Skagit Summer Social
Live Auction Excursions

Guided Hike for six with Craig Romano on Cypress Island

Travel aboard Island Express, the fastest water transportation in the San Juan Islands to wild and beautiful Cypress Island. Hike through old growth forests, learn about the history of the island with local award-winning guidebook author, photographer, and Northwest trails expert Craig Romano. Enjoy a picnic lunch from Gere-A-Deli. Take home a signed copy of Craig’s book, “Day Hiking the San Juans and Gulf Islands.”

Donors: Craig Romano, Island Express, Gere-a-Deli

Hike is good for a mutually agreeable date to be arranged in advance between June and October 2023 and is subject to availability, weather, and tide conditions.
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Boat trip for Six to Vendovi

Join Warren and Linda Walz aboard their 35’ trawler Echo II to beautiful Vendovi Island one of the wildest private islands in the San Juan archipelago. The island has the most extensive and diverse wildflower meadows in the San Juans. Three different beaches are accessible by the trail system, providing many opportunities for picnicking and enjoying the sun! Warren and Linda are great hosts and will also treat the winning bidders to a delicious lunch on the trip!

Donors: Warren & Linda Walz

This experience is available for up to six people. Winning bidder to arrange a mutually agreeable date with the hosts for summer 2023
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Two Nights at Guemes Island Resort and Dinner for Four

Enjoy two nights for four people in the cabin of your choice. Access to the island is by a five-minute ferry ride from Anacortes. During your stay enjoy amenities including a game room, a wood fired sauna, barbecues, rowboats, wood fired saltwater hot tub, and massage therapy at our conveniently located onsite studio. On one of the evenings, Island Chef, Karen Everett will spoil you with a customized four course dinner including aperitifs and wine cordials.

Donors: Guemes Island Resort, Mark & Kelly Linnemann, and Karen Everett

Available during the quiet season from October 1, 2023- June 1, 2024
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One week in September at Snowater Condo in Glacier

This is prime hiking season in the Mount Baker area! The condo sleeps a total of six, with two bedrooms, a sleeper sofa, full kitchen, two bathrooms, and a small back porch overlooking the north fork of the Nooksack River. The Snowater grounds along the Nooksack River are beautiful and feature forested walking trails, several sports courts for tennis, pickleball and basketball, a couple of kids play areas, and a covered barbecue area by the river. Facilities include two pools with hot tubs, a rec room with ping pong and a pool table, and an exercise room. Mid-September is the best season for hiking, with snow absent from the high-elevation trails providing access to invigorating hikes, majestic mountain views and beautiful fall foliage.

Donors: Kirk Johnson & Lori Nordgulen

Available for the week of September 15-22, 2023 only. Six people max. No Pets.
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Take an Open Water Excursion in this Manitou Kayak

Combining the speed of a touring kayak with the stability of a recreational boat, the Necky Manitou 13 Kayak is ideal for intermediate and beginner paddlers looking to explore lakes, coastal inlets, and lazy rivers. The Manitou features Necky’s Active Comfort seat system, which is generously padded, well ventilated, and serves up a plethora of adjustment options, so you can paddle in comfort while you take in the pristine mountain views. The large cockpit makes getting in and out of the kayak as easy as possible, while carry handles at the bow and stern make transporting the boat to and from shore easy. (Previously and gently enjoyed.)

Donors: Hal & Hella Lee
Skagit Summer Social - Sign-Up Experiences

Guemes Island Paella Party - July 30, 1:30pm
$100 a ticket - Only 8 Spots Available

Join Sue Skillman and Phil Fenner at their Guemes Island home for a delicious Paella dinner including appetizers, salad, wine/beer/soft drinks, and gourmet s’mores for dessert!
Your hosts will pick up/drop off from the Guemes ferry if desired (so you don’t have to wait in a car line) or you might want to ride your bike and enjoy some island touring.
Come early or stay late to visit conservation areas across the island - Guemes Mountain and Valley, Dog Woods of Guemes, Peach Preserve, Kelly’s Point…or sit on your hosts’ deck and enjoy views of Cypress Island.

Donors: Sue Skillman, Phil Fenner, and Therese Ogle

Set Sail with Skagit Land Trust!
Thursday, June 29th 1-4pm   $125

Have you always wanted to visit Cypress Island, or see Kelly’s Point from the water, or learn more about Skagit Land Trust’s Island properties and easements? Come relax and explore with us aboard Island Express as we set sail on a 2.5-hour boat tour of our properties and conservation easements on Guemes and Cypress Islands. Enjoy light refreshments on the trip and hear about how we are working to help conserve these unique and beautiful places.
Skagit Summer Social - Sign-Up Experiences

Cottage Garden Crafternoon Tea  
**Sunday July 23, 1-5pm  $100 a Ticket  10 Spots Available**

Enjoy a classic afternoon tea, served on Alice’s favorite China, featuring finger sandwiches, scones, and delicious treats amongst the blooms at the Stone Cottage on Samish Island. Participants will take home several delightful treasures they have created using lavender, herbs, and flowers harvested from the Cottage shore and garden.

Anacortes Forest Hike & Wine Reception with Book  
**Saturday, September 9, 3-6pm $75 a Ticket  Only 8 Spots Available**

A two-hour voyage of discovery in the Anacortes forestlands. Author Jane Billinghurst will lead your hike on the Cranberry Lake Forest trail. Guests will step off the trail and into the home of Board Member, Therese Ogle, to enjoy a wine and appetizer reception while overlooking beautiful Guemes Channel. Each participant will also receive a complimentary copy of Forest Walking: Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of North America co-authored by Peter Wohlleben, the New York Times bestselling author of The Hidden Life of Trees, and his longtime translator and Anacortes resident Jane Billinghurst.
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Samish Island Seafood Social - Wednesday August 2, 4-8pm
$175 a Ticket only 10 Spots Available

Come early in the day if you would like to venture on your own through the beautiful Samish Island Flower Farm, stroll on the beach or do some birding. The event begins at 4:00 on beautiful Padilla Bay. Guests will indulge in a delightful food feast, stroll through gardens, and be entertained by your hosts Ron & Fonda Downs, Mark & Alison Hitchcock, and Robert & Susan Lynch.

The Menu Includes:
Signature cocktail, beer, and wine

Beginnings:
Charcuterie board with Fred Smith’s famous smoked salmon.
BBQ grilled oysters in the shell
Fresh Dungeness crab cocktails with homemade sauce

Main:
Wild alder grilled salmon with garden basil sauce
Wood smoked pork ribs
Organic garden salad
Roasted garden fresh vegetable medley
Ozette heritage homegrown potatoes

Dessert:
Lemon/chocolate parfait
Fruit plate
Port - 30 years old from Porto

Guided Habitat Restoration Tour with Roger Fuller - Tuesday, July 11th
$75 a Ticket only 10 Spots Available

Ever wondered what’s involved in restoring and managing natural resources like forests, grasslands, wetlands, tidelands, and beaches? Join Roger Fuller, the Natural Resource Coordinator for Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (PBNERR) for a nature walk to learn about the plants and animals that live in coastal habitats.
Roger will share how he studies and manages intertidal food webs, adaption to climate change, and ecological bullies like European green crabs. He will also talk about how PBNERRs works to foster cultural connections to nature, and otherwise restore natural communities that will be resilient for the next 1,000 years. Participants will also get a backstage tour of the Padilla Bay facilities and research labs.
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Diobsub Creek Watershed Adventure - Friday, September 22
10:30am-2:30pm  $100 a Ticket - only 8 Spots Available

Tour the incredible Diobsud Creek watershed, a few miles east of Marblemount. This up-valley adventure will provide participants with a rare opportunity to visit one of the most protected tributaries to the Skagit. Diobsud Creek is home to all five species of wild salmon. It is also where the first grey wolves west of the Cascades were sighted. Guest will explore the beautiful forests and creek-side vistas from several conservation success stories along Diobsud Creek. The Trust’s Conservation Director, Michael Kirshenbaum, will lead guests on several short (less than a mile) walks to Diobsud Creek and Skagit River, including a creek or riverside lunch.

Paint & Sip on the land with Thais Armstrong
Sunday, July 16   1-4:30pm
$100 a Ticket   Only 15 Spots Available

Join Artist, Thais Armstrong, at the Miles Conservation Area on Samish Island for an afternoon of meditative art, creative exploration, and watercolor. You will be delighted and inspired by the nature and garden art surrounding you on this beautiful wildlife sanctuary. The afternoon includes light refreshments, wine, and assorted beverages. Supplies are included, but please bring any of your own paints and brushes if desired.

Deception Pass Hike with Jack Hartt
Friday August 11, 9:30-1:00   $75 a Ticket   Only 10 Spots Available

Join Jack Hartt, author of several local interest books and retired manager of Deception Pass State Park, for an inspiring hike along Pass Lake and the Tursi Trail to a scenic viewpoint. Discover the natural history of South Fidalgo Island on this beautiful, forested trail. Hear the stories of Deception Pass’ origination and learn about new trust projects in this 3-mile hike. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy at the overlook.
Raffle Items

**Anacortes Kayak Tours, tour for two - Value $120**
This 1.5 hour Deception Pass kayaking tour is a popular Deception Pass State Park family activity. A great way to see Washington’s marine wildlife and beauty!

**Spanish Paella Feast Package - Value $270**
42 cm Paella Pan- Paella Cookbook (plus The Spanish Table recipe)- Arroz Bombas Rice- Spanish Chorizo - Spanish Piquillo Peppers- Saffron Threads- Pimenton de la Vera- Seafood Paella Broth -Sangria Jug- Bottle of Sangria Wine (just add fruit!)- Bottle of Spanish Rioja Wine-set of four handmade napkins-add Fresh Seafood and you have a Paella Feast!

**Gato Verde Sunset Sail for Two - Value $132**
The first wind electric hybrid charter boat on the West Coast! Providing clients of all ages and abilities with a fun and unique outdoor sailing adventure. Never crowded or noisy due to our 6-passenger limit. You are welcome to bring your own food & beverages.

**Terramar Brewstillery Private Tour and Tasting for Four - Value $160**
Hear the history behind one of Edisons most popular destinations. Receive a fascinating behind-the scenes tour of Terramar’s brewery and distillery. Learn how they have partnered with local growers and farmers to produce award winning ciders, beers. and spirits while enjoying a sampling of each!

**Wine Rack with Wine - Value $300**
Start your own cellar with this fun and functional 6’ wooden wine rack and specialty wines

**Wine Tasting Alfresco - Value $120**
This set includes a selection of carefully chosen wines to please the palette, wine opener, glassware, and a set of beautiful handmade napkins in a vintage picnic basket. Just add cheese!
More Raffle Items

Kelly’s Point Watercolor Print by Elizabeth Ockwell

Samish Flower Farm Print by artist Thais Armstrong

Original Painting by Janet Hamilton

Pair of signed and framed etchings from France

LE Creuset 1.7 qt. Flame Tea Kettle - Value $115

SLT Swag Package

Tahoe Brown Wood Adirondack Patio Bench - Value $299
A perfect bench for your porch or deck!
37.99 in. H X 52.36 in. L X 37.4 in. D.

Handcrafted Sapele & Cherry Side Table made by Phil McLoud
Value $500