PILCHUCK LEARNING CENTER'S LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

Built as a parsonage with a downstairs fireplace and meeting room for a Sunday School, confirmation, and Luther League classes (historians/this writer remember the fireplace being much larger in 1960), our preschool continues to serve youngsters after a half century. In 2002 the Stanwood Camano Learning Center moved from between those 2 areas (where there once was a ferry) to Exit 215. To recognize the town of Pilchuck, we renamed the Stanwood Camano Learning Center in 2014.

Once these communities had schools, churches, stores, and later gas stations: like Bryant, Florence, Norman, Silvana, Victoria, Pilchuck ... most are gone today.

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EXIT 215'S
FREEBORN RESERVE

FREEBORN RESERVE'S NATIVE BOTANICAL GARDEN

This is the NW's only native botanical garden with over 1,000 species planted. Its layout was modeled after www.Descansogardens.com; it includes native plants from the Puget Trough, Marine Coastal, and Cascade Slopes climatic zones; kiosk roofs harbor a 4th drier Eastern WA environs.

A herbarium and coffee house (with a native plant gift shop) and public visitor rest rooms are planned with public parking and some fencing; the latter not necessarily to preclude people, as native plants are what native animals eat. Built on the site of the only Jewish pioneer's farm in Washington's northern 3 counties, it will host outdoor laboratory classes on the Holocaust, Apostles, as well as botanical classes focused on ferns, conifers, broad leaved trees, shrubs, water plants, etc.

Flat/level garden and farm paths allow for self-propelled wheelchairs and walkers for the aged, handicapped, and disabled. The Garden's boardwalks and paths are intended to allow easy walks for those over 80 years of age and those under 8.

This is northwest America's native plant garden.

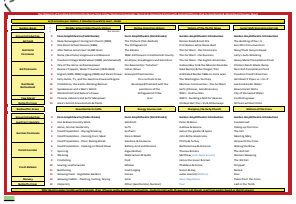
Visit anytime, our grounds are open 24/7.

FREEBORN RESERVE'S LIVING HISTORY FARM

The Farm will be an outdoor learning center with 14 culturally specific heritage trailers illustrating pioneer dwellings. Like the botanical gardens' kiosks, they will be teaching stations and exhibits. "Walk around outdoor" 2-3 hour laboratories will provide a "three-dimensional" learning experience for youngsters of all ages. Trailers and kiosks will describe the peoples who have come (and gone) in the last 150 years:

- Chinese Laborers and Miner's Cabin
- Spanish Explorers' Tent
- Russian Trapper Cabin
- Generals Pickett & McClellan's Military Road Tents
- English Remittanceman Cabin
- Japanese Minka (Nakashima farm 2.5 miles away NE)
- Tlingit & Haida Canoes
- Armenian Refugees' Tent
- Czech Artist's Studio
- Town of Pilchuck Cabin
- Danish Hauberg
- Romani Wagon
- Salish Longhouse
- Ku Klux Klan Stage
- Jewish/Swedish Farmhouse
- Restored Norwegian Cabin
- Pilchuck Glass Treehouse

The Farm's concept was proposed by 2 pioneers of the Pilchuck Glass School: Joey Kirkpatrick and Flora Mace. (PGS is a world renown school 2.2 miles to your NE.) The Farm will be modeled after a similar Iowa learning center www.lhf.org (also see: www.alhfam.org).



Curricula will not be limited to that of immigrants' history. Native American culture, pioneer crafts (now being lost) and basic energy sources will also be offered as will courses on wine making, cultivation of North America's largest collection of climbing & rambling roses and the history of the Pilchuck Glass School (the latter 2 sites are but 2 miles away).

FREEBORN RESERVE'S

Pedestals (14 in all) are found on both sides of 300th St. With the Farm's 14 Heritage Trailers and the Gardens' 16 Kiosks, they combine to provide 3 educational venues, 2 hour outdoor laboratories (4' at each station, 2' for transit) covering topics rarely taught today in schools. The Reserve honors this area's pioneers, their beliefs and dreams, and the land they settled.

1. Chinese Laborers' Cabin & Entrance to History Farm
   - 280' to your left/NE
2. Pilchuck Glass School Auction Centerpieces
   - 120' to the NW
3. Old Church, Old School, Old Brothel, Old Lives ...
   - 180' to the NW
4. Anne's 1880s Norse Cabin & Rose Garden
   - 260' to the NW
5. Stillaguamish Salish Indian Midden
   -330' to the NW
6. Dreams: Cities of Tatoosh & Pilchuck (Glass School)
   -540' to the NW

FREEBORN RESERVE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON WEEKDAYS

We are a nonprofit preschool established by a group of local early childhood educators who believed that our area was in need of a more academically creative and challenging experience for youngsters ages 3-5. Our current highly qualified, motivated, and dedicated teachers continue on in the tradition of a program that had served our community well for many years.

We consider ourselves a ministry that is devoted to the spiritual, physical, social and emotional development of children. Our goal is to encourage a view of God present in our world and active in daily lives. We desire to impart the value of God's love for them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are committed to helping young people achieve success by instilling in them a life-long love for learning. We acknowledge that children learn in a variety of ways. We strive to offer child-centered activities that will support and encourage various learning styles. We provide an environment where children can use their imagination for exploration, sharing of ideas and discoveries and initiating interaction with others. We work in small groups to ensure that each child's needs are met. We provide a safe, structured, nurturing environment in order to allow each child to find his or her highest level of learning success.

The majority of our staff are state certified teachers or educators. We maintain a student/teacher ratio of 6:1. This supports our philosophy and allows us the opportunity to support individual growth or provide challenges as needed.

Our 1950s house turned "little red school house" and rural setting provide a peace of mind and sense of ownership for students.

The past is ours, the future is theirs.

HISTORY PEDESTALS

Pedestals (14 in all) are found on both sides of 300th. With the Farm's 16 Heritage Trailers/Cabins and the Gardens' 16 Kiosks, they combine to provide educational venues, 2 hour outdoor labs (4' at each station, 2' for transit) covering topics rarely taught today in schools. The Reserve honors this area's pioneers, their beliefs and dreams, and the land they settled.

1. Preschool & Garden Dreams
   You Are Here Now
2. Haiti Mission Projects
   - 150' to your right/SW
3. History Among the Departed
   - 270' to your right/SW
4. Children Park & Salmon Drying Kiln
   - 410' to your right/West
5. A Jewish Pioneer Farm
   - 690' to your right/West
6. Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens
   - 740' to your right/West
7. Why the Water Testing Pipes?
   - 870' to your right/West
8. Why No Stream in the Gardens?
   - 890' to your right/SW

Freeborn Reserve: Pilchuck Learning Center, Living History Farm, Preschool, Freeborn Church and Cemetery, Bonhoeffer Hall, Sophie's Herbarium and Grotto, and Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens' visitors enter under Washington's Recreational Use Statue – RCW 4.24.200 & .210 allowing public recreational use including nature study and viewing or enjoying historical archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites on private, R-5 land. No visitor or admission fees are required.