

2009 South Sound School Garden Summit

Community Resources

- *Native Plant Salvage Foundation:*

The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization, formed to support the hands-on educational work of the Native Plant Salvage Project, which includes:

- Preserving native vegetation
- Protecting water resources & wildlife habitat
- Recovering & replanting native plants to restore habitat and promote the benefits of native plants
- *Learning Landscapes*, an environmental education, outreach, and technical assistance program provided by the WSU Extension Native Plant Salvage Project to South Sound schools, teachers, and students.

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- *The Evergreen State College (Two resources)*

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- **Center for Community-Based Learning and Action...**

The Center for Community-Based Learning and Action was established in 2004 to help link students and faculty at Evergreen with organizations working on a wide range of community issues. The options for support are:

One-Time Group Project: groups of students participate together in organized community-based projects, typically on a one-time or episodic basis.

Ongoing Group Project: Student groups design, typically with the community-based organization, an ongoing partnership to meet specific organizational needs and student learning objectives.

Individual placements: Similar to TESC internships, but less than 10 hours/week or less than five weeks in length. Individual students work with community-based groups on an ongoing basis to meet core organizational needs and increase student learning.

Internships: For ongoing placement 10 hours or more per week for at least a full quarter, please contact Academic Advising at 360-867-6312 or via email at: advising@evergreen.edu

Website: <http://www.evergreen.edu/communitybasedlearning/>

Contact:

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○ **Internship Learning Contract...**

... includes applied work experience, that is negotiated among a student, a field supervisor in an organization or business, and an Evergreen faculty/staff sponsor. The student arranges to spend an agreed-upon number of hours (paid or unpaid) working with an organization, engaging in activities that provide new learning for the student and at the same time benefit the host organization. Many internship contracts also include an academic component which the student negotiates with the faculty sponsor.

Website: <http://www.evergreen.edu/individualstudy/internships.htm>

Here you'll find a link to the Community Opportunities Database (CODa) which is basically a database of internship opportunities that students can browse. You can post an opportunity for free and get set up with an intern to suit your needs.

Contact: Academic Advising at 360-867-6312

▪ ***Cooperative Work Experience/ Internship Program at SPSCC***

About our program:

Our internship program requires students to enroll for credit by obtaining work experience in their major. Our intent is for employers to give students the opportunity to implement what they have learned in the classroom. We ask employers to approve a set of goals for the student to work on during the quarter, meet with a faculty member at the work site to discuss job performance and objectives, and fill out an employer evaluation form which counts toward 35% of the student's grade.

Posting an internship:

Posting to our on-line database: We have a database you can access to post internships. This allows you or your designee to enter the information regarding the internship. We ask for a description, qualifications, wage (or unpaid), hours, and how you want the students to apply. Most employers ask us to collect resumes and forward them electronically. We do screen the students for you. They are only able to view the internship description and qualifications on-line. Students must go through our office for a referral. *It is best to post an internship at least the quarter before you would like to hire the intern.*

Link to the college's website: <http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/>

Link to degrees we offer:

<http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/academics/degrees.html>

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▪ ***Washington Conservation Corps***

The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) was established in 1983 to conserve, rehabilitate, and enhance the state's natural and environmental resources while providing educational opportunities and meaningful work experiences for young adults (ages 18 to 25).

Any organizations interested in working with the Washington Conservation Corps should contact us. Options include a full-time crew for the year, crew time for specific projects by the week, or individual placements that would work directly within your organization.

Contact: marp461@ecy.wa.gov

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wcc/>

▪ ***Cedar Creek Corrections Center***

N. Thurston and Tumwater school districts already have contracts with the corrections center. If you're in these school districts, you'd request a work crew through the maintenance coordinator for your district. If you're in the Olympia school district, the superintendent or other administrator that could speak on behalf of the district would need to contact the sergeant below to set up a contract. There is a small fee for the work crew: \$2.00/hr. for each worker and \$0.58/mile reimbursement. They typically come when students are not in attendance.

They've done everything from tilling Little Rock Elementary's garden to building picnic tables for local parks. Ask your district for details.

Thurston County - Cedar Creek Corrections Center

[Sergeant William T. Schrock](mailto:wtschrock@doc1.wa.gov) (wtschrock@doc1.wa.gov) - (360) 359-4134,

- ***DirtWorks***

<http://dirtworks.mgftc.org/index.html>

The DirtWorks Demonstration Garden was established in 1989 for the purpose of teaching home composting to the public. The newly renovated garden is host to educational workshops for composting and sustainable gardening. Master Gardener and Composter volunteers from the WSU Thurston County Master Gardener Program maintain the garden and teach the clinics. The site also hosts the Master Gardener Foundation annual *Spring Plant Sale* that is held the third Saturday in May.

The City of Olympia sponsors the garden by providing our location at Yauger Park and providing support from the City's Public Works Dept.

- ***Sustainable South Sound***

<http://www.sustainsouthsound.org>

Sustainable South Sound (SSS) is composed of a devoted group of volunteers who are committed to improving the quality of life in the South Puget Sound region. Members include those interested in discussing the challenging questions facing our community: How can we share prosperity in the 21st century? How much growth is sustainable? Are there options for growth? How can we measure sustainability? How can we address global warming at the community level? How can we promote social justice? How can we protect and support our local farmers? How can we educate the community on systems thinking? How can we create safe living and learning environments for our children?

- ***Olympia Organic Gardening Network***

Search for the title above under the "groups" link off of the main yahoo page.

Over 41 home gardeners in the area belong to this network. Local events, helpful tips, and workshop listings. Membership required, and easy to obtain.

- ***Thurston County Food Bank***

<http://www.thurstoncountyfoodbank.org/>

Contact: Robert Coit (director) at 360-352-8597

Street Address:

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Olympia, Washington 98501-1138

Contact Us by Email

General Questions of information:

office@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org

Information about programs, outreach efforts and collaborations:

programs@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org

Information about volunteering:

volunteers@thurstoncountyfoodbank.org

- ***WSU Thurston County Extension***

<http://thurston.wsu.edu/>

Has information about Master Gardeners classes and events. The King County extension (<http://www.king.wsu.edu/>) has a lot more to offer in terms of gardening resources, nutrition information, and garden-based curriculum.

- ***Puget Sound School Gardens Collective***

<http://www.pugetsoundschoolgardens.org/>

The Puget Sound region is known for its progressive approach to K-12 education. The integration of school gardens into classroom learning is one example of this approach. Garden-based education is becoming increasingly popular in our geographic area. Recently, a group of dedicated educators and volunteers working in school gardens started gathering to share stories, resources and support. This group, the Puget Sound School Gardens Collective meets quarterly.

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