

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship

Connecting People, Place and Possibility

NCW Community Success Summit Story List 2009-2012

2009 Summit in Pateros

Presentations

- Twisp PDA, Maggie Coon, Twisp Public Development Agency Director
- Selective Fisheries Harvest, Mike Rayton, Colville Confederated Tribes Department of Fish & Wildlife
- NCW Business Loan Fund, Rich Watson, NCW Business Loan Fund Director
- Stemilt Partnership, Peter Hill, Trust for Public Lands Director
- Bainbridge Manufacturing, Keith Soderstrom, Owner
- NCW Regional Food Assessment, Joan Qazi, EAT Director
- “Sustaining Success: Stewardship Stories from NCW,” Nancy Warner, IRIS
- “Witnessing Change,” Nancy Warner & Ben Field, IRIS
- More Than A Trail, Heather Ostenson & David Stipe, Project Groundwork
- Community Journalism, Rufus Woods, The Wenatchee World

Supplement Stories

- Colville Tribes-Leaders in selective fishing and salmon restoration by Joe Peone, Mike Rayton & Keith Kutchins, Colville Confederated Tribes Department of Fish & Wildlife
- NCW Non-Profit Summit, Joan Alway, Icicle Fund Director
- The wheat farmer’s bread and the baker’s crop, Kathleen Deason, Foster Creek Conservation District
- Supporting entrepreneurship in NCW, Jennifer Korfiatis, NCW Economic Development District Director
- NASA technology in NCW and Canada, Samantha Bartling, NCW Resource Conservation & Development Council Coordinator
- A grocery store & more, Rich Watson, NCW Business Loan Fund Director
- A work in progress-Bonaparte Creek restoration, Craig Nelson, Okanogan Conservation District Manager
- Coming together to improve emergency services, Bill Vallance, Douglas-Okanogan County Fire District #15
- A new home for the Community Foundation of NCW, Beth Stipe, Community Foundation Director
- “Witnessing Change,” supporting action, Ben Field & Nancy Warner, IRIS
- Confluence Gallery buys a home, Sybil Macapia, Confluence Gallery & Art Center Director
- Wenatchee watershed fish habitat restoration, Claton Belmont, Washington State Department of Transportation NCW Manager

- LIFE2 for a more sustainable Leavenworth, Jeff Parsons, Barn Beach Reserve Director
- Bacteria and cattle – promising players in shrub steppe restoration, Sonia Hall, The Nature Conservancy
- Assessing NCW’s regional food system, Amy Stork, Stork Marketing
- Teaming up to increase river flow and farmland productivity, Lisa Pelly, Washington Rivers Conservancy Director
- New tricks for an old pest – collaboration in tree fruit, Nadine Lehrer & Keith Granger, Washington State University Tree Fruit Research & Extension Center
- Coalition works to protect lives and property from wildfire, Kathleen Deason, Chumstick Wildfire Coalition Volunteer
- Stemilt Partnership – community vision for a watershed, Peter Dykstra, Trust for Public Lands Director
- Recipe for success – Farmhouse Table produce market, Tracy Walsh, Community Farm Connection Volunteer
- More than a trail, Heather Ostenson & David Stipe, Project Groundwork
- Working together to preserve our local heritage, Bridget Egan, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
- “Gathering Our Voice –Sustaining Success in NCW,” Nancy Warner, IRIS

Opportunities & Goals

How can we implement the recommendations in the regional food system assessment?
Convene a regional food coalition.

How might we work together to help non-profits increase sustainability? *Organize a summit between the funders and fundees and provide training on priority issues.*

How can we further engage community in gathering and sharing successes from the past that can inform our future? *Develop IRIS as a portal for “All Things Sustainable”*

How can we work together to ensure connections between working farms, ranches, and natural areas that will provide resiliency in the future? *Create a unified vision of what we want by combining multiple conservation maps*

How can we work together to increase recyclability, manufacturing, efficient energy use and regional consumption of non-food products? *Use the Methow as a pilot site to ask how well one area can recycle*

2010 Summit in Manson

Presentations

- “Foodways & Byways” Video Discussion Draft, Nancy Warner, IRIS
- Arid Lands Initiative, Chuck Warner, The Nature Conservancy
- NCW Regional Food Coalition, Marilynn Lynn, Rama Farm
- Regional Recycling, Ron Draggoo, Douglas County Solid Waste Director

- Chumstick Wildfire Coalition, Annie Schmidt, Director
- Manger Mall, Alyson Powers, Volunteer
- Lake Chelan Winery, Steve Kludt, Owner
- Leavenworth Improvement for Everyone (LIFE2), Jeff Parsons, Barn Beach Reserve Director
- Chelan Community Roundtable, Rich Watson, Volunteer
- Barter Faire, Michael Pilarski, Co-Founder
- Twisp Community Preparedness Committee, Kristi Laguzza Boosman

Supplement Stories

- Intermountain AmeriCorps – getting things done for NCW, Kristi Roberts, IRIS AmeriCorps Volunteer
- Chelan Valley Community Roundtable finds local solutions for local needs, Arlene Abbott, Volunteer
- NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce fosters success in the next generation, Patricia Wachtel, NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board Member
- First certified forest cut on state lands in eastern Washington, Dale Swedberg, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and Todd Chaudhry, The Nature Conservancy
- Raising awareness of women’s suffrage-a community affair, Chris Rader, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center Public Relations
- Mansfield community recycling center-an example of community involvement and support, Ron Draggoo, Douglas County Solid Waste Director
- Methow Valley community converges around conservation, Sarah Brooks, Methow Conservancy Associate Director
- Creating jobs and realizing a dream, Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Okanogan Economic Alliance Director
- They’re coming back – salmon recovery in the Upper Columbia, Mike Cochran, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board Natural Resource Coordinator
- Entiat River fishing season a success for local landowners, Mike Rickel, Cascadia Conservation District & James White, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board
- Okanogan Highlands Alliance protecting lands and water through community monitoring, Julie Ashmore, Okanogan Highlands Alliance Conservation Coordinator
- Winthrop schoolyard garden is a model for change, Lexi Koch, Classroom in Bloom Director
- A banner year for the North Central Regional Library, Dan Howard, NC Regional Library Public Services Director
- PUD collaborates to protect Lake Chelan, restore river, Steve Lachowicz, Chelan County PUD Communications Director
- Family Health Centers – building trust, nurturing wellness, and strengthening the agricultural workforce, Heather Findlay, Family Health Centers Chief Operations Officer

- New setting and emphasis on local food enhance Sleeping Lady, Paula Helsel, Sleeping Lady General Manager and Lori Vanderbrink, Sleeping Lady Director of Sales & Marketing
- Writing conference reaches out to youth, Susan Langsdin, Write on the River Director
- A life of its own – restoration of the Pioneer Church in Quincy, Kaye Baumgartner, Quincy Valley Historical Society
- Grassroots effort transforms former Studebaker dealership to vibrant community hub, River Jones, Tonasket Community Cultural Center Director

Opportunities & Goals

How can we increase the health and diversity of our natural landscape? *Conduct workshop designed to help implement the Arid Lands Initiative and that will link conservation successes to jobs restoring healthy ecosystems.*

How can we help fellow community members meet their basic needs related to food, water and shelter? *Continue the NCW Food Coalition.*

How can we bridge cultural and political divides in NCW? *Work with committee to develop regional web portal.*

2011 Summit in Bridgeport

Presentations

- Bridgeport School, Tamra Jackson, High School Principal
- Bridgeport Helping Hands, Marilynn Lynn, Volunteer
- Bridgeport Tree Carvings, Nancine Lorz, Volunteer
- Mansfield Museum, Darold Wax, Mansfield Museum Board President
- Okanogan Producers Marketing Association, Watershine Woods, Sales Coordinator
- “Foodways & Byways – The Story of Food in NCW,” Nancy Warner, IRIS
- Sharing recipes for rural success, Lael Duncan, Okanogan County Community Action Council, Mark Schuppe, Washington Department of Ecology, and Brian Thompson Royer, UV MEND

Supplement Stories

- Bridgeport High School – Rigor and high expectations lead to success, Tamra Jackson, Bridgeport High School Principal
- Local Thursdays at the Leavenworth Community Farmer’s Market, Laura Shorey, Farmer’s Market Board Member
- The Gabby Cabby delivers, Susan Speir, Owner
- Upper Valley MEND – Meeting needs for the community, by the community, Erin Lunde, UVMEND Volunteer Coordinator
- Matching Music to Place, Nancy Warner, IRIS Coordinator

- The Waterfall School, a cultural immersion, Carmella Bowen, Hearts Gathered Director
- Project brings local produce to schools, Joan Qazi, Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network Coordinator for Central Washington Region
- A different brand of retirement, Nancy Warner, IRIS Coordinator
- Okanogan Producers Marketing Association – Small farms join together to reach large markets, Watershine Woods, OPMA Sales Coordinator
- David Thompson Bicentennial brings together community members of all ages, Selina Danko, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, Education Coordinator
- Town’s chain saw art a cut above the rest, Mike Irwin, Wenatchee World staff writer
- Saving salmon, on ice, Kc Mehaffey, Wenatchee World staff writer
- Plugging in across NCW – a conversion story, Ron Johnston-Rodriguez, Plug-In-NCW Director
- Preserving ranchland for the future in the Okanogan Highlands, Walter Henze, Okanogan Land Trust Board Member

2012 Summit in Entiat – Entiat Rocks!

Presentations

- Entiat Rocks, Yumi Sanford, Monika Rock, Julianna Edwardson, Alexis Swearingen, Emily Swearingen, Entiat High School Leadership Class
- Entiat Riverfront Development, Susan Drive & Bob Whitehall, City of Entiat
- Fire & Community Success in Entiat, Janet Flanagan, Entiat Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
- Connecting Jobs & Main Street, Nancy Nash-Mendez, WorkSource
- Old Traditions, New Business – Snowdrift Cider, Peter Ringsruud, Owner
- Water First, Emily Washines, Yakama Nation
- “Pulling Together-From Conflict to Conservation in the Entiat Valley,” Mike Rickel, Cascadia Conservation District Director

Supplement Stories

- Entiat Rocks – Riverfront development a community affair, Susan Driver, City of Entiat
- We’ve got Entiat attitude, Judy Bell, Volunteer
- A common vision for success: Columbia Breaks and Entiat Museum, Dave Spies, Board President Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center
- Restoration project slows erosion and improves fish habitat, Susan Dretke, Cascadia Conservation District
- Creating a fire-ready community in the Entiat Valley, John Barnes, Chelan County Fire District #8
- For generations not yet born, Emily Washines, Yakama Nation
- Fighting fire with fire, Andy Dappen, for Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

- Powered by story – Listening Post Network connects people & place, Nancy Warner, IRIS
- Creating livable communities through affordable housing, Erin Lunde Keenan, Upper Valley MEND
- Entrepreneurial spirit is alive and growing in NCW, Bonnie Waude, Wenatchee Valley College Center for Entrepreneurship
- A new centerpiece of history in Pateros, Joni Parks, City of Pateros
- The hub in the recreation wheel, Elka Missal, Entiat Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
- Recycling and the Methow: a winning combination, Betsy Cushman, Methow Recycles Director
- Connecting school with community, Bill Edwardson, Entiat High School Teacher
- Building a culture of philanthropy, Beth Stipe, Community Foundation of NCW Director
- Opportunity knocks at Pybus Public Market, Steve Robinson, Pybus Market Director
- Vox Docs film festival serves up fresh perspectives, Sheila Hughes, Icicle Creek Center for the Arts Director
- Preserving water and land on the Tall Timber Ranch, Mickey Fleming, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust

2013 Summit in Okanogan – Small Town, Strong Community

Presentations

- “Small Town, Strong Community,” Ron Cate, Doug Woodrow and Okanogan School District students
- Restoring Salmon Creek, Randy Friedlander, Colville Confederated Tribes
- Family Health Centers, Dr. LaVonne Hammelman and Orlando Gonzalez
- Reinvigorating the Okanogan language, Melissa Campobasso & Ted Moomaw, Hearts Gathered
- Conserving agricultural lands, Jason Paulsen, Methow Conservancy
- Team Naturaleza, Norma Gallegos
- Digital storytelling in the classroom, Rick Wray, SHIFT

Supplement Stories

- “Highland Wonders” brings people together to celebrate the Okanogan Highlands, Julie Ashmore, Okanogan Highlands Alliance
- “Dancing With Birds” blends fitness, arts and bicultural education, Rona Baron, Dancing With Birds
- Community dream comes alive in Okanogan’s Sports “Plex,” Lisa Bauer and Dan Boettger
- Okanogan Valley Farmer’s Market connects people, food and ideas, Bryan Cook, Saturday Market Manager
- Cooperative conservation, a fourth-generation family tradition at Oberg Brothers, Kirsten Cook, Okanogan Conservation District

- Wenatchee Valley College organic garden feeds interest and people, Allison Detjens, Garden Manager
- Restoring water for people & fish on Salmon Creek, Chris Fisher, Colville Confederated Tribes and Chris Johnson, Okanogan City
- Havillah Printing sparks connections, Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Economic Alliance and Corina Radford, Owner
- Okanogan High School connects student artists to the world, Dan Brown, Okanogan High School
- Engaging the next generation: Matura centennial, nexus for collaboration, Doug Woodrow, Okanogan Middle School
- Paths between neighbors bridges lands and people, Walter Henze, Patti Baumgardner & Grant Jones, Okanogan Land Trust
- Third place success – Salmon Creek Coffee Co. creates cozy place to gather, Chris Johnson, Okanogan community volunteer
- Leonor’s Tamales: homegrown in Okanogan County, Carey Hunter, community volunteer
- Conservancy Island Trail links students to land and community, Dennis O’Connor, Okanogan High School
- Team Naturaleza connects Latino community & nature, Susan Bonfield, Environment for the Americas
- Stewardship hunting program brings generations together to care for the land, Chuck Warner, The Nature Conservancy
- Quincy Compost reduces waste, creates beauty, Nancy Schanze, City of Quincy
- Restoring food to salmon people, Justus Caudell, Tribal Tribune
- Old school, new stories – connecting generations across place, Scott Olson, Tonasket Elementary School
- Group brings in art to revitalize downtown Omak, K.C. Mehaffey, The Wenatchee World