



In Memoriam: Ann Lennartz, Founder of Seattle Urban Nature

It brings us great sadness to report the passing of Ann Lennartz, founder and supporter of Seattle Urban Nature.

Ann founded SUN in 1998 to survey habitats on Seattle's public lands. It was her hope that this data would be used by the city and citizens of Seattle to better manage the city's open space.



Since that time, SUN's 1999-2000 data set has been instrumental in influencing management decisions made by parks and is the foundation of current efforts by the city to restore Seattle's urban forests. SUN continues to carry out Ann's legacy by providing technical assistance to community groups, government and other organizations working to improve our urban forests.

A memorial service will tentatively be held on Sunday, November 12th (time and place TBA). People are encouraged to send memories, images, stories about Ann and her myriad of interests and projects to Sandy Fry of Starflower at sfry@starflower.org or by mail to Starflower Foundation at P.O. Box 22419, Seattle, WA 98122. Please come join us on the 12th to celebrate Ann's contributions to improving Seattle's landscape.



SUN secures contract with EarthCorps & King County to monitor Community Salmon Fund restoration projects

In August, SUN won a contract to train an EarthCorps crew to monitor a selection of King County salmon restoration projects. These projects were funded by the Community Salmon Fund, a joint effort between King County and the National Fish and Wildlife Federation.

SUN developed protocols for the crew to monitor the current conditions at each project site. SUN and the crew will look at bank stability, stream morphology and vegetation at ten to fifteen sites throughout the county. This effort will provide information on the state of these sites that will be valuable in crafting new methodologies for ensuring the success of salmon restoration projects. For photos of our training sessions and work in the field, please turn to **Page 3**.



Ernest Keeley—Canada DFO

SUN to co-host urban ecology symposium at University of Washington

SUN is collaborating with the University of Washington Urban Ecology Lab to host an Urban Ecology Symposium on 10/13 at the College of Forest Resources. The theme of the symposium is facilitating collaboration between urban ecology researchers and managers. This event is based on a workshop held yearly by the Urban Ecology Research Consortium in Portland.

The symposium will feature speakers from the UW, the restoration community and special guests from universities in Germany who are studying urban ecology in Europe. For additional information on this event, including an agenda and registration information, go to our website www.seattleurbannature.org and click on the link for the workshop. See you there!

SUN Barbecue and Tour September 10, 2006

On September 10th, SUN held a community barbecue and tour at Magnuson Park. Over 30 people attended, enjoying free hamburgers, hot dogs, gardenburgers and homemade desserts. SUN also conducted a tour of invasive and native species present in the park for attendees. See **page 5** for photos.

Native Plants of Seattle



Pacific Dogwood
Cornus nuttalli

Eastside Friends Meeting Survey

Helping community groups to achieve their restoration objectives is a goal of SUN. In August, SUN worked with the Eastside Friends Meeting of Bellevue to survey 2.5 acres of forest land in the Eastgate area. SUN will develop a management plan for the Eastside Friends Meeting property, and provide a training and tour of the area for the group.

If you are a private forest landowner with an interest in understanding what habitat and vegetation types are present on your land, contact us at (206) 522-0334 or by e-mail at info@seattleurbannature.org. We are interested in helping landowners to conduct effective restoration on their property.



Photos from the Eastside Friends Meeting property.

Top: Wasp nest

Left: Entrance to property

Right: Trillium

Far Right: Pileated woodpecker



SUN Annual Fundraising Campaign

Seattle Urban Nature will be initiating its first ever annual fund-raising campaign in October. SUN's work is funded through a combination of donations, grants, and fee-for-service work. We need your help in order to monitor the state of Seattle's forests and continue providing technical assistance to community groups working to restore urban forests in the Puget Sound region. You can donate to SUN through our website www.seattleurbannature.org or send a check to:

**Seattle Urban Nature
5218 University Way NE
Seattle, WA 98105**

We greatly appreciate your support!

"SUN followed up their outstanding city-wide survey of several years ago with a much more detailed survey of Llandover Woods. This long standing knowledge of the city's forests gave me a new appreciation and understanding of how Llandover Woods fits into the city's overall natural landscape."

Glenn Austin
Friends of Llandover Woods



We changed our name (slightly)

You may have noticed that we dropped the "project" from our name, a remnant from the organization's original 1999-2000 effort to survey and map Seattle's public lands. Today, we are involved in a wide variety of projects around the Puget Sound region. We will now be known as:

Seattle Urban Nature (SUN)

Become a SUN Board Member

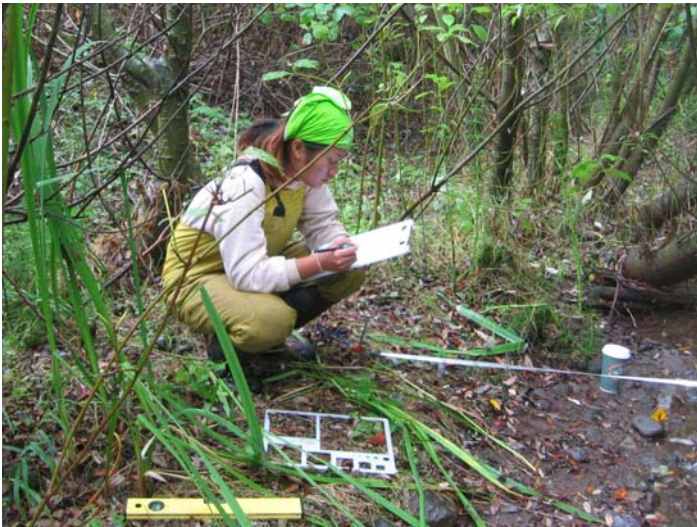
SUN is looking to grow its board. If you are interested in joining, please contact Executive Director Jeff Bash at info@seattleurbannature.org. Some areas of expertise we are looking for include:

- Accounting
- Fundraising
- Non-profit management
- Outreach
- Grant Writing
- Watershed Management

EarthCorps/King County Project

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SUN staff conducted a three day training session for a six person EarthCorps crew. Four of the crew are international members who plan to utilize this information in restoration efforts in their home countries. Following the training, SUN led EarthCorps in collecting data on project sites during two field days. Six more data collection days are scheduled for the beginning of October. After the data is collected, SUN will enter and analyze the data and prepare reports about conditions on the sampled sites. This information will allow King County to assess conditions at the project site and provide insight on how to improve the monitoring and reporting process for the Community Salmon Fund.



Clockwise, from top: Nelson Salisbury of SUN explains GPS technology to EarthCorps crew; Ruth Schaefer of King County leads a tour of restoration sites; a recent restoration site on the Cedar River; Martin Madrano of EarthCorps does pebble counts, Kui Li of EarthCorps records stream morphology.

SUN Barbecue Photos and Highlights

Over 40 people attended the Seattle Urban Nature barbecue at Magnuson Park, on September 10th. The vittles were followed by a short tour of native and invasive plants near the picnic area. Thanks to board members and staff who made the event possible. See you at next year's event!



Above: One of many good looking pooches at the BBQ



Top right: Max Prinsen of SHADOW with Ella Elman of SUN.



Left: Sok Pok and Kapala Hoge, with their children, Preston and Penda.




Right: Leslie Batten and Joanna Nelson of Cascade Land Conservancy soaking up SUN materials.



Left: Staff gave a tour of the area to BBQ attendees.



Above: Wide view of Magnuson Park Picnic Area #3. We hope to see you at a future SUN event!



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Madrona Woods baseline data collection underway

In August, SUN began surveying vegetation in Madrona Woods Park, in support of the Madrona Creek Daylighting Project. After many decades, Madrona Park Creek will be freed from its underground path.

The purpose of SUN's involvement is to provide the Friends of Madrona Park with information on what habitat types and vegetation currently exist on the property. We will also be setting up a number of monitoring plots to help the group evaluate pre- and post-project plantings at the site. This effort is funded in part by a City of Seattle Aquatic Habitat Management Grant. For additional information on this project, send an e-mail to us at info@seattleurbannature.org.



SUN Services

SUN offers a number of services to assist public, private, and non-profit organizations.

Ecological Services

- Habitat Mapping and Assessment
- Vegetation Inventory and Management
- Restoration Planning and Monitoring
- Vegetation Monitoring
- Wetland Delineation

GIS Services

- Custom Mapping of Project Sites
- Mapping for Grant Reporting Purposes
- GPS Data Collection
- Printing Large Size Maps or Posters

Training and Education

- Habitat Survey and Assessment Methods
- Monitoring Restoration Sites
- GPS and GIS Training
- Plant Identification
- Habitat Restoration Techniques

Please contact us at (206) 522-0334 for more information.

SUN in the Community

Frog Frolic, Shadow Lake Bog (8/13/06)



Nelson Salisbury and Ella Elman with Erin Prinsen of SHADOW (event sponsors), looking at a map of the properties acquired by the organization.

Blackberry-munching goats, compliments of the King County Conservation District.



Many people stopped by the booth at the Frog Frolic for information on invasive species and SUN's work in Seattle and the Puget Sound region.

University District Farmers Market (8/26/06)



Jeff Bash, Ella Elman and Nelson Salisbury at the University District Farmer's Market. Staff distributed many invasive species fact sheets to marketgoers.

**Interested in a Habitat Map of your part of Seattle?
SUN Maps cover the entire city of Seattle.**

For additional details, contact us at (206) 522-0334 or download a form to order individual maps at www.seattleurbannature.org

SUN Calendar

October 1st

SUN at Sustainable Ballard fair

October 13th

1st Annual Urban Ecology Symposium
UW College of Forest Resources
9:00 AM—3:30 PM Cost: \$10

See www.seattleurbannature.org for registration details.

October 18th

SUN Board Meeting
University Heights Center
7:30—9:00 AM

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Licton Springs Community Meeting
U-District, Seattle

Our mission is to inform residents of Puget Sound about the state of urban nature in our region, provide scientific tools to improve urban habitats, and to progress toward healthier cities that support and connect people and nature.

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A contribution to Seattle Urban Nature helps us to provide technical services to community groups working to restore urban forests. With your donation, you will receive a quarterly newsletter with important information on the state of Seattle's forests. For a donation of \$100 or greater, you will receive a 2' x 3' color map of your choice from our catalog (see our website).

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Barred Owl—Photo by G.Austin

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