

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs & Associates

Establish in 1932 for the Mutual Service and for the Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources

President's Invitation

Greetings Everyone,

It is with great enthusiasm that I invite all our members and friends to the 2016 FWOC Convention, September 16th – 18th at the IslandWood Educational Learning Center on Bainbridge Island in Washington State. The fee of \$150.00 includes very exceptional accommodations with a shower, along with bedding and linens. You will not need to pack a sleeping bag.



Tucked into a backdrop of lush evergreens, this model of sustainable development utilizes 255 acres of natural grounds to provide educational programs about sustainable conservation and environmental practices for young and old. Check out links from our website home page to learn more about IslandWood endeavors. An advantage of meeting up there is experiencing firsthand their environmental education program and partnership with the University of Washington.

Shelley Spalding, Pacific Northwest Climate Action Liaison for the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, is planning a dynamic program of speakers, subjects and significant entertainment starting Friday evening. Several informal gatherings will offer great opportunities to visit with old friends, meet new ones and to engage in conversations regarding subjects of great importance to you.

Central to our mission, FWOC Resolutions have played a significant role influencing the outcome of discussions and legislation related to the protection of clean air, water, global warming, wilderness protection and the privatization of public land. Members are encouraged to use previously adopted resolutions, available on our web-site, or consider submitting new ones by September 1st for consideration at our fall convention. Send proposals or questions to Sydney Herbert, our resolution review committee chair, at psydnehy1@msn.com.

There will be time scheduled for you to report on activities in your organization and of course there will be an election of officers for the next year Sunday morning during our annual business meeting. Check out our website to keep up to date on convention details and view our next issue of Outdoors West.

We look forward to hosting you at IslandWood.

Sincerely,

George Milne

President

PS Also, please consider submitting your annual dues as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.