

Skagit Land Trust's
Lands We Love Auction & Dinner 2019
Auction Preview

Here are some of the unique items you will find in the "Almost Live" Auction:

Two Tickets to the Pacific Northwest Ballet production of George Balanchine's

A Midsummer Night's Dream & a pair of Ballerina Toe Slippers

Thank you Pacific Northwest Ballet

Three Nights for Two People at Cherry Hill Cottage on Orcas Island

Thank you Jerry & Marilyn Eisner

"Rockfish, Rockweed & Anemone", Ann Chadwick Reid Cut Paper, 15" x 17"

Thank you Ann Reid

Boating Trip, Bocce Ball & Lunch for Two

Thank you Ron & Fonda Downs Mac & Linda MacGregor, Anthony's Cabana

Uuni Pro Stainless Steel portable Pizza Oven

Thank you Craft Stove

Kayaks, Coots & Cocktails for Four

Thank you Howard & Thais Armstrong, Eileen Anderson, Molly Doran

Skagit Valley Sunsets, Dinner, Lodging & Golf

Thank you Swinomish Casino & Lodge

Downtown at the Brown, Dinner & Drinks for Eight

Thank you Brown Lantern

Pioneer House, Conservation Easement tour & Lunch at Mariposa

Thank you Andrew Cline, Molly Doran & Mariposa

Hand Carved Granite Salmon on Yew Wood

Thank you Tracy Powell

Pilchuck Glass Studio 2013 Auction Centerpiece

Thank you John & Joyce Price

Here are just a few of the fun items in the Silent Auction;

Ten Pounds of Wild Sockeye Salmon, Handcrafted Pounded Sterling Silver Earrings, Majestic Inn & Spa overnight, Seattle Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tour for 4 guests, Four tickets to Mama Mia at the McIntyre, Cedar Glider bench, Kitchen Aid Stainless Mixer, Winthrop Mountain View Getaway Package, Two Tickets to Seattle ACT Theater Mainstage, Woodhouse Wine Estates Private Tasting for ten guests, Crab Feed, Disneyland Park Hopper Passes, Lopez Island Getaway, Seattle Mariners Tickets, Pashmina Wool Scarf....

Scroll down to see and read about more incredible Live Auction & Almost Live Auction items

May Moon, Lisa McShane

Oil Painting on Linen over a Wood Panel, 18" x 18"



This painting depicts the trees near the east point of Samish Island, shaped by years of wind, and by generations of eagles and heron. Large birds like to perch on the tops of these trees and tear off branches for their nests. **Lisa uses layers and layers of oil paint to capture light and the sweeping skies and lands of the American west.** Her paintings are abstracted, graphic and focused on light and the effect of light on the land.

Lisa McShane is from the high desert of eastern Washington but her father was in the Air Force. She grew up knowing a range of landscapes yet longing for the golden fields, high mountains, and big skies of the wide-open west. **Today her studio is on Samish Island**, where she has 14-acres of forest that she shares with heron, bald eagles, owls and deer. From her studio she can see Samish Bay, Padilla Bay, the North Cascades and the Olympic Mountains.

Thank you- Lisa McShane

Guemes Island Getaway

Enjoy **2 nights for 4** people in the cabin of your choice at this **charming beachfront resort on Guemes Island**. Access to the island is by a **five minute ferry ride from Anacortes**.

Guemes Island retains a quiet, pastoral and picturesque character. Located on the northern tip of the island, our 31 acre **beachfront resort** is surrounded by

forest with a panoramic view of Lummi, Vendovi, Jack, Eliza and Samish Islands and of Mount Baker. During your stay enjoy amenities including a guest lounge, a **wood fired sauna**, barbecues and **rowboats** (without motors) wood fired **saltwater Hot Tub**, and massage therapy at our conveniently located onsite studio. We also offer a beer, wine, spirit specialty store that features local gift items, toys for the kids, smoked salmon, tuna, and a whole lot more. Our goal is to preserve **Guemes Island Resort** as a well maintained, old style beachfront resort and to provide a quiet, relaxing atmosphere for our guests. On one of the evenings, **Island Chef Karen Everett will spoil you with a customized 4 course dinner** which includes aperitifs, wine & cordials.



Thank you - Guemes Island Resort & Karen Everett

Toward the Dike, Kris Ekstrand

Oil on Canvas, 24 x 18

Plus a Private Studio Tour



“I walk daily on a trail just a few steps from my studio. It winds along an earthen dike that protects fertile farmland, fed by the Skagit River, from the saltwater beyond. It is a luminous, magical landscape and I never tire of it.”

Thank you- Kris Ekstrand

Holland America 7- day Cruise for Two

Revel in spacious cruise ship rooms, breathe in expansive views and relax in easy elegance.

With stately fine dining and enriching activities, Holland America Line's cruise ships welcome you aboard. The certificate is good for any 7-day Holland America Line cruise for two to **Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico or Canada/New England** (subject to availability) and is for a minimum unobstructed **ocean view stateroom**, which may be applied to other cabin categories at an additional cost.

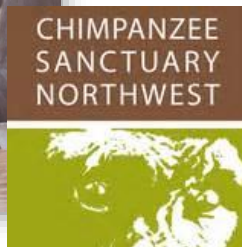
Thank you-Holland America & Friends of Skagit Land Trust



Chimpanzee Sanctuary Tour for Six

Meet the **Chimps** of the Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest. While you observe the Chimps who were rescued from medical research romp & play in their large outdoor area you will discover how unique and special each one of them is. Learn about CSNW's "Bring them home" Expansion campaign. Be prepared- the **Chimps may ask you for Troll dolls & Boots!** CSNW is located on 90 acres of farm and forested land in the Cascade Mountains, **90 miles east of Seattle** and is one of only a handful of sanctuaries in the country that cares for chimpanzees. Experience is not open to the public.

Thank you-Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest



Sailboat Cruise with Appetizers for Four

Step aboard the beautiful *Pangaea*, a Baltic 39 Sailboat for an afternoon or sunset sail leaving from Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes. Depending on tide and current, and weather permitting we will sail west to James Island in the **San Juan Islands**, circumnavigate Guemes Island or sail north to Jack Island and Cypress Island. So many choices, all depend on the conditions of the day.

Delicious locally sourced food and drinks provided for 4 guests - children welcome.



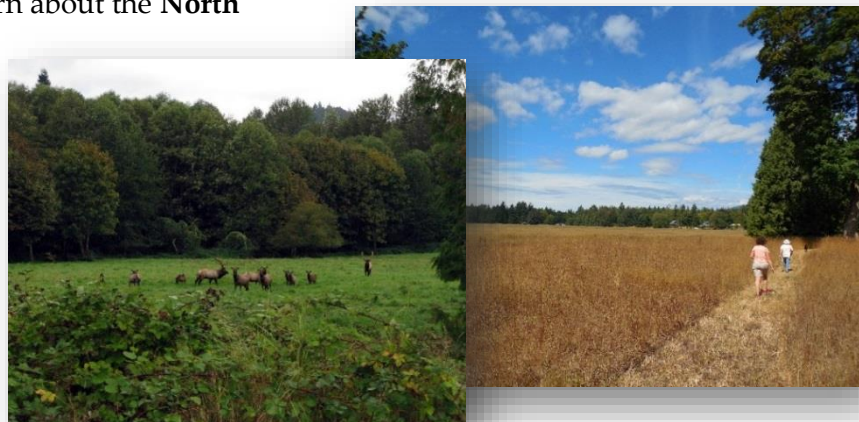
Thank you- Mac Madenwald & Wendy Gray

Elk Education Presentation & Tour & for Six

Join Land Trust Board member and Conservation Easement donor Barb Trask along with fellow Board member & Wildlife Biologist Jen Sevigny for an Elk education tour at this **stunning Land Trust protected property, where**

Elk frequently visit. Learn about the **North Cascades elk herd**

with a visit to elk habitat and possibly an elk trap location. Afterwards, enjoy **delightful conversation** and delicious appetizers at Barb & Ger's home.



Thank you- Barb Trask, Ger van den Engh, & Jen Sevigny

Willows Inn Dinner, Overnight and Tour with Lummi Island Heritage Trust

Join members of the **Lummi Island Heritage Trust** on a two hour guided tour of one of their 3 Nature Preserves. Learn how the Trust protects the sensitive ecological areas and wildlife on this **pristine rural island**, which is a best-kept secret of the San Juan archipelago.



Experience what many people describe as the **best meal of their life** at the **nationally acclaimed** Willows Inn, ranked # 1 on the **OAD 100 Top Restaurants in America**. Your multi-course dinner of foraged foods, local produce and the best seafood is created by the internationally acclaimed, award-winning chef Blaine Wetzel.



For your overnight stay, choose from eight cozy rooms, each with a personality of its own. With a wonderful history spanning over a hundred years, **the Willows Inn** has provided guests with **a one of a kind island experience where the cares of the world recede.**



Thank you- The Willows Inn, John & Kristin Boyes, Peter Jepson, Diane Bednarz George & Maggie Downing, Linda Speck & Ken Willis, Carol & Robert Wescott, Eileen Coan & Ross McConahey

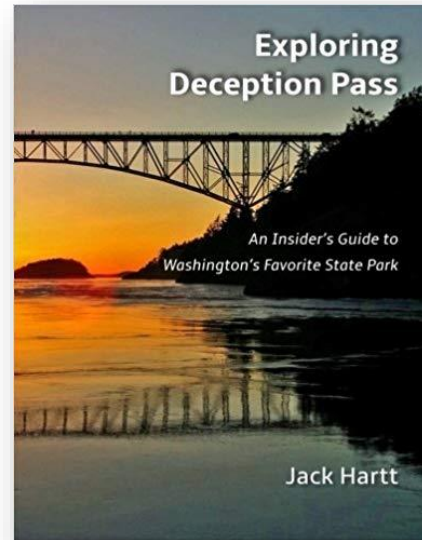
Four Nights for Two in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

The fridge will be stocked with all the fixings for a **pitcher of Margaritas** and fresh guacamole when you arrive to enjoy four nights in **San Miguel de Allende**, World Heritage Site in central Mexico. *Travel + Leisure* ranked it as the **No. 1 Best City in the World** based on its thriving culinary scene and rich culture. **The climate is nearly flawless.** You will stay in a two-story casita on the grounds of a gracious old world Mexican home with a **private pool and fountains** in the Atascadero neighborhood, an established enclave above the city with large homes, cobbled roads, and quiet streets.

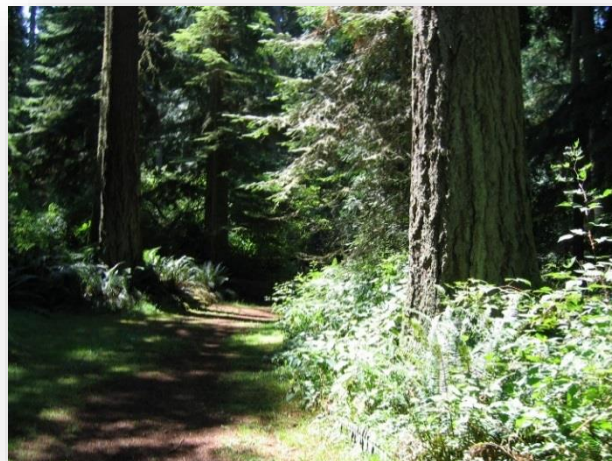


Thank you-Therese Ogle

Deception Pass Hiking Tour with Jack Hartt May 4, 2019



Join Jack Hartt, retired Park Manager of Deception Pass State Park for a **very special tour of our state's most popular park**. Jack will share his amazing **knowledge and deep affection for the park** while pointing out some of the highlights and some of the secrets as well. Each participant will take one of Jack's insightful and fascinating books home with them. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the hike at beautiful **Bowman Bay** where Skagit Land Trust staff will provide **dessert and beverages** and be on hand to answer questions too.



Thank you-Jack Hartt & Friends of Skagit Land Trust



Galveston Island Getaway & Birding Experience for Two

This **Amazing Experience** package includes; **4 nights at the Emerald by the Sea-** a 4 star luxury property with **dramatic views** of the gulf, and a short walk to the **Galveston Seawall & local attractions**, a \$100 dining gift card, an **Eco Kayaking adventure** and passes to several **historical attractions**. The winning bidders will also be treated to a day of birding with **Dr. Alice Anne O'Donell**, retired physician, and local conservationist who will share her experience of preserving coast habit for **migrating and residents birds**. Tour Alice's own ten acre property as well as surrounding NFP coastal prairies, oak mottes, freshwater and salt water mashes and ponds.



Thank you- Robert & Susan Lynch, Dr. Alice Anne O'Donnell, Artist Boat, Galveston Historical Foundation & BLVD Seafood

Samish Island Paella Wine & Tappas Party

25 Lucky Guests will enjoy a delightful afternoon **Saturday, July 20th** at the home of **Ron and Fonda Downs** on beautiful **Samish Island**. The party begins with **classic appetizers** provided by your hosts and **wines** selected by **Compass Wines** of Anacortes. Your sommelier will be **SLT's Board vice-president Mark Hitchcock**. Before dinner you can walk the beach, tour the island, take in the views or just enjoy the beautiful flowers and glass art in the Down's garden. Then feast on scrumptious **Paella dinner** prepared and served by Jim Kuhn-the **Paella King** with salad and bread, a little more wine, and perhaps you'll still have room for a tasty dessert. **A terrific late afternoon awaits!!!**



Thank you- Ron & Fonda Downs, Mark & Allison Hitchcock,

Jim Kuhn, Robert & Susan Lynch

Eastlake Victorian Fainting Sofa from the Gaches Mansion in La Conner

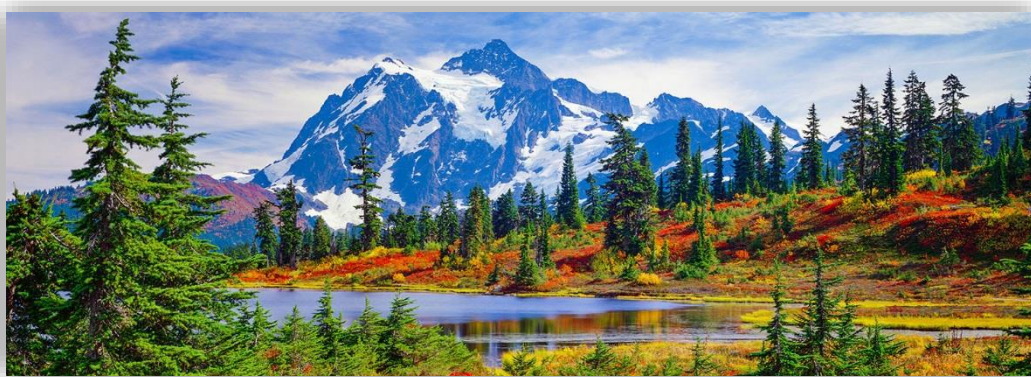


Circa late 19th century 1870-1890, This **Chaise or Récamier**, as it was often called has been **lovingly restored** and covered in a sumptuous claret velvet. Its original purpose was to provide a lady wearing those tightly bound corsets, which made sitting a challenge a place to recline or possibly faint a lady-like fainting spell!

During the time that the Gaches family resided there and later the Linus Vaughn's, the grand home was decorated with furnishings from all parts of the world. Many of these pieces arrived **in La Conner** by coming around the horn" by boat, and then by steamer to town. The **1891 Victorian Gaches Mansion**, is now the home of the Pacific Northwest Quilts & Fiber Arts Museum and is the crown jewel of La Conner's Historic District.

Thank you- Susan & Scott Magorien

North Cascades Institute Harvest Dinner & Lodging for Two



Join us on **Saturday October 5th** as we celebrate the arrival of autumn with a **special harvest dinner** in our lakeside dining hall on **Diablo Lake**, a fascinating presentation on the creation of **North Cascades National Park** and comfortable overnight accommodations at our Environmental Learning Center on the shores of Diablo Lake!

Enjoy a special feast featuring the bounty of the local harvest. Our chef will prepare a dinner showcasing the flavors of our regional food shed with an emphasis on local growers and producers in Skagit and Whatcom counties while our bar will serve **local microbrews and wine** to compliment the palette of autumnal flavors.



Thank you- North Cascades Institute



Brewers Dinner Tour & Tasting For Six

Enjoy a multi-course dinner for 6 at the Rockfish Grill prepared by Chef David Tisinger. Each course will be paired with a different Anacortes Brewery beer. Prior to your dinner, you will tour the brewery with Owner/Brewer Allen Rhoades and have an exclusive, private tasting of special and in process beers.



Thank you- Rockfish Grill & Anacortes Brewery

Cloudscape 2. Dederick Ward

Oil on board with Cherry wood frame, 27" x 25"



Dederick Ward, who maintains a studio in **Anacortes**, turned to full time painting in 1989. He developed as a self-taught painter during a 28 year career as a geoscience information professional in Colorado and Illinois.

His earlier career shows its influence in his work. **His oil paintings are of western geology, waters and atmosphere**, and sometimes include aspects of time and evolution. In recent years Ward has been represented in exhibitions throughout Washington and in Atlanta GA. **His work is in private and corporate collections throughout the US and abroad, including Museum of Northwest art and Whatcom Museum of Art.**

Thank you - Dederick Ward

Cypress Island Hike & Lunch with Craig Romano for Six People



Travel aboard **Island Express**, the fastest water transportation in the San Juan Islands. Enjoy views during your trip through the San Juan Islands that are not normally traveled by the local ferry system. Hike through old growth forests, learn about the history and witness the incredible vistas of this “**last best place**” in the San Juans with local award-winning guidebook author, outdoors writer and photographer, and **Northwest trails hiking expert Craig Romano**. Choose a favorite spot to spread out and enjoy a delightful picnic lunch.

*Thank you Craig Romano, Island Express,
& Gere-a Deli*



Body Glove Stand-Up Inflatable Paddleboard

The Performer 11 is designed for **adventure, family, fitness, and travel**. The light-weight design is 34 inches wide and makes for an extra stable platform making paddling with kids and even paddleboard yoga easy. While it is stable by width it is also sleek by design, and inflates in less than 5 minutes.



*Thank you – Peter Jepson, Diane Bednarz, George & Maggie Downing, Eileen Coan,
Ross McConahey, Linda Speck, & Ken Willis*

Skagit River Valley Fiber Art Pentptych

This is just one of **five quilted panels** depicting the **Skagit River Valley**. Designed and crafted by members of the Art Quilters of the **Fidalgo Island Quilt Guild**. Each panel measures 24" across by 42" in length. When hung together they tell the story of the *Skagit in amazing detail*.



Thank you – Pat Thompson, Judy McHarg, Kae Eagling, & Janet Foster

Frosted Baker, Jennifer Bowman

Acrylic on Canvas, 24"x 48"

Jennifer Bowman is an award winning Puget Sound artist who has been exhibiting professionally for 25 years. You can find her work in private, public, and corporate collections, both nationally and internationally. Jennifer's interpretation of landscapes uses **dramatic color and texture** while capturing the subject matter with a unique contemporary flair. The interaction of warm light and cool shadows here in **the Skagit Valley** inspires her to paint the exciting combinations of complimentary colors and values.



Thank you- Jennifer Bowman

Downtown at the Brown



Make a date to celebrate with your party of up to **8 people** at the Brown Lantern Ale House in Anacortes. A local favorite since 1933 and voted Best Hamburger & Best Tavern in the Anacortes American's Best of Anacortes for 15 years, The Brown is known for serving up tasty beverages and great food in a **fun atmosphere!**

Thank you- Brown Lantern

Conway Muse Bard Room Rental

Planning a Party or Private event? The

Conway Muse is a **fun and unique music venue** with live entertainment for all ages. Voted Best of Skagit “Best Live Music Venue 2016”, by Best of Skagit and Skagit Publishing People’s Choice Award winner for “Best Live Music Venue” in 2012, 2013 & 2014. **The**

Bard Room: Seats 100 with tables and chairs (depending on configuration plus stage), 150 chairs only (plus stage area)



Thank you- The Conway Muse

Samish Island Stone Cottage Getaway

2 Nights for Two People. In a Fairytale setting of **Forests and Gardens**, the charming little **Stone Cottage** sits just **above Padilla Bay**, with wonderful views of the Islands, Guemes Channel, the distant Cascades and Mt. Rainier. Originally built from stone in the 1940's, this Local Landmark has been carefully restored to retain its Rustic Charm while offering modern convenience. All of the amenities of a top rated B&B are provided with the



privacy and comfort of your own Vacation Home. Local wine and cheeses and a basket of gourmet breakfast goodies await your arrival. Samish Island is a drive on island close to Chuckanut Drive, local hiking and the birdwatcher’s paradise known as Samish Flats. It’s just six miles from the tiny and flavorful town of Edison where on one of your days you can stop in for breakfast or lunch at Tweets Artisan Café with your \$30 Certificate. Later enjoy a fabulous view and dinner when you dine in style with your \$60 Certificate to Chuckanut Manor.

Thank you-Dave & Debbie Ensey, Chuckanut Manor & Tweets

Seattle International District Adventure for Two



The adventure begins with 2 **Wing Luke Museum** Experience passes. Climb the stairs to the past, present and future of a great American story still unfolding. Through our guided tours and ongoing exhibitions about the Asian Pacific American community, you can understand Seattle in a new way. With your **\$50 certificate from Lam's** snack on a unique treat from the deli or take home fresh seafood, produce, and groceries from around the world! But save room for authentic Vietnamese dining at **Greenleaf** with **another \$50 certificate!** Enjoy reading your **signed copy** of the Bestselling **"Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"** when you spend the night in Seattle's beloved **Panama Hotel, the setting for the novel and the city's first National Treasure** named by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**. Constructed in 1910 and designed by Seattle's first Japanese American architect, Sabro Ozasa, the structure, building design, materials and uses are **remarkably intact**. Resting in a room, evokes the sense of what it would have been like in the past. Treat yourself to tea, jazz, and history at the Panama Hotel.



Thank you – Panama Hotel, Wing Luke Museum, Lam's Seafood Market & Friends of Skagit Land Trust

