



Since 1917, Washington State University Island County Extension has been offering place-based education to people on Whidbey and Camano. Relying on scientific research in combination with local values and experience, Extension has worked to keep our community healthy and moving forward.

We are now asking you, the community, to help keep WSU Island County Extension moving forward!

Budget cuts experienced in 2009 have severely impacted our ability to support the Master Gardener and 4-H Youth Development volunteer programs. Shortfalls anticipated in 2010 stand to additionally impact our Beach Watcher and Shore Stewards programs. Both of these developments have also affected (and will do so more deeply in 2010) our ability to offer general administrative support across the board, to volunteer programs and direct community education efforts alike.

In response to these impacts to our Extension Program, Nancy Nordhoff has made an incredible offer. A firm believer in the importance of place-based education and Extension's ability to provide it, she will match the first \$13,000 we raise in our 2009 fundraising campaign *!

Can you help us? All levels of support go toward that match and ultimately toward thoughtful re-development of our programs in the coming year. No donation is too small, and yet large gifts are wonderful too. All are tax deductible.

If you'd like more information on how we will use these funds, please don't hesitate to contact our office. If you're already familiar with our programs and want to jump in with a donation, you can mail them directly to us at:

WSU Island County Extension
P.O. Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239

Checks should be made out to WSU Extension,
with "Island County" written in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration!

Judy Feldman
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Acting Director

* Our ultimate goal is \$50,000. When needs are big, dreams must be as well!