



FOSLS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ISSUE

JULY 2024

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

SCHAFER STATE PARK

JULY 20th
10 - 5

- ◆ Free Food
- ◆ Live Music
- ◆ WA State Parks Speakers
- ◆ Door Prizes
- ◆ Celebration Cake
- ◆ Commemorative Souvenirs
- ◆ Chehalis Valley Historical Society Display
- ◆ Schafer Family History Display
- ◆ Schafer Park-Time Capsule
- ◆ Kids Activities
- ◆ Old Time Nail Pound Contest
- ◆ Storytelling
- ◆ Photos with Bagley the Beaver
- ◆ Haiku Trail
- ◆ Square Dancing

SCHAFER STATE PARK CELEBRATES 100 YRS ON JULY 20 !



Please join us to commemorate one hundred years of Schafer State Park, a national historic site (1924-2024).

Community picnic, food truck provided by Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia State Parks (FOSLS).
 Live music and storytelling throughout the afternoon. Square dancing with period costumes late in the afternoon.
 Old time yard games, kid activities and an appearance by State Park mascot Bagley the Beaver.
 Multiple museum displays with historical artifacts. See what's in the Schafer time capsule before it's sealed.



For more information: schafer@parks.wa.gov www.fosls.org

Huge Celebration Planned for Schafer Centennial

FOSLS is planning a huge celebration to commemorate the **100th Anniversary** of the Schafer Family's donation of this beautiful park to the WA State Parks system. Help us celebrate this momentous day by bringing your friends and family on Saturday, JULY 20th from 10 - 4 State. A special commemoration will be held at 1 pm with opening remarks by recently

retired WA State Parks Commissioner Mark Brown. The program includes exhibits by the Chehalis Valley Historical Museum, WA State Parks, FOSLS and the Schafer Family. Dale's Mobile Kitchen will be serving Free food until 2 pm and a celebration cake will be served. There will be live music by Briarfinch at 1:30 followed by a square dancing demonstra-

tion at 3 pm. Kids and adult activities begin at 10:30 am through 3 pm followed by photos with Parks Mascot Bagley the Beaver. Free raffle with prizes too! Stories will be told by the So Sound Story Guild throughout the day. Check out the new park renovations and walk the peaceful Haiku Trail along the river.

Schafer Centennial Program July 20th



Shelter 1

Food

- 11:00-2:00 Lunch Food Truck / Dale Hudson
- Sponsored by FOSLS
- 1:45 Dessert

Presentations, & Giveaways

- 10:00-12:30 ****pick up FREE raffle ticket****
- 1:00-1:45 Opening Remarks: Mark Brown
History of Schafer Park
- Stetson Palmer & Trina Young
- 1:45 Raffle Prize Pick Up &
Coaster/Sticker Giveaway
- 10:00-4:00 Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia
- 10:00-4:00 Schafer Park Time Capsule Display

Entertainment

- 1:30-2:45 Music by Briarfinch
- 3:00-5:00 Square Dancing
- Olympia Flutterwheels &
Harbor Haylofters

Shelter 2

Exhibits

- 10:00-4:00 Museum Artifacts
- Chehalis Valley Historical Society
Museum
- 10:00-4:00 Historical Photograph Display

Children's Activities

- 11:00-12:00 Junior Ranger Program
- 10:30-12:00 &
1:30-2:30 Bean Bag Toss, Crafts, Nature Games
- 11:00-11:30 &
1:30-2:00 Sack Race, 3-legged Race, &
Water Balloon Toss
- 11:30-12:00 &
2:00-2:30 Storytelling by Maggie Lott
- South Sound Story Guild
- 2:00-3:00 Pictures with Bagley
- Washington State Parks Mascot

Other Activities

- 10:30-12:00 Nail Pound
- 10:00-4:00 Haiku Trail



Donated 1st to City of Montesano

Donated 2nd to State of WA

State begins charging for Camping

WILL DEDICATE SCHAFER PARK

By Staff Correspondent

MONTESANO, Aug. 24.—The Grays Harbor Farm Bureau will have its annual picnic Sunday at Schafer's Park on the Satsop river. The picnic was scheduled originally for August 11, but rain caused its postponement. Dedication ceremonies for Schafer's Park are to be held the same day, with a group of Montesano business men in charge. This park was donated to the public by the Schafer Brothers Logging Company. Eldridge Wheeler of Montesano will deliver the speech of acceptance. Other speakers from Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Elma are on the program.

Tacoma News Tribune 8/24, 1922

State Acquires Park In S. W. Mason County

OLYMPIA, June 3.—The state has received title to the 300-acre park on the east fork of the Salsop river, in southwest Mason county, it was announced today by H. W. Rutherford, supervisor of parks. The land has a frontage of one-half mile on the river and is the gift of the Schafer Bros. Logging Co.

The new park site is located on the Shelton-Grays Harbor road and is ideally situated, Supervisor Rutherford stated. The donors built a dancing pavilion on the property and this has later been improved by the people of Montesano. The park is about 14 miles from Montesano.

Seattle Union Record 7/3/1924

MAKE CHARGES AT TWO STATE PARKS

OLYMPIA, March 14.—(Special).—Decision to make an over night charge of 25 cents per car at two of the state parks was arrived at by the state park committee in session here this morning. This charge will be made at the Lewis and Clarke park, on the Pacific highway, 12 miles south of Chehalis in Lewis county, and at Larrabee park, on the Chuckanut drive section of the Pacific highway, about six miles south of Bellingham in Whatcom county.

Both of these parks are on the main traveled route and are almost entirely used for one night stopovers by auto tourists rather than regular camping places for longer stays.

"Adoption of the 25 cents fee was made after careful consideration as an experiment this season," said State Treasurer C. L. Babcock of the committee. "We find that small over night charges are made at nearly all public parks. The state park committee is scantily financed, with almost unlimited needs for the maintenance and development of the state park system. At these parks camp stoves, wood and water and other conveniences are furnished the tourists. The receipts will go to improve these parks and we believe all tourists will gladly pay the small charge."

March 15, 1924

**WA STATE PARKS
INTERPRETIVE SERIES**
CONTACT 360-482-3852



SATURDAY EVENING July 27

7:45 PM to 9:30 PM



PACIFIC NW BATS

PRESENTED BY



**THE WOODLAND PARK ZOO and
WA State Dept of Fish and Wildlife**

Bats are a common wildlife species across Washington state, including urban areas, but their nocturnal habits mean that people often don't notice them. Taking the time to learn how to observe bats can change that!

Why are bats important? Where do they live? Are there bats in my neighborhood? How do I know when there is a bat in the sky above me? Learn the answers to these questions and help us answer the question: Where and when are bats active in my community?

Join us for an organized Bat Field Observation in the park and Bat activities. This is a fun event for adults and supervised children.

Location: Schafer State Park
1365 W Schafer Park Rd,
Elma, WA 98541



EVENING EVENT - 7:45

WA STATE PARKS INTERPRETIVE EVENTS

JULY 27 - PACIFIC Northwest BATS

An evening event at Schafer State Park presented by the Woodland Park Zoo and WA State Dept of Fish and Wildlife

AUGUST 24 - COEXISTENCE WITH BEAVERS

Presented by the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity at Ocean City State Park from 10 am to 12 noon.

OCTOBER 10 - FUN WITH FUNGI and FOREST BATHING STROLL

Presented by FOSLS and the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity at Lake Sylvia State Park from 10 am to 12 noon

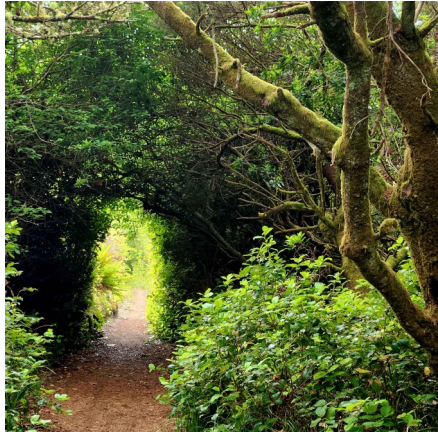
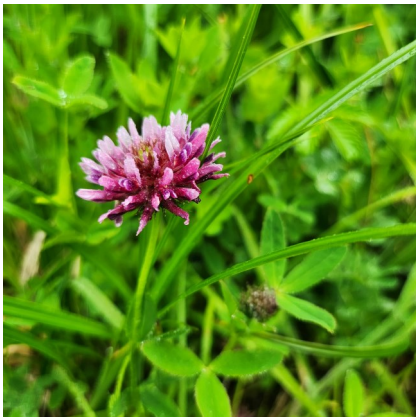
OCTOBER 26 - RETURN OF THE SALMON

Presented by WDFW and Chehalis Basin Lead Entity at Schafer State Park



**WA State Parks Interpretive Series
PHOTOGRAPHY EXPLORATION HIKE
with NAN CLUTE**

New FOSLS Executive Board Member Nan Clute inspired a small group at Ocean City State Park in June to take better cell phone photos while enjoying nature. She taught us how to improve group shots, and look for geometrics, closeups, landscapes, and more. We are hoping for another hike with Nan this Fall!



FOSLS BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED FOR 2024-2025



Trina Young - President

Trina has been active in FOSLS for 16 years & is a founding FOSLS member. She also publishes the Newsletter, and maintains the website & Social media.

At the March Annual Membership meeting, members elected the new FOSLS Board for the coming year. The new board members are: Karol Danner, Louise Baxter, Linda Ronholt, Trina Young, Stet Palmer, Jerry Buendel and Nan Clute. The Board then met according to the bylaws and appointed additional Board mem-

bers, Josh Shinn and Patrick Wadsworth. Officers were selected as follows:

- ♦ Trina Young, President
 - ♦ Jerry Buendel, Vice President
 - ♦ Louise Baxter, Treasurer
 - ♦ Linda Ronholt, Secretary
- Susan Duvall stepped down

from the Board this year. Susan is a founding member of FOSLS and she served 16 years as our Board Treasurer. Luckily for us Susan has promised to remain an active FOSLS member.

New member Nan Clute was added to the Board this year and we welcome her enthusiastically!



Jerry Buendel - Vice President

Jerry has been a long time Park supporter and Board member and he and his wife Sherri have been active volunteers since FOSLS was founded in 2009. They love to travel when not at the parks!



Stet Palmer - Legislative Committee

Stet is a founding member of FOSLS and has served in the past as President, Vice President and was responsible for organizing FOSLS officially in 2009 as a Friends Group. Stet works tirelessly with the Legislature, WA State Parks Commission and other organizations to support and maintain WA State Parks. Stet also organizes our Student Education Field Days.



Joshua Shin - Compliance Officer

Josh became our youngest FOSLS Board member when he was just 16. He is now out of college and working in the Midwest. He stays involved with FOSLS and has taken on the FOSLS duty as our webmaster and compliance officer.

Karol Danner - Student Outreach Committee

Karol is our most recent past FOSLS President. Karol guided us through Covid and kept our organization growing through those challenging times. Karol is also a nature lover and photographer.



Patrick Wadsworth - Board Member

Patrick was also a past FOSLS President and he supervises our construction projects such as the Legacy Pavilion and the storage shed project we are building. Pat is a Montesano native and an avid bike rider.



Linda Ronholt - Secretary

Linda has served as FOSLS Secretary for several years and helps us document FOSLS business & activities. Fun Fact: Linda plays the banjo in the GH Banjo Band!



Nan Clute - Publicity Chair

Nan is our newest Board member and has already taken on the job of publicity chair and some social media projects. She was the presenter for the recent Interpretive Series workshop on improving your photography skills. Nan recently moved to Montesano and is a yoga instructor. She has a background in marketing & loves the outdoors!

Karen VanNoy - Membership Committee Chair

Karen is in charge of our Membership data base and is also a regular member of the Weekly Weeding Team. She loves working with kids and is an avid hiker, nature lover and retired teacher.



Louise Baxter, Treasurer

Louise was elected to the Treasurer position in March of 2022 and has since upgraded our finance system and improved our records management systems. Louise is a Montesano native and has been a long time supporter of State Parks and is often found volunteering for FOSLS events and work parties. Louise travels from her home in Portland where she maintains a medical practice.



Helen Hepp - FOSLS Board Emeritus

Helen is not only a founding member of FOSLS but she was instrumental in organizing the petitions that saved our State Parks from closing in 2008. Helen is a retired Montesano teacher and as the Leader of the Weekly Weeding Team, she is our resident horticulturist. She promotes FOSLS at the GH Home and Garden Show, and is known as our own Energizer Bunny!



**Patrick
Wadsworth
Project
Supervisor**



**Bob Carter
Project Engineer**



**FOSLS STORAGE SHED
PROJECT**

We have made a lot of progress on the shed project at Lake Sylvania. This fall we will be looking for volunteers to help paint and finish the storage shed. Contact us if you would like to help.

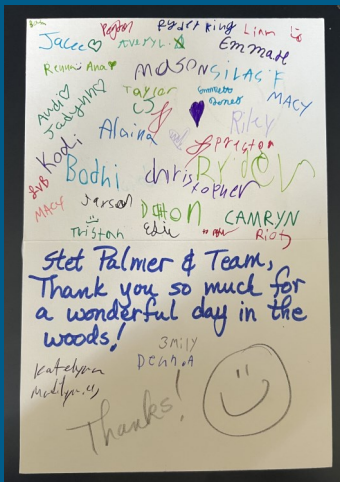




STUDENT EDUCATION FIELD DAYS



Each year FOSLS sponsors Student Education Field Days with local school districts. This year we did one for Satsop School and one for Mary M Knight School. Typically we work with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and we put them through multiple stations at the park that educate them on science, environment, hydrology, geology, salmon life cycles and native plants. We bring in experts in these fields to present each station. FOSLS Volunteers help supervise and lead groups from station to station. The kids learn a lot from this experience and FOSLS volunteers really enjoy working with the kids.



**IMPORTANT DATES
FOR YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR**

- July 20 - Schafer Park Centennial Celebration 10am-5pm
- July 27 Interpretive Series - PNW Bats at Schafer Park
Evening Event begins at 7:45 pm
- Aug 1 Interpretive Team Mtg -1 pm at Schafer Park
- Aug 8 FOSLS Board Meeting - 2 pm Montesano Library
- Aug 24 Interpretive Series - Co-existing with Beavers at
Ocean City State Park 10am - 12
- Sept 12 FOSLS Board Meeting - 2 pm Montesano Library
- Oct 10 Interpretive Series - Fun with Fungi and Forest
Bathing Stroll at Lake Sylvia. 10am -12
- Oct 26 Return of the Salmon - Schafer State Park

**Don't Forget
to Renew Your FOSLS Dues!**

\$15 - Individual
\$25 - Family OR
4 hrs or 8 hrs volunteer work
Pay dues online at www.FOSLS.org

FOSLS meets on the 2nd Thursday at 2pm via ZOOM or in person at the Montesano Library. See our Facebook page for the ZOOM link and current meeting details.

FOSLS EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024-2025

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| <i>President</i> | <i>Trina Young -Newsletter, Social Media</i> |
| <i>V President</i> | <i>Jerry Buendel</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Linda Ronholt</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Louise Baxter</i> |
| ◆ Stet Palmer | Board Member, Legislative, Student Education |
| ◆ Karol Danner | Board Member, Student Outreach |
| ◆ Nan Clute | Board Member, Publicity |
| ◆ Joshua Shin | Board Member, Web Master, Compliance Officer |
| ◆ Pat Wadsworth | Board Member, Special Projects |
| ◆ Helen Hepp | Board Member Emeritus, Weekly Weeders Committee |
| ◆ Karen Van Noy | Membership Committee |

Montesano Moai Meets at Schafer Park

Montesano Moai, a Blue Zone inspired group of walkers, met at Schafer Park in June and plan to return several more times to enjoy the full beauty of the park.

Inspired by Blue Zone work being done in Grays Harbor County, Montesano Moai walkers began in April at Lake Sylvia to increase movement in their lives as well as form a social circle that encourages healthy behaviors. They are open to new members who want to walk and live a healthy lifestyle. In addition to walking, once a month they share healthy food & recipes. If you'd like to meet the group to see if it resonates with your health goals, contact Lori at 360-470-9941.



Forming a Blue Zone Moai is one of the nine recommended practices developed after scientists re-searched several communities around the world that had higher-than-average numbers of

healthy and active people 100+ years old. You can learn more on the Blue Zone project at the library or on Netflix's documentary, Live to be 100, Secrets of the Blue Zones.

FIND US ON THE INTERNET !

Check these sites for regular updates on meetings and events.

www.fosls.org Email: info@fosls.org

Facebook: [FriendsOfSchaferLakeSylvia](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSchaferLakeSylvia)

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DISCOVER PASS

Annual Pass \$30 for all state parks or single use One-day Pass \$10.

Purchase in person at your local state park, or wherever state fishing and hunting licenses are sold.

Online purchases can be made at www.discoverpass.wa.gov.

Purchase by phone at (866) 320-9933.

Or you can purchase a Discover Pass when you renew your vehicle license.

Thank you for supporting WA State recreation lands.

