



## **Skagit Land Trust board members up for re-election in 2015**

**Brenda Cunningham** Retired Biologist. Worked for North Cascades National Park and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Former Stewardship Director for Skagit Land Trust. Currently manages a Washington Native Plant Society garden in Mount Vernon. Board member, Skagit Watershed Council. Board Committees: SLT board President. In-coming Governance Chair & Development & Community Engagement Committee. Joined SLT board in 2009. Lives in Mount Vernon. (3 year term)

**Carolyn Gastellum** Retired educator, M.S. in education, taught in Arizona and Mount Vernon Schools. Board member & volunteer for Transition Fidalgo & Friends and Skagit Climate Stewards. Current SLT land steward for Guemes Mountain. Board Committees: Public Policy, Stewardship. Joined board in 2011. Lives in Anacortes. (3 year term)

**Steven H. Johnson** Co-founder of North Cascades Family Physicians. Retired family practitioner. Presently serves on the board of Children of the Valley. SLT Board Committees: Stewardship Chair. Joined board in 2009. Lives in La Conner/Anacortes. (3 year term)

**Rusty Kuntze** Retired Attorney. Worked for the Swinomish Tribe for 25 years, most recently as Chief Judge of the Tribal Court. Past Chair of the Western WA Fellowship of Reconciliation & Skagit Audubon. Board Committees: Board Secretary, current Development & Community Engagement Chair. Joined board in 2005. Lives in Bay View. (3 year term)

**Barbara Trask** Ph.D. Retired as a senior vice president of Fred Hutchinson Research Center and director of its Human Biology Division in Seattle. Barb played a significant role in the Human Genome Project. She devoted her career to studying the genetic bases for cancer and other complex diseases. Farm owner and conservation easement donor. On board of Friends of the Upper Skagit Library District. Board Committees: Stewardship, Investment. Joined SLT board in 2011. Lives in Birdsvew. (3 year term)

**Harold Lee** Retired in 2012 after 40 years of technical instrumentation design and field service for various mechanical engineering companies and the UW Oceanography Dept. Actively volunteers with many local conservation groups. SLT Land Steward for Day Creek Slough and Minkler Lake. Board Committees: Stewardship, Facilities. Joined the Board in 2013. Lives in Mount Vernon. (2-year term)

## **New board member candidate up for election in 2015**

**Jana Hanson** Jana recently retired from her position as the Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Mount Vernon. She held this position from September 2003 – December 2014. During her time with the City, Jana was instrumental in the efforts to transform Mount Vernon's historic downtown with a flood protection project and waterfront revitalization plan. She developed a community marketing campaign; initiated the Skagit Innovation Partnership Zone for Value Added Agriculture and worked with others within the county to strengthen the region's economy. Under Jana's direction, the City of Mount Vernon adopted a model ordinance to protect critical areas. Jana worked with Skagit Land Trust and other conservation groups on a project that aimed to expand Little Mountain Park. Previously Jana worked for the Town of La Conner as the Town Administrator after moving her family from Redmond up to Big Lake. Prior to moving to Skagit County, Jana worked for eight years at the City of Renton as the Development Services Director and Current Planning Supervisor. Jana has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental and Urban Planning from Sonoma State University in California. Jana is standing for election on the SLT board for a 3 year term.