

# *SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY*

## *Inland Empire Chapter* *Fall 2004*

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### ***FALL MEETING***

***Friday, October 29, 2004***

#### **Directions to Keller**

**Meeting Location:**  
 Keller Community Center  
 Highway 21  
 Keller, Washington 99140  
 PH: (509) 634-2190

Keller is 27 miles North of Wilbur and 41 miles South of Republic. Travel from Wilbur requires crossing Lake Roosevelt on the Wilbur - Keller Ferry, 10 miles South of Keller. The Community Center is on the west side of the highway in Keller.

### ***The Fall Meeting Topic: Conservation in Ferry County, Washington***

- 9:00 A.M. Registration..... Esther Patterson, Chapter Treasurer
- 9:30 A.M. Welcome..... Gary Mitchell, Northeast Washington Director
- 9:35 A.M. SWCS Chapter Business Meeting..... Steve Durgin, Chapter President
- 10:15 A.M. Conservation Activities in Ferry County ..... Representative, Colville Confederated Tribes  
 ..... Representative, Ferry Conservation District  
 ..... Representative, Ferry County
- 10:45 A.M. Sanpoil River Floodplain Management Study..... Patrice Beckwith, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 11:00 A.M. Bridge Creek Stream Restoration Project..... Representative, Colville Confederated Tribes
- 11:15 A.M. Travel to K Diamond K Guest Ranch
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch at K Diamond K Guest Ranch, 4 miles South of Republic, WA
- 1:30 P.M. Fossil Dig at Stonerose Interpretive Center, Republic, WA
- 3:00 P.M. Closing Discussion
- 3:15 P.M. Adjourn

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#### **Attention Members!!**

We are now distributing the newsletter by email. If you received this newsletter by mail it was because we don't have your email address. Please send your email address to Ann Swannack at [ann.swannack@wa.usda.gov](mailto:ann.swannack@wa.usda.gov). If you do not have email, we will continue to mail it to you.

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Dear Members,

Wow! It's hard to believe it has been over a year since we hosted the International Conference in Spokane. As I think back to all we did to host the conference, it was truly a major accomplishment. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we were able to pull it off.

While we have spent some time this last year in a post conference recovery mode, we have also been making efforts to use the success of the conference to move the chapter forward. Last year you provided your thoughts on the direction you wanted the chapter to go in the future. Using this input, the executive council developed a draft strategic plan for the chapter. The draft plan is being sent out as an attachment to this newsletter. We hope to adopt the plan at our Fall Meeting in Republic. I encourage all of you to read the plan and to be prepared to discuss it at the meeting. Hopefully the plan will remain a living document that will provide guidance for the chapter into the future.

As chapter president, I want to let you know that you all have my utmost respect. You are some of the most dedicated conservationists in the Northwest. This is reflected by the numerous awards the chapter has received over the years. Perhaps the only thing I can add is to encourage all of you to stay involved. While I know we are all very busy, I still believe that the Soil and Water Conservation Society offers great opportunities to advance conservation and the conservation message. Together, we need to look at ways to get more people involved and excited about the SWCS.

The Fall Meeting in Ferry County will be a great opportunity to get out and see a beautiful part of our area. The Sanpoil River is gorgeous in late October. We are planning presentations by the Colville Confederated Tribes, Ferry Conservation District, and Ferry County. Following the presentations, we will drive along the Sanpoil River to a guest ranch where we will have a catered lunch and a chance to meet the local residents (the ranch is a refuge for a variety of critters). Following lunch, we can all be amateur paleontologists at the Stonerose Interpretive Center in Republic.

See you at the Fall Meeting. Be sure to bring a friend (or two, or more)!!

*Steve Durgin, Inland Empire Chapter President*

### **Welcome Olympic View Members**

Due to dwindling membership in recent years, the Olympic View chapter (Western Washington) has become inactive. Hopefully, this will only be a temporary setback. In the interim, however, the Inland Empire Chapter is pleased to invite all Olympic View members to participate in Inland Empire Chapter activities. To this end, the Inland Empire executive council has agreed to send this newsletter to Olympic View members for the foreseeable future. The long term goal for the council is to help the Olympic View chapter reestablish itself.

### **Thanks Valerie**

Valerie Oksendahl has moved from our chapter to take a position as District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Scobey, Montana.

While with the Inland Empire Chapter, Valerie served as Vice-President, President, and Past President. For the 2003 International Conference, Valerie played an integral role as Finance Committee Chair for the Local Arrangements Committee. At the same time, Valerie served as the West Region Representative on the SWCS Chapter Development Committee.

Best Wishes Valerie!!

## 2004 International Conference St. Paul, Minnesota:

Several chapter members were able to attend this year's annual conference. From all reports, they had a great time. The pictures tell the story.



Barry Southerland with Poster Paper



Riverboat on the Mighty Mississippi



Margie Cooke and Shelly Lassiter at the Silent Auction

## Roger Veseth Fund

We are in the process of starting the Roger Veseth scholarship fund. To date, nearly \$10,000 has been contributed to the fund. The largest portion was donated by Roger's wife, Claire. We are still in the process of working out the formalities for administering the fund, but will accept contributions at any time. If you have thoughts about how you would like to see the fund administered, contact Larry Cooke. If you would like to contribute to the fund, contact Esther Patterson. Larry and Esther's addresses are listed on page 1 of the newsletter.

## Join a Committee

Whatever we do, probably the best way to do it is to do it together. The best way to get started is to join a committee. **Ideally, every chapter member should be on at least one committee.** Below is a list of committees to join:

- Financial Resources Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Verle Kaiser Scholarship Committee
- Roger Veseth Scholarship Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Chapter Development Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- New Members Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Membership Committee

If you are not already on a committee, sign up by contacting Ann Swannack. Ann's address is listed on page 1 of the newsletter. By the way, if you are already on a committee, feel free to contact Ann about joining another.

## Lodging in Republic

If you want to stay in Republic before or after the meeting, consider the following:

Northern Inn - (509) 775-3371 or (888) 801-1068  
Prospectors Inn - (509) 775-3361  
K Diamond K Ranch - (509) 775-3536 or (888) 345-5355  
Klondike Inn - (509) 775-3555 or (800) 213-2812

## Lodging in Wilbur

If you want to stay in Wilbur before or after the meeting, consider the following:

Eight Bar B Motel - (509) 647-2400  
Settle Inn Motel - (509) 647-2100

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Keller Community Center  
Highway 21  
Keller, WA 99140

PH: (509) 634-2190

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Registration - \$15.00 SWCS members \$20.00 non-members  
At the Door - \$20.00 SWCS members \$25.00 non-members

For "new" memberships received at the door (\$75.00), the registration fee will be waived

Because this program includes a box lunch, we need to receive your registration by **Friday October 22, 2004** to provide an accurate count.

No refunds will be issued after October 26, 2004.

Send registration form and check payable to:

**Inland Empire Chapter - SWCS**  
**c/o Esther Patterson, Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 1145**  
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