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Photo Contest!



As part of our 50th year celebration, WICD invites all photographers to enter our first photo contest to help capture Whidbey Island's conservation stories. Inspired by the theme "Celebrating Conservation on Whidbey Island's Working Lands," contestants can submit their entry starting Nov. 1st through Nov. 14th. Limit 1 digital photo entry per photographer.

The grand prize winner will select from one of the following prizes: Oystercatcher Restaurant Gift Certificate (\$300 value); Pacific Northwest Arts School Gift Certificate (\$300 value); or exclusive Farm Photo Walk through Ebey's Prairie on Ebey Road Farm (Bishop's) & Jenne Farm (Einterz/Petersen) with hor d'oeuvres (priceless!). The winner will be selected and notified in late November via phone. A public announcement and award presentation will take place on Fri., Dec. 1st at the WICD 50th Anniversary & Open House.

For complete details about contest rules, guidelines, judging, and submission procedures, [click here](#).

50th Anniversary Open House

The staff and board of the Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) would like to invite our cooperators, partners and friends to join us in celebrating our 50th anniversary! This event will be held Friday evening, December 1, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Nordic Hall on Jacobs Road in Coupeville. The evening will include district project highlights, cooperator awards, as well as a presentation by renowned author, speaker, and University of WA professor of geomorphology - David R. Montgomery. Additional details about the speaker and the event can be found [here](#).

50 years ago, Whidbey Island landowners, farmers, tenants and partners realized that an organized Conservation District would provide them with resources and staffing to help with natural

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resource land management. Today's WICD core work remains the same, while serving Whidbey's broad range of urban and rural residents.

Limit 100. RSVP required by 11/27 at:
www.whidbeycd.org/50th-anniversary.html

WICD Annual Native Bareroot Plant Pre-Sale Begins! Popular species and new surprises . . . plus easy online ordering

This year our [storefront](#) has 32 species of Western Washington lowland natives. You'll find some new surprises like [Black Gooseberry](#), and [Mountain Balm](#) - and plenty of favorites, including [Western Red Cedar](#), [Mock Orange](#), and [Tall Oregon Grape](#). The [Plant Sale Storefront](#) has expanded descriptions and pictures of all the plants offered. We're also offering plant [protector tubes](#). It's time to [shop!](#)

How do I order my bareroot plants?

Ordering your plants and purchasing by credit card is easy at our [website](#).

Order now for pick up Saturday, February 24 at [Camp Casey Conference Center \(Auditorium A\)](#) in Coupeville.

Perfect for early spring planting.

Plant sale revenues contribute to our programs — including free farm and forest planning, engineering services, storm-water management, cost share and tax incentive program guidance, and educational workshops.

FEATURED SPECIES: *Quercus*

garryana, or [Garry oak](#) (\$11.75 for 5 trees), is the only oak native to our region. Once established, they are naturally hearty and drought tolerant. Garry oaks are the perfect partner to native grasses, low shrubs, ferns, and flowering bulbs.

Find out more about Garry oak conservation at the Oak Harbor Garry Oak Society's website: <https://ohgarryoaksociety.org/>



WICD's Kelsi Mottet with students at "Grow a Garry Oak Day."