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“EcoFest 2016: A new twist on a Kingston tradition”

DATE: Saturday, June 4, 2016
TIME: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
NAME OF EVENT: EcoFest 2016: A new twist on a Kingston tradition
LOCATION: Stillwaters Environmental Center, 26059 Barber Cut Off, Kingston
DESCRIPTION:

Our annual Earth Day celebration, EcoFest, will be on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 11 am to 3 pm. We invite you to join us and the community members from all over Kitsap County who attend each year at this FREE event.

This year EcoFest is getting a new look! Join us for an interactive and exciting twist on the day, a community science and nature festival. Come and discover what Stillwaters’ science is all about. We are planning a day of mini-field trips, classes, and other hands-on learning activities. Visit and enjoy the campus with family: build habitat huts with your children, learn about West Sound Wildlife’s critter ambassadors, lunch on delicious food. There will still be a lot to learn but less clutter, more nature!

Start the day with a LOW, LOW tide beach walk. Meet at the Kingston Farmers’ Market at 9:30am.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

9:30 am LOW-TIDE BEACH WALK – Explore North Beach with a beach naturalist at very low tide. Walk will gather at the Kingston Farmers’ Market in the Marina Park.

11:00 am EcoFest Starts at Stillwaters! The coffee is on and Mi Sueno Taqueria is ready all afternoon to serve you lunch! Stillwaters Science and Research interactive displays are also available all day, along with crafts and activities for kids.

11:15 am WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS – two of the wild birds of West Sound Wildlife Shelter will entertain you while their human companions will answer your questions. Stillwaters’ favorite feathered guests!
11:30 am    FISH ON! – Paul Dorn will talk about the fish of our North Kitsap streams and the salmon in Puget Sound. He’ll have an aquarium of little ones with him!

11:30 am    BIRDING 101 – An avid birder will give you some tips on how and what to look for when watching the birds in your yard, at the beach, or on the trail.

12:00 noon   POWER FROM THE SUN – Solar power how’s and why’s from Power Trip Energy.

12:00 noon   THE NOMADS will accompany your lunch break with their special style of “gypsy-folk” music.

12:30 pm    PUGET SOUND GEOLOGY – Steve Heacock explains how it all began . . .

12:30 pm    SPECIAL PLANTS & THEIR USES – Faith Raymond is an expert on uses of native plants as food, medicine, and more. She’ll tell you all about her favorites!

1:00 pm     WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS – two of the wild birds of West Sound Wildlife Shelter will entertain you while their human companions will answer your questions.

1:00 pm     A TRULY GREEN ROOF – Kinley Deller, the architect of our green roof at Stillwaters, will use our model roof to explain the structure, construction, and uses of roofs that grow things. (Besides moss)

1:30 pm     HANDS ON WITH CITIZEN SCIENCE – An opportunity to “take a test drive” while you learn about Stillwaters’ monitoring, research and science programs – why we do this, what we learn, and how you can join in if you want to!

1:30 pm     FISH ON! – Paul Dorn, Suquamish Tribal Fisheries, will talk about the fish of our North Kitsap streams and the salmon in Puget Sound. He’ll have an aquarium of little ones with him!

2:00 pm     THE NOMADS are back for your afternoon beverage break with their special style of “gypsy-folk” music.

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2:15 pm     FISH AND BRIDGES – Kathy Peters will give an intimate overview of the Carpenter Creek Estuary Restoration as we lead up to the West Kingston Bridge Construction in 2017.

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Parking is available at the Kingston Farmers’ Market or at Bayside Church – ride the free shuttle to EcoFest!

EVENT COST: FREE!
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