



September 2016

BirdFest and Bluegrass 2016

Mark your calendar for our 17th Annual BirdFest and Bluegrass Celebration!

Hikes, talks, workshops and activity schedule will be released soon!

To sign up for a paid hike or tour, you can email BirdFestReservations@gmail.com

Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge present:

BirdFest & Bluegrass

in Ridgefield, WA

Sept. 30 — Oct. 2

Join us for a wonder-filled weekend exploring wildlife and Chinookan culture!

- Sandhill Crane Tours Not regularly open to the public. Call for reservations 360-609-0658.
- Audubon Wild Birds of Prey!
- Naturalist led hikes: Birding, Ethnobotany, Geology, Night Hike & more
- Chinookan Cultural Activities at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse
- Kayak & Big Canoe Tours
- Birders' Marketplace Nature inspired arts & crafts for sale
- Hands on workshops: Bird Language, Photography, Watercolor, Basketry, DIY T-Shirt couture
- Film Screenings: The Birds (Fri. 7pm) and The Promised Lands (Sunday at 1:00 pm)
- Most events are free! Call for reservations 360-609-0658.

Bluegrass Music & Beer Garden! Bluegrass Jammers playing between the Old Liberty Theatre and the Sportsman's from 11:00 to 6:00. At the Old Liberty Theater at 7:00 pm, Brian Oberlin Bluegrass Trio and Jeff Scroggins and Colorado until 10:00. Wristbands sold on site.

For more information and the Schedule of Events visit:
www.RidgefieldFriends.org



(Click poster for a link to our website)

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Support the Refuge & Become a Member

Join or Renew

Joining comes with great benefits including perks like 5% off at the Sportsman's Steakhouse & Saloon in downtown Ridgefield just for being a member of the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge! Check out the Benefits of Membership below to find out more.

2016 Refuge Photo Contest

Events

Volunteers Wanted!

September 3rd is the last chance to search out and pull Ricefield Bulrush (*Scirpus mucronatus*, an invasive species)!

Check out the Habitat Restoration



Submit your favorite nature images taken within the boundaries of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge to the 10th Annual 2016 photography competition!
ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 6th!

For submission requirements, more info, and to submit click here!

Saying Goodbye

Aiden Forsi- Habitat Restoration and Education Specialist



It has been a year since I started my position as the Habitat Restoration and Education Specialist with the Friends, and it is now time for me to move on. I have enjoyed every moment of it,

from planting over 5000 trees and shrubs with over 250 unique volunteers, to planning the visits of over 2000 students, and any of the other numerous tasks that I took on in my time here. I learned a lot from working with the Friends and I am very thankful to have this experience moving forward.

Beginning this month, I will be enrolling at the University of Oregon to pursue a Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning, focusing on environmental planning and community engagement. I will also be starting volunteer work with the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Finley, Baskett Slough, and Ankeny NWRs). All of this is tied in one way or another to my work with the Friends. I want to thank everyone who has been a part of the Friends this year and for your commitment to the Refuge - it made my job a lot easier! I am happy to have worked in such a beautiful place with such a supportive community.

-Aiden Forsi

From the River 'S' Contact Station

We often hear comments of concern about the level of the water in the lakes and ponds along the auto tour on the River 'S' unit. Water levels may seem higher or lower than they have ever see before. Last year and this



section of this newsletter for more info and who to contact to sign up.

To become an education or naturalist volunteer, and help with school groups, hikes, walks and more, contact

Josie_Finley@FWS.gov
Plankhouse@gmail.com

Ridgefield First Saturday: Heritage Day & Wild Wild West

Saturday September 3, 2016
 All day



It's a step back in time, so slap on your spurs and saddle up your pony, then trot on downtown and revel in western-themed fun, local lore and more, including zucchini races, country music & dancing.

9:00AM @ Overlook Park

- Farmer's Market
- Make your own pool noodle horse
- Zucchini 500 - zucchini will be provided with a Lego chassis or bring your own speedy zucchini
- Apple printing with the Ridgefield Art Association

10:00AM @ Ridgefield Community Center

Researching Historical Buildings, Homes, and Property Workshop: Have you ever wondered who used to live and work in your home or on your property? Well, wonder no more...Join the Clark County Historical Museum to learn how to uncover the history behind your building, home, or property. *Space is limited, reservations required.* Contact the Museum at (360) 993-5679.

year, summer brought us a number of dried up or just damp areas where we usually see standing water. Although the refuge has water pumps to move water around between different areas, it is sometimes better to just let nature dictate what should happen. Wetlands, in particular, can benefit from a dry cycle. It allows toxins to oxidize, instead of buildup in the mud, and can take care of some less desirable plants while letting beneficial wetland plants regrow and thrive. As an example, Long Lake is very dry now. Long Lake is the one with all the dead tree trunks in it which you see on the left of the road section that ends at the hunter's gate. Under the right conditions, seeds that lay dormant in the mud will sprout and produce vegetation we don't see each year. This year, Long Lake is filled with lush green Beggar's-Tick. This plant is from the aster family and blooms in late summer, providing opportunity for pollinators and, eventually, seeds which will fall into the wetlands to wait for dabbling ducks to dine on them when the water returns. The seeds are double barbed and easily stick to pant legs or socks if you were to wander through a patch; presumably beggars did this some time ago- hence the name Beggar's-Tick. Watch for the flowers to appear soon. It should be a beautiful sight as we wait for the return of fall/winter rains to fill a renewed Long Lake again.

Reporting from the River 'S' Contact Station- Susan Setterberg, Volunteer
Photo By: Samantha Zeiner

Friends of Ridgefield NWR & Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation Helps Fund Mobile Science Equipment

Posted: 27 Aug 2016
By Kathy Winters

(High school students use the equipment to test safety of Wapato growing within the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge)

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation, with support from the Ridgefield Booster Club and Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, funded a Science Technology grant to support the Ridgefield High School science program during the 2015-2016 school year. In total the \$15,100 grant funded 14 laptop computers, 24 Vernier sensors and a laptop storage cart.

RHS science teacher, Kara Breuer, put the new equipment to use in the field last spring. Through a partnership with the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, students from RHS science classes were able to collect and investigate soil and water samples from the Refuge's Duck Lake and Boot Lake to determine if the Wapato potatoes that grow nearby were safe to eat.

Using equipment purchased with the Foundation grant and a

11:00 @ Overlook Park

- Live Country Music Begins on Stage
- Beer Garden and BBQ Open

12:00 @ Overlook Park

Historical Walking Tour begins - hosted by the Clark County Historical Museum

1:00PM @ Overlook Park

Join in line dancing with CJ's Country Dance Instruction

2:00PM @ Old Liberty Theater

Ridgefield History Stories on the big screen

All day @ Ridgefield Floral & Gifts
Sidewalk sale and 20% discount on one item

7:00PM @ Koi Pond Cellars

Chalk Mural Art Live and Wine Tasting

7:30PM @ Old Liberty Theater

The Swinging Doors Concert (\$15 for all ages)

Check out the [City of Ridgefield Page](#) for more info

Food & Wine Pairing

Saturday, September 3, 2016

12:00pm to 6:00pm



LOCATION: Downtown Ridgefield and other area wineries

All SW Washington Wineries will be open with delicious pairing of wines and food prepared by local chefs.

The Food and Wine Pairing tour is a fun one. Local food artisans pair their creations with the wines that are offered at each local winery.

See the [Southwest Washington Winery Association webpage](#) for more information about wineries and locations.

Oktoberfest

visit to a chemistry lab at the University of Portland, the students determined that the soil and water located around the two lakes were all within typical limits for health risk factors and concluded the area was safe for the harvest of the Wapato potato. Breuer stated that the new equipment and the partnership with the University of Portland “made this a unique and hugely successful learning experience.” She is already making plans to use the equipment for a follow-up experiment next year.

Foundation Board Member Audri Bomar commented on the collaboration that made the grant and the experiment possible.

“The Foundation was one of many partners that made this possible. When we all work together we can help dedicated teachers like Ms. Breuer create meaningful learning experiences right in our back yard.”

[Article Originally Featured Here](#)

The Ridgefield Public Schools Foundation is a private 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting programs and activities for students in Ridgefield public schools. To learn more about the Foundation go to www.ridgefieldpsf.org.

Ridgefield Refuge Complex News & Events



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

Can YOU Imagine?

Please join us September 10th to share your ideas about what a Community & Nature Center at the Refuge could be.

(click poster below to see larger)



Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016

Starts at 11:00am

Overlook Park in downtown Ridgefield

A family friendly event with German Style Food, kids carnival games and Live Music!

11:00AM Gates Open - Admission is Free.

Bier Garten, food and ongoing entertainment all day and evening.

The Bier Garten featuring Mt. Tabor Brewing is \$10 entry and includes the first pour.

The first 300 people will receive a FREE mug!

11:00-5:00PM Carnival Games

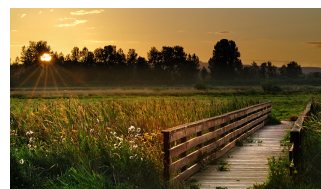
12:00-1:00PM Free Family Magic Show: Alex Zerbie's Zaniac Comedy Show

5:00PM Wiener Dog Races sponsored by PLUSH
Registration at 4:45PM. Open to all Dachshunds.

10:00PM Doors close.

This family friendly event benefits the library building fund, RHS Youth Arts, local churches, local businesses and Ridgefield Main Street.

End of Summer Refuge Tips



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Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge want to share some final summer reminders for a successful and fun visit to the refuge:

1. Until September 30th, you can walk along the River 'S' Unit Auto Tour Route.

2. BirdFest weekend, the fist weekend in October, is the last



at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
in Ridgefield, Washington

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge want to know "What can you imagine?"

The diverse landscape at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge not only sustains thriving populations of wildlife, it also invites people of all abilities to connect with nature and share their outdoor experience with others.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends invite you to envision and help inform the design and future use of a new community building located at the refuge. This new asset, a Community & Nature Center, will help us all explore connections among community, our daily lives, and nature.

We invite you to join us for the second of three community meetings to provide input on what you imagine the Community & Nature Center could look like...

WHO:
Anyone interested in contributing their ideas

WHEN:
Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
10:00AM - 12:00PM

WHERE:
Pickled Heron Gallery
418 Pioneer Street
Ridgefield WA, 98642



Thank you for visiting the refuge and supporting conservation. If you have any questions regarding activities and regulations on the refuge, call the office Monday through Friday 7:30am to 3:30 pm at 360-887-4106.

weekend to walk the Kiwa trail until May 2017.

3. Water: Make sure to bring water with you whether you are planning a long or a short visit, there is no access to drinking water on the refuge.

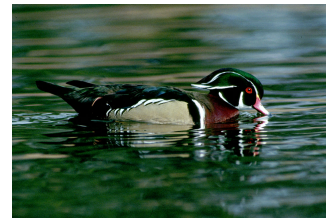
4. Restroom facilities: There are restrooms at the trailheads of both the Carty and River 'S' Units, and one stop right before the Kiwa Trail on the River 'S' Auto Tour Route, but there are no other facilities available to the public.

5. Trash Receptacles: There are no trash cans available so please pack out anything you bring in with you, we really appreciate it, and the wildlife does too!

And once again, don't forget to bring water! Thank you and we hope you had a great summer at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge!

Species Spotlight

Wood Duck
Aix sponsa



One of the most spectacular sights out on the water in the Refuge has to be the gloriously colorful Wood Duck. Both male and female sport helmet-like crests and long, broad tails. The males have distinctive iridescent feathers in green and reddish-brown, with buff-colored sides and sharp white outlines that make these rich colors really pop. Females have white around their eyes, white speckled breasts and brownish-grey bodies. In flight, Wood Ducks are distinctive for their erect thin necks, long bodies, short wings, and thick tails and they can reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.

Wood Ducks are aptly named, as they prefer to nest in trees in wooded areas near wetlands, ponds and streams, although some nests are found more than a mile from the

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Update & Events



CATHLAPOTLE PLANKHOUSE
Celebrating Ten Years ▶ 2005 - 2015

Last Second Sunday Event of the Year:

September 11th, 12-4pm
Located at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse:
28908 NW Main Ave.
Ridgefield, WA 98642

1 pm: Presentation: The Power of Indigenizing Curatorial Practice with Dr. Deana Dartt
3pm: Guided Hike: A Walk Through the Oaks

Event is free after \$3 Refuge admission

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Special Event
at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge



WHEN:
September 11th
12pm - 4pm

WHERE:
Carly Unit/ Plankhouse
28908 NW Main Ave
Ridgefield WA 98642

Refuge entrance fee of \$3.00 per vehicle OR the use of a valid Federal Lands Pass applies to this event.

This is the **LAST 2nd Sunday Event** for the 2016 Summer Season.
If you have been planning on attending one, make sure not to miss this family friendly event!

**1:00 PM - The Power of
Indigenizing Curatorial Practice**



Over the past five years, the Portland Art Museum has gained national attention for its efforts to bring Native American Art to the forefront. In this intimate presentation, Dr. Deana Darrt will discuss her role in guiding the effort to ethically address the impact of native representation in the Museum and her vision for the future of the Museum's collection of indigenous art.

**3:00 PM - A Walk through the
Oaks**



Join a refuge Naturalist looking at the relationship that the Chinook people of Cathlapotle had with their landscape. We will identify culturally significant plants, as well as explore how the environment influences culture and culture influences the environment.

**Family Activities & Plankhouse Tours -
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

To Learn more visit: www.fws.gov/refuges/Ridgefield or <http://ridgefieldfriends.org>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, closed captioning, or other accommodations needs to Juliet McGraw, 360-887-4106, Plankhouse@gmail.com TTY 800-877-8339 with your request by close of business one week before the event.



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July Docent Social Recap

Participants: Virginia Scott, Jane Tuck, Donna Martinez, Jared Strawderman, Sarah Hill, Juliet McGraw

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum was amazing. We were fortunate to have our very own Donna Martinez, who volunteers at the Plankhouse and Two Rivers, take us through. This place is truly a gem. Not only is the collection so much bigger that one would anticipate from the outside but incredibly through in its displays. When entering you are greeted by extraordinary indigenous basketry display (also curated by Donna) of the first inhabitants of the area through the changes brought by Euro-American immigrants. Two Rivers is a perfect exposition of hometown Americana. If you pay it one visit you surely will return.



We ended up forgoing the nature walk because we took an extended tour of the museum and lingered over lunch. However, we are all eager for a future bird walk for a future Volunteer Social.

Interested in our next Volunteer Social? Come join us for a tour of the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery followed by a picnic lunch on Friday, September 23rd. Please email juliet_mcgraw@fws.gov for more information.

To become one of our fabulous volunteers, email plankhouse@gmail.com or Josie Finley at Josie_finley@fws.gov

water. You will often see Wood Duck nesting boxes placed along lakes or rivers where natural choices are more limited. Their shorter wing span allows them to skillfully navigate through the woods. Unlike most ducks, they perch comfortably in trees thanks to strong claws on their feet. Their claws are not suited to excavating, however, so pairs will search out existing cavities in trees with soft or rotting cores. The female makes the final choice for the nest and then lines the cavity with her own down feathers. They will have one or two broods a season, with between 6 and 16 eggs each. The eggs hatch about after about a month and the young, fully covered in down, are able to immediately walk to the nest opening and jump down to the ground to join their parents on the water. The hatchlings are resilient enough to make leaps of as much as 50 feet!

Wood Ducks eat mostly plant material such as duckweed, water lilies, acorns, soybeans, wild cherries, and blackberries. They also eat various insects, caterpillars and snails. They are dabblers and may also dive in search of food.

Did you know: Wood Duck females are also known to lay eggs in another female's nest and leave them to her care. As a result, nests with as many as 29 eggs are not unheard of.

Photos by Tim McCabe, courtesy of USFWS

Help Represent the Friends & the Refuge at Community Outreach events!

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers who love the refuge and would like to help others discover what makes this place special. Outreach volunteers are needed to help staff Friends and Refuge booths at events in our community from Ridgefield to Portland. Outreach volunteers work alongside Refuge and Friends staff to answer questions about the Refuge, provide information about what visitors can do at this Refuge, and act as ambassadors for one of our region's best kept secrets. Interested in learning how to get involved? Contact

Upcoming Events and Exhibitions:

PROMISED LAND DEBUT SCREENINGS AND FESTIVALS

"Some of you may've seen the news on our official Chinook Indian Nation Facebook page, but *Promised Land* is being released in select theaters this fall and has been officially selected to screen in several festivals. Below is ticket information. We're really looking forward to these first two events that will bring the communities and the tribes together, raise awareness, funds, and foster good alliances in the Northwest so we can see justice happen.

We finished the film this spring after three years of research, filming and editing. We're so pleased to announce that it's been accepted to the **19th Annual Local Sightings Film Festival**, **Joshua Tree International Film Festival**, the **12th Annual Ellensburg Film Festival**, on top of many exciting regional shows we have planned.

Many other screenings, as well as festival screenings, are being planned for the duration of the fall and winter, but these are the first two where we will have members of the Chinook and Duwamish there to talk about recognition, the tribe, and what can be done with the communities help to find justice for these groups and others like them, as well as the BirdFest and Bluegrass 2016 screening date and time:

- [Astoria, OR - The Liberty Theater, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.](#)
- [Seattle, WA - SIFF's Uptown Theater, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm.](#)
- [Ridgefield, WA - Old Liberty Theater, October 2nd, 1pm](#)

The film was three years in the making, but the work of getting the message out there is really just starting for us. If you have ideas of how we can partner these screenings and the ones that will follow with positive political action, please get in touch with us and the tribes with your ideas. If you know of a school, group, museum, or local theater that would be interested in showing a screening of the film or arranging a discussion, please send us a message or [contact us here.](#)

If you'd like to stay in touch through social media, subscribe to our Facebook page [here](#). If you'd like to share our Astoria or Seattle screening event pages (which we'd love if you're on social media,) they are [here for Astoria](#) and [here for Seattle.](#)

Thank you for your support. We look forward to sharing this story with you all. Let us know if you have any questions or ideas for partnership.



Park Ranger Josie Finley at Josie_Finley@fws.gov or call (360) 887-4106.



Birding Enthusiasts



See what is being seen at the refuge this week at our [Weekly Sightings](#) page, or get a summary of the year's sightings so far on the [2016 Sightings](#) page.

The Benefits of Membership

In addition to receiving the monthly E-News with Refuge updates, upcoming events and wildlife news, members enjoy member- and volunteer-only events. Also, with any \$50 membership, you will receive an annual Refuge Pass, which covers entrance fees.

Don't forget to glance at the [Refuge calendar](#), your one-stop shop for fun activities and volunteer opportunities!

Discounts at Local Businesses for New and Renewing Members:



Would you like to enjoy a cup of coffee from Ridgefield's Seasons after a morning hike on the Refuge? Or perhaps breakfast before you head out on the auto tour route at Pioneer Street Cafe? Lunch at Vinnie's Pizza in-between the River 'S' and Carty Units? Dinner and drinks at the Historic Sportsman's Restaurant and Lounge after a busy day of wildlife viewing? Or maybe you would like to get a discount on some supplies at Shorty's or Backyard Bird Shop?

[Become a Friend or renew your membership today](#), and receive a member card with great discounts at these wonderful local businesses! Feel free to [contact us](#) for any questions or inquiries.

With our love: we couldn't have asked for a better community to make a film for. *Hayu masi* and *ck'wálidkw*.

Vasant and Sarah Samudre Salcedo"

NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
NAYA FAMILY CENTER

7TH ANNUAL NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CELEBRATE NATIVE CULTURE & TRADITION, DANCE, DRUM, ART, FOOD, & COMMUNITY

12 PM GRAND ENTRY
4 PM HONOR CEREMONY
7 PM GRAND ENTRY
10 PM RETIRE THE FLAGS
* ALL AGES JINGLE SPECIAL
* LELE CONTEST

MC: CORNEL PEVEVAROY
ARENA DIRECTOR: FRANK GOES BEHIND
HEAD MAN DANCER: JASON STADINA
HEAD WOMAN DANCER: GINA STADINA
HOST DRUM: FOUR DIRECTIONS
COLOR GUARD: NIVA

FOR MORE INFORMATION | nayapdx.org/powwow

FOR VENDOR INFO CONTACT vazquez@s@naya@pdx.org
NAYA FAMILY CENTER 5135 NE COLUMBIA BLVD. PORTLAND, OR 97218

Saturday,
Sept. 10
NAYA Family
Center

7th Annual
Neerchokikoo
Powwow-
Open to the
Public

The
Neerchokikoo
Honoring
powwow has
developed into
a well-
anticipated
annual event at
NAYA Family

Center. We use this opportunity each year to honor members of our community for their contributions to the important work that NAYA does to enhance the lives of our youth, families, and Elders.

[To see the poster, schedule, and more info click here](#)

Questions? Contact Sarah at Sarah.Hill@fws.gov
or call (360) 887-4106

Habitat Restoration Updates & Events

Habitat activities on the Refuge continued during August with volunteers busy searching and removing invasive species such as purple loosestrife, false indigo bush, knotweeds, ragwort tansy, toadflax, and bulrush. The end of August also means the ricefield bulrush season is coming to a close. The conditions have been favorable for bulrush this summer, so plants have been large and healthy, with some plants growing almost 4 feet tall! In August, volunteers and employees pulled about 2600 plants from four wetlands on the River 'S' Unit, bringing our total to 23,630 plants for the summer. We've had great August volunteer turnout at our work parties with 430 volunteer hours... 15 returning volunteers, and 64 brand new volunteers. Thank you! The wildlife at the Refuge are grateful for their home improvements! September 3rd will be our last bulrush searching day, so that's your last chance to join us this summer. However, bulrush will be back next summer, just waiting to be found and pulled.

As we close out the summer months we are making plans to collect seeds and cuttings from our more desirable plants

Donate



Our Sponsors



for future plantings. If you are someone looking to get out now that the weather is getting cooler and would like to assist us in collecting and/or propagating planting materials please feel free to contact the Habitat program at: keith_rutz@fws.gov or call us at (360) 887-3883. We will also be putting together work parties for maintenance of past plantings sites throughout September and October.

The Habitat program would like to extend its thanks and gratitude to Aiden Forsi, a valued member of our staff, who will be leaving the Refuge to attend graduate school in Oregon. Aiden has served as the Education/Habitat Specialist for the last year leading visitors on nature hikes and educational tours, as well as volunteers on numerous work parties. His energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the many programs and projects he has been associated with are greatly appreciated and will be missed. We wish him great success in his future endeavors. Thanks Aiden!!

(click this poster to go to our website for more info)

Get Outdoors and Gain Experience at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

WHEN:
July - Sept, Wed & Saturdays
9am - 12:30pm

WHERE:
1071 Hillhurst Rd
Ridgefield, WA 98642

To register e-mail:
ridgefieldbulrush@gmail.com

Volunteer
Support Habitat Restoration Efforts at the Refuge

Work alongside your fellow conservationists in this beautiful location while learning about native wildlife management. Volunteers are key to helping biological staff keep wetlands healthy by searching for and removing invasive plants. Be active, make a difference, and gain real world experience.

Volunteer Opportunities (9:00AM - 12:30PM)

July

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

August

Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Saturdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27

September

Saturday, September 3

All work days are rain or shine. Wear waterproof boots (some available on-site) and dress for the weather. Gloves, snacks, and drinks will be provided to keep you fueled up.

We will meet at the visitor kiosk on the River 'S' Unit of the Refuge (see address above). Please arrive prior to 9:00AM if you are a first time volunteer to fill out needed paperwork. Youth under the age of 18 must have their volunteer paperwork signed by a parent/guardian in order to volunteer. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

To Learn more visit: www.fws.gov/refuges/Ridgefield or <http://ridgefieldfriends.org>

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The Habitat Restoration Program is a collaboration effort between USFWS and the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.



To volunteer contact: ridgefieldbulrush@gmail.com

Online Store Now Open!

The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge are proud to announce the opening of a new webstore! Now you can order our 50th Anniversary Gear- including the Pelican Brewing Company 50th Anniversary T-shirt and Pint Glass, as well as our Chinookan Steller's Jay T-shirt, all online!



Check out our [Shop](#) for links to the store and more info, or click [HERE](#) to go directly to the store!

Proceeds help support our unique education and restoration programs at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge!

Lucy's Garden
Winery
Ridgefield, Washington

Clark Public Utilities
The Columbian
Corwin Beverages
Environmental Paper & Print
Fred Meyer Community
Rewards
National Environmental
Education Foundation
National Fish & Wildlife
Foundation
Parr Lumber
Pelican Brewing Co.
Portland Audubon

Follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Want regular updates on Refuge events and happenings? Follow the Friends on your favorite social media by clicking the logos below to stay connected even when you are off the Refuge.



Help the Friends and the Refuge When You Shop Online



When you link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Friends, you help us earn donations from Fred Meyer Community Rewards. It doesn't change your regular personal shopping and fuel rewards, but it does make a meaningful contribution to our work on the Refuge.

It's easy to sign up. Just go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name, **Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**, or by our non-profit number, **89824**. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Friends earn a donation to support the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

You Can Also Shop and Give Online at AmazonSmile.com

Log on to smile.amazon.com, shop as you usually would and .5% of your purchase will be donated directly to the Friends. Use the special link, smile.amazon.com, with your existing user name and password.

To set up your AmazonSmile account, click this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-2018749>. When prompted to select a charity, choose the **Friends of Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge**. Begin shopping as you normally would and the Friends will receive 0.5% of eligible purchases.

Thanks for being an EcoShopper and helping the Refuge!

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Honorable Mention

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