we collect trash along the parade route and interact with the cheering public as part of this well-loved Fourth of July tradition!

Sign up to be a volunteer at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/grand-parade-volunteer

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Watershed Notes

We are already halfway to our Love Your Watershed fundraising goal!



It's finally here! Our **Love Your Watershed** community fundraiser is happening at Redgate Vineyard this Saturday (June 1) from 3:00 to 5:00pm! Featuring live music from local musician Nathan Junior, and an assortment of fabulous raffle prizes, this event is kicking off a month-long fundraising campaign to support our **Love Your Watershed** community education and outreach program. We set a goal of raising \$10,000 during June to help us continue our diverse community activities - including our annual recreation fair, guided bird walks, ethnobotany workshops, restoration site visits, and our popular Sips 'n' Science pub talks. But even though we are not quite into the month of June yet, we have some terrific news to share. Thanks to some early supporters, we've already raised \$5,600, which has brought us more than halfway to our goal! So, make sure to share this great news with your friends and family, and come out to raise a toast to watershed health with us this Saturday! Get all the details and a preview of our raffle items at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/lywredgatefundraiser.

Sneaking a peak at our 2019 - 2020 Love Your Watershed calendar

Behind the scenes of every single Luckiamute Watershed Council event, volunteer activity or workshop, there is an enormous amount of planning, preparation, collaboration and outreach that happens in order to make that event a success. LWC's Outreach Coordinator Suzanne Teller is part-time, making the job of getting a full line-up of activities a team effort. Thankfully, we have an amazing Education and Outreach (E&O) team that is instrumental in making every single one of our events happen! Currently this hard-working team consists of E&O Committee chair Karin Stutzman, Dave Ehlers and Cheryl Gaston. Every other month, the E&O team meets for an hour-and-a-half with Suzanne to put together ideas and design strategies for how to best engage our community, what kinds of information or resources we want to present, and who we might partner with to make each event a success. Early this month, we focused on designing a series of events for this fall through summer 2020 that would not only meet the objectives laid out in our newly adopted Strategic Plan, but also get our community engaged in restoring and protecting watershed health. Ready for a sneak-peak? *Here it is!*

Proposed Fall 2019 - Winter 2020 Events		Proposed Spring - Summer 2020 Events	
Dry Farming Site Tour	Sips 'n' Science pub talks	Temperature Monitoring Project Update	Earth Day Volunteer Event
Fall Bird Walk	Community Forum: <i>Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?</i>	Watershed Recreation Fair	Spring Bird Walk
Jont Creek Project Tour		Upper Ritner Project Tour	Ethnobotany Hike or Workshop

Want to join our E&O Committee? We are looking for new members and would love to have you be a part of our team! Contact Suzanne at Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC.org or 503-837-0237 if you'd like more information!

Thank you to our Business Circle Charter Members!



**Hancock
Forest
Management**

We have more exciting news! We have just launched the Luckiamute Watershed Council's Business Circle, and are proud to have five members already! One of our very first Business Circle members is Hancock Forest Management (HFM), a part of Hancock Timber Resource Group. HFM has been a project partner since acquiring substantial acreage in the watershed in 2012, starting with the 2013 Side Channel Reconnection Project. HFM continues to contribute to various projects and is an active partner in stream temperature monitoring, as well as being a long-time donor to our restoration projects around the watershed. A BIG thank you to Hancock, Starker Forests, KWIP La Campeona, Spiritopia and Croft Vineyards for joining the Business Circle as Charter Members, and for the role you play in helping us achieve our mission of a healthy watershed for all!

Find out more at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/Business-Circle