

- Reasons for Hope -

How We Might Keep Our Planet Livable After All

Welcome! We are thrilled that you can join us this evening. After the presentation, you will have a chance to adjourn to the Fellowship Hall, enjoy some delicious desserts, and visit a table of your choice to learn more about the group and how you might become involved. Your choices are as follows:

TABLE #1:

Green Sanctuary Committee - Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

We were accredited by the UU Ministry for Earth in 2009 and address many environmental issues. Our current focus is *Climate Change, Climate Justice and our Salish Sea*. We encourage actions to promote sustainability and stewardship through increased consciousness, lifestyle changes, adult learning programs, church services and community education, including hosting co-sponsored events. We support local, state and national issues such as controlling use of GMOs and a Carbon Tax.

At our Earth Day service we plan to give our 2015 EcoHero Award to local native peoples in honor of their history of environmental stewardship. We support a regional UU initiative to recognize the indigenous rights of native peoples and our responsibility to help them in their struggle to protect the Salish Sea region from environmental degradation.

For more information, contact Kees Kolff. kkolff@olympus.net

AND

CarbonWA

According to James Hansen, the former renowned NASA climate scientist, a carbon tax is an essential tool in helping limit climate change! CarbonWA is seeking to get a revenue-neutral carbon tax – modeled on British Columbia's successful tax swap – in Washington State. This plan will tax pollution, not jobs, by placing a \$25 charge per metric ton of fossil fuels consumed, generating about \$1.7 billion per year. It will cut the sales tax by 1%, virtually eliminate B&O taxes for manufacturers, and rebate \$200 million to working families.

We will need 300,000 signatures before the end of the year in order to get this measure on the ballot in 2016. Our campaign will likely start in April.

Want to help? Contact Kees Kolff at kkolff@olympus.net. Learn more at www.CarbonWA.org.

TABLE #2:

Artists for a Hopeful Future

Sowing the seeds for an artist group working on questions of climate change and working for a healthy, sustainable planet. This is a brainstorming table – How and where can we find reasons for hope? How do we reach people not yet engaged in critical issues like climate change? THE ARTS SPEAK TO THE HEART – the arts have always been on the leading edge of change. How can we support each other and help others to become involved? How can we collaborate?

Contact Polly Thurston at ptravennest@hotmail.com

TABLE #3:

The Local 20/20 Climate Action group: the goal of this group is to reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and to prepare for climate change (adaptation). Here is some of what we do:

- Provide up-to-date information for individuals and businesses on ways to reduce their carbon footprint
- Conduct community outreach and education on climate change mitigation and preparation
- Educate ourselves and others on how we as a community can prepare for climate change
- Help drive emission reduction projects through partnering with groups
- Maintain the JeffersonCAN.org website to provide tools for reducing the "carbon footprint" of an individual or business in Jefferson County.

Port Townsend / Jefferson County Climate Action Committee: The Climate Action Committee is a joint committee of the City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County. It is responsible for developing strategies to implement the goals specified in the city/county approved Climate Action Plan. The plan recommends how to achieve the goal of an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by the year 2050.

Contact Cindy Jayne, cindy@l2020.org, for more information about either group listed above.

AND

Local 20/20 Energy Action Group: This group is dedicated to finding practical answers to help us locally to conserve energy, save money, enhance our self-reliance and strengthen our community. As an Action Group, we initiate programs and events intended to result in smarter energy use in Jefferson County. Our formal mission is to:

- Educate people on energy policy, technology and trends through discussing the pros and cons of current national and state energy policies, and rethinking how we power our world today
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Jefferson County by conserving energy in commercial and residential applications, and investing in local renewable energy production

Contact Tom Engel at EAG@l2020.org for more information.

TABLE #4:

Jefferson County ReCyclery

"to promote bicycle use for a healthier and more sustainable community"

The ReCyclery is a nonprofit, membership-based, community bicycle hub with a full-service bike shop, bike rentals, mountain bike teams, and multiple bicycle education programs. Hundreds of middle school students have been through our 8-session bike training as part of "Step On It! a campaign to promote biking and walking, especially to school." The ReCyclery is also co-sponsoring a Bike to School promotion in May along with Jefferson County Public Health.

Want a place to practice your bike skills? Want students to have a covered shelter for their bikes at school? This winter we will launch a \$20,000 fundraising campaign to build bike shelters and repair stations at Blue Heron and Chimacum, and to start work on a Mountain Bike Skills Park in Port Townsend at Mountain View Commons.

We offer multiple opportunities to volunteer. Check us out at www.ptrecyclery.org. Drop by Tuesday-Friday, 12-5PM. Come and work on your own bike with professional advice and tools at our Community Shop Day, every Saturday, 12-5PM. Call us at 360-643-1755.

Don't stop now: *Pedal on!*

TABLE #5:

Northwest Earth Institute

Visit the NWEI table to learn about several, affordable, short discussion courses you can experience with your friends, neighbors, church or community members on topics related to a personal exploration of your relationship to our world. Intriguing, engaging topics include Voluntary Simplicity; Global Warming, Changing Course; Menu for the Future; Reconnecting With Earth; Hungry for Change; World of Health; and the newest course: Seeing Systems. All the course books provide great content, encourage in-depth conversation and sharing, and in the final analysis, create deep community connections by allowing us to explore our values, together, while maintaining safety for diversity with no pressure for consensus. Anyone can start a group. No teacher is needed. Course books are completely self-contained. Winter is a great time for joining one of these groups!

Contact Judith Alexander at 385-5794 or at lightenup@olympus.net; <http://www.nwei.org/>

TABLE #6:

Resource Conservation Groups

Since its incorporation in 1989, **Jefferson Land Trust** has helped our communities permanently protect some of the most iconic, productive and ecologically significant land and water of Jefferson County. We use creative and collaborative approaches to protect and restore salmon streams, important habitat, and wildlife corridors; and to sustain working forests and farms so they will continue to be available and viable for future generations.

Explore our local conservation lands and the variety of stewardship activities necessary to help protect these unique habitats. We provide gloves, tools, good company and beautiful protected landscapes! Work parties are open to those of all abilities.

Opportunities will continue monthly, or more frequently, during the summer and fall of 2015.

Contact Carrie Clendaniel at cclendaniel@saveland.org, or call the JLT office at 379-9501.

There's lots more interesting information about the work we do and ways you can participate (plus wonderful photos) at <http://www.saveland.org>!

AND

The **North Olympic Salmon Coalition** is a non-regulatory non-profit organization that works with willing landowners and government agencies to perform salmon habitat restoration on the North Olympic Peninsula. Founded in 1990 by a group of dedicated community volunteers, the North Olympic Salmon Coalition was formed as one of fourteen Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups in Washington State. Working in direct collaboration with Washington State, tribal governments and the communities of the Olympic Peninsula, we have spent the last 25 years restoring degraded and compromised habitat through both small and large-scale restoration projects. We utilize the efforts of our dedicated volunteers to increase the odds of salmon survival, foster community stewardship and promote the education of our youth.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.nosc.org or call 360-379-8051.

TABLE #7:

The Transportation Lab is an L2020 Action Group working to promote the vision of a transportation system that minimizes the need for personal motor vehicles. Such a transportation system must be safe, convenient, and healthy and be based on:

- people walking, the most healthful mode;
- people bicycling, the most efficient mode;
- mass transit, the most efficient for moving large numbers of people;
- private vehicles for providing services and moving small numbers of people.

Contact Richard Dandridge at dandrpt@gmail.com or <http://l2020.org/transportation-lab/>

TABLE #8:

Jefferson County Move to Amend

Do you believe big money and corporate influence are interfering with legislation to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change? Do you believe we need to curb the influence of corporate money over politics to make progress in this issue? We do! We are working on a new ballot initiative through WAmend to make Washington the 17th state calling on congress for a Constitutional amendment to clarify that:

Money in politics is not equivalent to free speech.

Corporations are not entitled to the rights of actual people.

Campaign spending must be disclosed and regulated.

Come join us!

See WAmend.com for more information or contact us locally at jeffcomta@gmail.com

TABLE #9:

Local 20/20 Beyond Waste Action Group

Wanted: life hackers and other creative discontents to help reboot the Beyond Waste Action Group. If you're interested in researching, discussing and piloting a range of waste reclamation/remanufacturing initiatives, we invite you to join us. We meet on the second Thursday of the month (10AM at Sunrise Coffee). Our next meeting is on February 12th.

Early Bird sign-ups for Beyond Waste activities/initiatives at our table including:

- Food Waste Challenge
- zero waste challenge
- food waste survey
- Biochar workshop
- Master Composter Program
- Compost Competition
- Carbon masters program

Talk to us about piloting/producing other beyond waste-related initiatives, visit our table at the Reasons for Hope event, join us at our 2/12 meeting, follow us on Twitter: @Beyond_Waste and/or **send any questions to Nina** at BW@L2020.org.

TABLE #10:

Citizens for Local Food is a community action group, "In service to the people of Jefferson County to create a local, secure, and just food system that strengthens our community, ecology, and economy". We meet monthly to discuss needed local-food-related projects that we, as volunteers, can tangibly execute. We acknowledge food system issues, but leave the heavy pontification to the Food System Council and the Co-op's Food System Development Committee- we like to act in a citizens role! Past projects have included starting community gardens and food bank gardens, executing the Jeff. Co. Farm Survey, organizing farm gleaning, and launching the Food System Council. More projects will emerge as the year progresses!

Contact Heather Graham at heather.graham@bastyr.edu

TABLE #11:

Talk With a Climate Scientist

Still want to debate the scientific evidence, or become more confident to talk to climate change deniers? Come to this table and discuss what scientists know about climate change and why it truly is the looming crisis of this century.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Bindshadler whose career spanned over 30 years at NASA where he retired in 2010 as the Chief Scientist of NASA's Hydrospheric and Biospheric Sciences Laboratory and a Senior Fellow of the Goddard Space Flight Center. He has led major multi-institutional and international research projects, most recently a major ice-sheet modeling study for the IPCC. His extensive field experience includes leading 18 Antarctic field expeditions to study dynamics of the West Antarctic ice sheet. He has testified before Congress, briefed the U.S. Vice President, published over 150 scientific papers, including numerous review articles and is often quoted commenting on glaciological impacts of the climate on the world's ice sheets and glaciers.

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