



FREEBORN RESERVE

Annual News Update

THE RESERVE

The Freeborn Reserve, an outdoor learning center, hosts the NW's only native botanical garden, Pilchuck Glass School Artists' Legacy & Auction Centerpiece collections, and a unique living history farm.

Interested in ecology? Northwest native plant types include but 22 conifers, 36 broad-leaved trees, 48 shrubs, plus vines, ferns, grasses and pond plants. Interested in history? 150 years ago the Snohomish County Census tallied but 44 pioneers, all single men. Exit 215's restored buildings tell a 3-dimensional story that bests textbook prose. Interested in life? Explore a memorial for both individuals and millions sent to early deaths for their beliefs.

The Gardens' 16 rainy-day kiosk teaching stations are designed for 4 minutes visits with 2 minutes walks to the next kiosk. In 2 hours an initially dispersed bus load of students can be introduced to subjects not found on national tests (i.e., no longer taught): native plant types, local glass art, our area's history or the Holocaust.

FREEBORN COLLEGE

August 2016 instruction will begin with 2 students enrolled. The College will focus on "degree completion" for those with (some) undergraduate work completed (if more is needed, community college classes will be recommended). **The goal will to become the successor** to the closed Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle (renamed Trinity Lutheran College) of Everett. Its 8 service-focused majors:

Art, Psychology (Early Child Education), and **Music Sciences**: **Political** (pre Law)
Information (Business/Computer)
Botanical (pre Nursing/Medical)
Earth (Geology/Chemistry)
Biblical (pre Ministry/Social Services)

BONHOEFFER BOTANICAL GARDENS

As with Plato and Socrates, much of the learning at Freeborn occurs in walks and work (neither Greek believed lasting understanding was gained while sedentary). I-5's Exit 215 Freeborn Reserve welcomes visitors, especially the very young and old, with an ~mile of perfectly level circular boardwalk and paths. Our goal is to assist in halting native plants' slide to extinction as found in Delaware and Hawaii (1/2 their native species are extinct or endangered). Visit by invitation, there is no admission charge.



PILCHUCK LIVING HISTORY FARM

The Freeborn Reserve's complete pioneer cabin is a gift from Anne Belovich, a neighbor (who also assisted in creating another neighbor, NOAH). Anne has collected one of the largest (if not the largest) assortment of rambling and climbing roses in America, 100+ of which have been planted at the Living History Farm. We are now seeking heritage fixtures & furniture for this mortise and tenon, (no nails) axe-hewn cabin. To learn more about Anne's Stanwood roses, see:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vKVbkOAOQs>

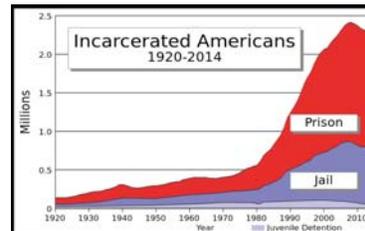
We have used crowdsourcing to create the Farm and are now building exhibits for the different groups that settled the NW. In our next Update, we will report what's been learned of the Spanish explorers (knowing latitude) reported to have crossed the Cascades and met a homebound ship at the tip of Camano Island. (Spain then had a fort, built by Chinese, in Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island).

Our newsletter history schedule:

Oct 2016 - the Spanish	Oct 2017 - Stillaguamish Salish
Jan 2017 - Russians	Jan 2018 - Gypsies Romani
Apr 2017 - English	Apr 2018 - Norwegians
July 2017 - Japanese	July 2018 - Ku Klux

FAMILIES FACING CRISIS WEEKEND

The untold "other edge of the sword" story of marijuana's legalization (and we won't argue, because our fastest growing industry was imprisonments for its use) has been increased opiate use and a growing flood of homeless teenagers, almost epidemic north of Seattle.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_incarceration_rate

Plan to potentially* join Father Treacy (age 97) of the Treacy Levine Center (formerly Camp Brotherhood, just 3.4 miles as the crow flies from the Gardens), and Freeborn Church's Pastor Samuelson (age 38), representing 2,000 years of Judeo-Christian civilization's wisdom, for a potential life changing weekend. Bring your teenager(s) either the weekend of 9-11 September or the 16th - 18th. Meet in the Gardens Friday evening at 5 - 6 PM with dinner at the Camp (for 2 nights' stay).

REPOSITORY OF VALUES*

When a generation ignores history, it fails to understand lessons and values learned. Please support and/or join us in this reserve effort, including the purchase of the Center slated to close 8/31/16.

**DISJUNCT POPULATIONS -
THE HUNT FOR GOLDEN CHINQUAPIN**

130 years ago pioneers began the logging of 100% of the 1,000+ year old big trees (drive north from Medford to BC, east or west 1 hour in either direction, you will find no tree older than 150 years). The 1890s' debris littered the ground and forest fires then raged, evidenced by blackened stumps still existing in western WA. Plants that took time to reseed disappeared or were left here and there in "disjunct populations." This UW Burke map reports only 4 WA

Chrysolepis chrysophylla
giant chinquapin



counties where Chinquapins are found; although the one shown below grows 3 miles east of Bellingham. If readers know of others - where healthy young specimens might be acquired, please let us know. Those now found in our Gardens were purchased from UC Berkeley's Huckleberry Botanic Nursery at this west coast native's furthest southern range limit.



VISIT BONHOEFFER GARDENS

Visitors enter under WA Revised Codes - RCW 4.24.200/4.24.210, allowing public recreational use: nature study and viewing or enjoying scenic or scientific sites and waterways on private land.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

If you wish to struggle with others with "freeborn minds" over the reason why humans still grace this earth, please join us:

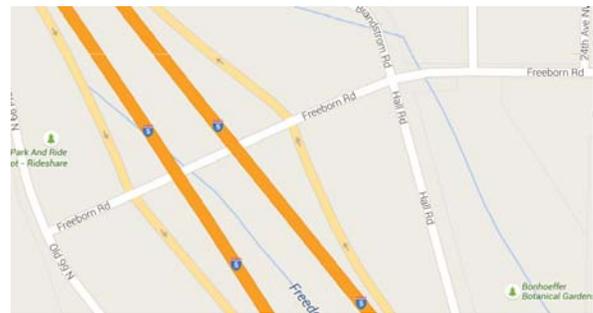
- Worship
10 AM Sundays
- Music
5 PM Tuesdays
- Latin Club
3 PM Wednesdays
- Barbecue & Prayer
6 PM Saturdays



We are now a community church in name: Freeborn Church; Martin Luder also changed his name (old Greek "freedom's" elutherius).

WHY?

Review any map of the area around I-5's Exit 215 - the Gardens' stream system is displayed as shown below:



Water runs north here and there is a stream reported running through the proposed herbarium coffee shop and in the middle of the I-5 on top of a tall hill - almost comically plotted.

The Gardens' waters contain the abandoned (west fork) of Freeborn Church Creek (hence the name "Church Creek") rerouted to circumvent Exit 215 in 1973 in a last minute decision based on cost cutting and deception. If you believe your government does not lie to you from time to time

Weather: Rain AM & PM Friday Dec 16, 2012
 A.W. Church Co. - DuVal Road Sept
 - Clearing -
 2- DO Rocks, 2- Spruce, 1- Fir, 1- Fir, 1- Fir
 on clearing, grubbing & burning west side of old
 Freeborn Interchange and right side of Dawson Road
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 To appear to be drainage of Freeborn will need
 to be rechecked

look at official maps. No other stream in western Washington is so misleadingly recorded (to be continued in October's News Update).

WORLD NOTES

In the 1980s politicians talked of welfare reform and inflation; those topics are missing from today's political discourse, as quickly forgotten as our area's history 150 years ago. The former has disappeared because we've taken a certain portion of our population out of the economy by greatly expanding the use of Social Security Disability; as much of 1/2 of some southern State areas' adult populations are receiving their full age 65-67 benefit early (and after 2 years, Medicare). In 30 years the #'s of recipients have doubled and doubled and doubled again. During the same period the US debt has grown at a like astronomic rate, yet inflation appears uncoupled. The US \$ during this period has become the default international currency (what economists call the "reference currency.") The US median age is approximately 38 years (~ double Afghanistan & Iraq's) and most Americans don't remember these "issues" while technology further divorces our young from the old. In 10 years it is forecasted that 70% of the world's population above age 12 will carry a phone containing what in the 1980s was called a "super computer." Philadelphia has self driving taxis, visit LA and try its automated garage, Uber (a software company) has all but eliminated taxis in Chicago; Khan is bringing 1st world education to the 3rd world; in 20 years it is forecasted that 80% of all existing jobs will change or no longer exist. Change of "things" is certain.

The question remaining will be that of the value system practiced by Americans: a) that of Christian civilization (Winston Churchill's phrase) or b) today's media's ever changing "secular neutrality?"



MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

We had 8,000 visitors in 2015, even more in 2016; pretty good for a place that is "not open!" Our goal is to never charge for admission to either the Gardens or the Living History Farm. Revenues will derive from donations, preschool and college tuitions, and coffee shop and native plant sales (should the County allow). Membership fees are set at rates to cover the costs of:

Benefits:

- Membership card allowing free admission to planned special events (12 Days of Christmas Walk, 14 Easter Steps)
- 10% discount at the planned herbarium coffee shop ("Sophie's") and Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens' native plant store
- Member-only exhibition previews and/or Special Events (Extension 2)
- An annual subscription to this quarterly newsletter

We offer a variety of different ways for individuals, families, students, seniors, and/or organizations to support the Freeborn Reserve.

Individual: \$50	or other Tax	if desired, applied specifically to:
Dual: \$65	<u>Deductible Levels</u>	___ PLC- Freeborn Reserve projects
Family: \$75	Steward \$150	___ FC - cemetery, church, or holocaust
Student: \$25	Patron \$300	___ PLC - purchase of Treacy Levine
Senior: \$30 (dual \$45)	Benefactor \$600	Center (Camp Brotherhood)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ON WEEKDAYS PRESCHOOL

Since 2002, our Pilchuck Learning Center Preschool has had waiting lists for 3 year old (2 days a week) and 4 year old's (3 days a week) early education classes. After this Summer's planned work to create a safer traffic corridor and improved utility system, we plan to renovate and expand the preschool (and attendance). We are already expanding enrollment in anticipation (using temporary church and garden space) stressing Nature & the outdoors; if interested, please call the Preschool (Extension 1) regarding the September 2016 schedule.



HAS ANYONE EVER CONSIDERED?

A free trade zone north of the Stillaguamish River, moving the 4 US/Canadian border stations to the 4 north/south bridges that cross this river (the Skagit also has but 4 bridges). One drives 100+ km/hour unknowingly across the German and French border, countries that have fought 3 major wars since 1870, killing 10's of millions of each other's citizens, while Canada and the US were/are at peace.

North of the Stillaguamish

Someone has to make a start.

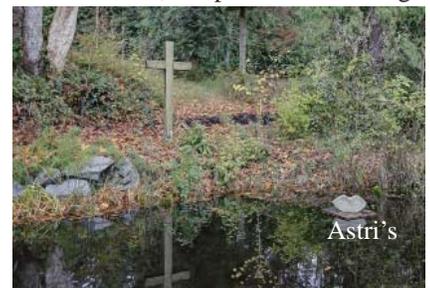


IN MEMORIA

January 30, 2016 Susan Bane Holland Reed's ashes were buried in the artists' park at the Freeborn Cemetery. An accomplished artist with the most beautiful of minds, she is dearly missed - most of all by her husband John Reed, Pilchuck Glass School's long-time Director of Campus Operations.

Four months later we mourned the death of Astri Reusch, long-time Pilchuck Glass School art instructor who died at her home in Montreal. Like Susan, she passed after a long struggle with cancer.

Those privileged to know both or either of these ladies have never met their like. The Gardens honor these two (plus 70+ more) artists' work.





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