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# **WATERSHED WISE**

**Mason Conservation District**

**2021 Special Plant Sale Issue**

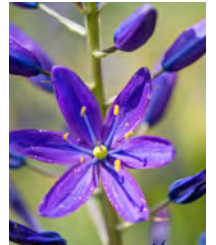


# Community Events From This Fall

On Saturday, 10/16, we had our 2021 Orca Recovery Day event which was a great success! ORD is a Puget Sound wide event focusing on improving salmon habitat and this year we focused on Goldsborough Creek as this year was the 20 year anniversary of the dam removal. Together with wonderful volunteers we were able to do significant scotch broom removal and replanting of the area with native plants. Our partners, who made this event possible, were Green Diamond Resource Company, Miles Sand and Gravel, and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group.



In November, we planted camas bulbs at the Shelton Family YMCA. Students from Cedar High School were able to plant 1,000 bulbs throughout the drainage field next to the parking lot. This was further planting from the 2,000 bulbs that were planted last spring.



The Squaxin Island Tribe the project as Camas plants are a traditional food source and a delicacy. The roots could be cooked down to make sugars or ground and mixed with water to make a batter that could be cooked like pancakes.

Working with HOPE Garden Project and the City of Shelton, we have been busy this fall building a community garden at Callanan Park! With students from Cedar High School, we have been building a fence at the garden. HOPE garden students have also worked on the fence and been planting native plants around the garden. Once the garden is ready the beds will be used by the community and multiple beds will be dedicated to producing food to donate to local food banks! We are planning workshops this spring which will focus on a variety of gardening practices. Stay tuned for more updates on the garden and ways to get involved!



Our AmeriCorps member, Logan Kallam, is largely involved in these projects.

## Plant Sale Presentations:

### **Landscaping with Native Plants**

**Date:** December 13, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Location:** Shelton Timberland Library  
710 W Alder Street, Shelton, WA, 98584

**Cost:** Free

### **Pollinator Plants**

**Date:** January 13, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Location:** North Mason Timberland Library  
23081 NE State Route, Belfair, WA, 98528

**Cost:** Free

If you would like to attend this event please pre-register by contacting Logan Kallam at [mcdamericorps@masoncd.org](mailto:mcdamericorps@masoncd.org) or (360) 427-9436 Ext 103

# Urban Stormwater Projects

This past year we built rain gardens in two City of Shelton neighborhoods. Six rain garden were built in the Bordeaux neighborhood and seven were built in the Mountain View neighborhood. Rain gardens are a great way to help manage stormwater events (when large amounts of rain fall in relatively short periods of time) because they collect, filter, and slowly release the water. We plan to build rain gardens in an additional neighborhood this spring!



We also had both a spring and a fall urban tree event this year during which we gave trees to City of Shelton residents to plant in their yards. These trees were distributed in an effort to help manage stormwater in the city. Any City of Shelton resident is eligible to apply for a tree. Keep an eye out this spring as we're planning for another giveaway to additional city residents!



Additionally, more than 1,600 square feet of concrete and asphalt were removed from the front entrance of the new Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization's Shelton facility to assist the City of Shelton with improved stormwater management. The area was replanted with native trees and shrubs designed to improve stormwater water infiltration, while also serving as a natural barrier between the Center's patients and the public.



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We can help you manage your forest for long-term health, wildlife habitat, timber, or aesthetics. Our services are free and voluntary!

- We help forest landowners develop forest plans that address their concerns: wildfire protection, forest health and productivity, wildlife habitat improvement and maintaining or potentially reducing property tax burden.
- We can help fund and implement solutions, such as planting and managing trees, planning for harvests, rental payments for riparian buffers, and easements.



Contact our Stewardship Foresters, Margaret Kreder at [mkreder@masoncd.org](mailto:mkreder@masoncd.org) or (360) 427-9436 Ext. 102 or Mark Mead at [mmead@masoncd.org](mailto:mmead@masoncd.org) or (360) 427-9436 Ext. 101, for a free site visit to discuss your needs and goals!





## Order online at [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org)

Number of Bundles	Plant Species	Plant Size	Price Per Bundle	Amount
	<b>Evergreen Tree</b>			
	Douglas-fir	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$6.75	
	Grand Fir	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$6.75	
	Ponderosa Pine	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$6.20	
	Port Orford Cedar	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$6.75	
	Western Red Cedar	Plug - 6	5 Trees for \$12.25	
	<b>Deciduous Tree</b>			
	Douglas Maple	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$9.80	
	Oregon White Oak	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$11.00	
	Pacific Dogwood	12" Bare Root	5 Trees for \$10.55	
	<b>Shrub &amp; Herbaceous Perennials</b>			
	Beargrass	Plug - 6	5 Perennials for \$19.00	
	Cascara	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$11.00	
	Golden Currant	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$10.55	
	Kinnikinnick	Plug - 72	5 Plants for \$13.85	
	Mock Orange	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$11.00	
	Oak Fern	12" Bare Root	5 Perennials for \$13.85	
	Pacific Ninebark	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$9.80	
	Red Flowering Currant	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$8.80	
	Red Osier Dogwood	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$9.80	
	Snowberry	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$11.60	
	Sword Fern	Plug - 72	5 Shrubs for \$15.55	
	Tall Oregon Grape	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$9.80	
	Thimbleberry	12" Bare Root	5 Shrubs for \$9.80	
<b>Number of Packages</b>	<b>Grouped Plants</b>		<b>Price Per Package</b>	
	Pollinator Package		\$25.58	
			TOTAL	

Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Quantities are limited and some species always sell out so please order early. Several species of native plants not listed are available for special order. Call for availability and pricing. You can use the above table to plan out your order before going on-line to: [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org)

**Orders accepted through Tuesday, February 1st.**

**Pick up** your order Friday, February 25th, between 10 AM & 5 PM or Saturday, February 26th between 10 AM & 2 PM at the Mason Conservation District office at **450 W Business Park Road, Shelton, WA 98584**. If you have any questions please call (360) 427-9436, Ext. 113.

### Mail in Orders

If you would like to order through the mail, please contact Jen Thurman-Williams at [jentw@masoncd.org](mailto:jentw@masoncd.org) or 360-427-9436, ext. 113 or to receive a paper copy order form.



Beargrass



Mock Orange



Sword Fern



Western Red Cedar

COMMON NAME GENUS SPECIES	HEIGHT	CLASSIFICATIONS	Habitat and Growth Characteristics. Typical Uses and Description.
<b>EVERGREEN TREES</b>			
Douglas-fir <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	250'		Important food source for chickadees, finches, and Douglas squirrel. Grows best in full sun to part shade on well-drained soil.
Grand Fir <i>Abies grandis</i>	250'		Glossy, dark green to bright green needles. Grows in dry to moist conditions and is a shade tolerant species.
Ponderosa Pine <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	150'		Trees generally have nearly black bark until old age. 4 to 8 inch needles droop from branches in bundles of 3. Many kinds of wildlife consume the seeds.
Port Orford Cedar <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	200'		Flat sprays of feathery foliage that is often blue-green in color. Full sun to full shade. Easily grown in average, moist but well-drained soils.
Western Red Cedar <i>Thuja plicata</i>	150'		Lustrous dark green foliage. May be planted under existing canopies on moist sites. Vigorously growing, ornamental tree.
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>			
Douglas Maple <i>Acer glabrum</i>	35'		Multi-stemmed small tree or large deciduous native shrub. Prefers dry sites, sun or shade. Leaves are wine-red in fall. Has excellent erosion control capabilities.
Oregon White Oak <i>Quercus garryana</i>	75'		Dry to moist, well-drained, gravelly soils. Full sun to partial shade. Once established, it provides good habitat for many species of birds and mammals.
Pacific Dogwood <i>Cornus nuttalli</i>	60'		From April until June, it produces large white flowers, which give rise to large red berries in late summer that are a favorite food for many species of animals.
<b>SHRUBS &amp; HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS</b>			
Beargrass <i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	6'		Forb with evergreen leaves and plume of beautiful white flowers. Grows in semi-shade or no shade areas in moist, well-drained soil.
Cascara <i>Rhamnus [Frangula] purshiana</i>	30'		Flowers are small, greenish-white small clusters. Attracts butterflies and many species of birds. Performs best in a partly sunny, moist site with well-drained soil.
Golden Currant <i>Ribes aureum</i>	5'		Smooth bark, maple-like leaves and sweet scented flowers. One of the first plants to bloom in the spring. The bluish-black fruit has been a traditional food source.
Kinnikinnick <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	12"		Ground cover. Evergreen leaves with pinkish flowers and bright red fall berries. Grows in sandy soil in filtered shade to full sun.
Mock Orange <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	10'		Fragrant, white 2" flowers. Arching green branches, which retain foliage. Highly adaptable, grows in most locations.
Oak Fern <i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i>	15"		Small, delicate, ground cover plant. Spreads slowly to form a patch of greenish-gold leaves. Prefers well-drained soils and light to full shade.
Pacific Ninebark <i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	15'		Arching branches hold small white flower clusters from April to June. Currant-like leaves and reddish-brown, shedding bark. Prefers wet, somewhat open sites.
Red Flowering Currant <i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	10'		Hummingbirds are attracted to the pale pink to deep red flowers blooming March - June. Grows in clearings and open forest areas that remain dry.
Red Osier Dogwood <i>Cornus sericea</i>	15'		Red winter branches. Large white flowers. Grows best in moist areas. Good for erosion control. Excellent food & cover for wildlife.
Sword Fern <i>Polystichum munitum</i>	5'		Evergreen fern with dark-green fronds arch from central clump. Grows well in lowland forests, full sun to full shade.
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	10'		Bright white berries are ornamental after the leaves drop. Good in partial shade and moist locations. Excellent for erosion control. Drought tolerant.
Tall Oregon Grape <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	5'		Yellow flower in spring, purple berries in late summer, reddish green leaves in fall and winter, grows in moist to dry conditions in full sun to partial shade.
Thimbleberry <i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	8'		Adaptable plant that grows in moist to dry and wooded to open sites. White flowers followed by edible berries.
<b>PLANT PACKAGE</b>			
Pollinator Package(Three of each species will be included in the Pollinator Package for a total of 15 plants)			See above for Cascara, Pacific Ninebark, and Tall Oregon Grape.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cascara</li> <li>Pacific Ninebark</li> <li>Showy Milkweed</li> <li>Sea Thrift</li> <li>Tall Oregon Grape</li> </ul>	30' 15' 2' 1' 5'		Sea Thrift - <i>Armeria maritime</i> Groundcover that forms grassy mounds from 2 to 5 inches high, with rounded flowerheads on stems that range from 6 to 12 inches tall. Grows in full sun in dry, well-drained soils.
			Showy Milkweed - <i>Asclepias speciosa</i> A small perennial with large oval leaves and showy spherical clusters of pink flowers which grow at the top of the stem.

LEGEND: Full sun Partial shade Shade Evergreen Deciduous Flowers Edible Fruit

## **Plant Sale Reminders:**

Plants are sold in bundles of FIVE except for the Pollinator Package.

Online ordering opens December 1st. Place orders by February 1st, 2022.

View, Order, and Pay for plants **online** using your credit card through our website at [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org).

**Pick Up:** Friday, February 25th from 10am to 5pm and Saturday, February 26 from 10am to 2pm at the District office.

For questions about the native plant sale please call Jen at (360) 427-9436 or [jentw@masoncd.org](mailto:jentw@masoncd.org).

## **GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWEST STAFF**

### **LOGAN KALLAM - AMERICORPS MEMBER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR**



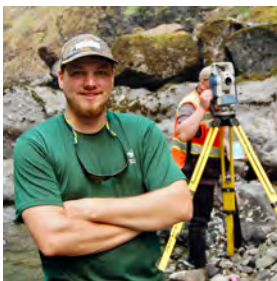
Mason Conservation District welcomes our new AmeriCorps member, Logan Kallam. He is originally from North Carolina and graduated from NC State University with Bachelor's degrees in Environmental Sciences and Plant Biology. Previously he was serving his first AmeriCorps term at the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust in the Southern Appalachian mountains. There he assisted with environmental education and stewardship. He is happy to be joining MCD to continue working in these areas. Logan is excited to be living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest and build his coastal ecology experiences.

### **NICK SCHNEIDER AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN**



Nick recently joined MCD as our Agricultural Resource Tech. Farm Planning and Technical Assistance are a some of the critical services the position provides to Mason County residents. With his entire adult life in agriculture, aquaculture, and aquaponics, Nick is keyed into the challenges farmers face in todays age. Based on his prior professional experience, Nick considers his expertise's to be market gardening, grazing systems/pasture management, livestock husbandry, and tree fruit crops.

### **EVAN BAUDER DISTRICT MANAGER**



Earlier this year Evan Bauder was appointed district manager of the Mason Conservation District. He replaced John Bolender, who retired after serving over 15 years as MCD District Manager. Evan started working for the District in 2009, and most recently had performed as Habitat Program Manager. In that capacity he had managed a large portfolio of environmental restoration and conservation projects throughout Mason County. Evan's love for the outdoors and experience as an environmental field intern led him to a career in natural resources. Born and raised in Mason County, Evan is excited to serve the community and to help improve the land and waterways where we live, work, and recreate. He takes great pride in working to sustain our environmental resources and integrity.

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