



Summer 2022

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Long Island Exploration June 11

Please join us for a Long Island hike, a unique opportunity only accessible by boat. The island is a part of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and is home to the Don Bonker Cedar Grove Trail, which winds through an old-growth coastal temperate rainforest with many large western red cedar trees and remnant stumps. [Read More](#)



Save these dates!

Join us for these summer hikes in the Refuge.

Thursday, June 30, 6:00 pm. Parker Slough Trail. This hike is 3 miles round trip. The Trailhead is on 67th Place east of Sandridge Road.

Sunday, August 21, 1:00 pm. Leadbetter Point. Meet at the parking lot of Leadbetter State Park at the end of Stackpole Road. A Washington State Discover Pass is required for parking.

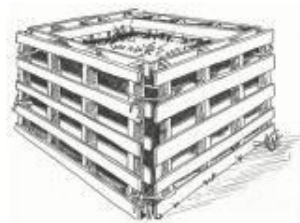
We will post specifics about these hike and registration information on our Facebook page and our website.

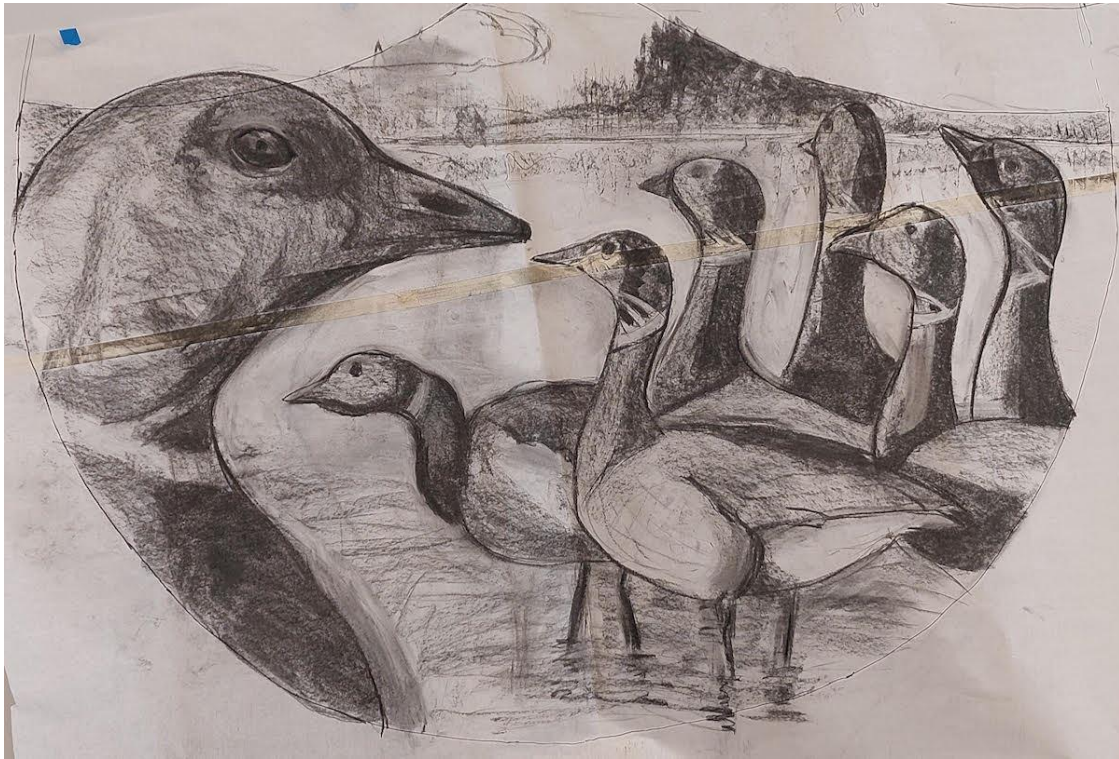


Enriching the Soil Naturally

By Rebecca Lexa

Any time of year is a good time to create a compost heap! You can compost just about any organic material, although some will break down sooner than others. There are options to fit almost any household. [Read more](#)





Update on the Art Table Project

By Pat Welle

The Convergence Art Tables are a functional art installation of table and stools that will be placed outside the new Refuge Headquarters. Gary Carpenter, the project's artist, is completing the table and stool top designs after careful research and discussion with Refuge staff to decide on colors, animal positions, and landscapes.

[Read more](#)

For Friends Only Save the Date

Look for invitations in your inbox for these exclusive members-only events.

Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 pm. South Bay Trail. Join naturalist Rebecca Lexa for an interpretive walk through a .6 mile (one-way) easy walk through a beautiful mix of wet lands, forest, and salt marsh habitats.

Saturday, August 13, 1:00 pm. The members-only barge trip is back! Join other Friends members on this trip to Long Island for a guided hike to the Don Bonker Cedar Grove.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at these events.



Presidents Message

By Charlie Pelizza

Welcome back! Not only are our migrants back from their winter journeys, but the Friends are back to offering in-person activities! I'm not sure which is more exciting! [Read more](#)



Environmental Education Rides Again

By Kathy Freitas

After a two-year hiatus, the Refuge's Environmental Education program (EE) for Pacific County 4th graders once again shined a light on the work of wildlife refuges... [Read more](#)

Wings is Back!

The Friends annual birding and nature festival will be held on September 22 - 25! Please plan to join us for a remarkable variety of tours, workshops and other events designed for many interests and ages. The very popular online auction is also back and will feature local art, gift certificates, experiences, and other unique items.



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