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News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust
and Salmon Valley Stewardship

Summer 2019

All About Aspen: Community Aspen Grove Dedication and “Adopt an Aspen”

In July the echoes of “aspen” could be heard throughout the Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS) office. SVS interns were busy preparing for two aspen centric events, an Aspen Field Tour in Ketchum and the Aspen Community Grove Dedication in Salmon.

Why the obsession around aspen? SVS coordinates the Central Idaho Aspen Working Group, whose focus is to promote sustainable aspen communities and increase public understanding of the importance of aspen ecosystems. One focus of the group is to create an “Adopt an Aspen” community monitoring program to be released in 2020. This summer our Whitman and Reed College interns worked on taking the aspen monitoring protocol and adapting it into an easy to use version for outdoor recreationists and ranchers to use to help document aspen stands across all lands.

In July, SVS’s Natural Resources Program Manager Jenny Gonyer partnered with the Wood River Valley and the National Forest Foundation and travelled to Ketchum and helped train interns to monitor aspen. The interns, working for the Environmental Resource Center in Sun Valley and with the Sawtooth National Forest, were also implementing a community aspen monitoring program.

Later, on July 23, community members gathered for the dedication of a Community Aspen Grove at Salmon’s Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Educational Center. The dedication was several years in the making, and was the culmination of Kelsey Stansberry’s senior project. Kelsey became interested in aspen while working as an SVS wildlife technician on aspen inventories. She designed three interpretive signs that were installed with help from the Salmon Rotary Club. Mayor Leo Marshal was present at the dedication, which included face-painting and a scavenger hunt.

Both the Ketchum and Salmon events were topped off with riveting presentations and aspen ecology discussions by Dr. Paul Rogers of the Western Aspen Alliance. At the Salmon Community Aspen dedication a breeze swayed through the aspen, almost as if on request, as Paul closed with words from his poem, “Air taunts leaf, leaves, a tremble, a quake”.

Swing on down to the Sacajawea Center and check out Kelsey’s beautiful signs. If you’re interested in getting involved with our Adopt an Aspen program, contact the SVS office.



Kelsey Stansberry with her recently installed senior project signs at the Community Aspen Grove at the Sacajawea Center.



SVS and Lemhi Regional Land Trust interns Nina Moore, Mary Snook and Indra Boving at the Aspen Field Tour in Ketchum.

SPECIAL THANKS to
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation
for funding and
Salmon Rotary Club for installing
the Community Aspen Grove
signs!

Summertime in the Salmon School Garden

Even though school has been out for the summer, the Salmon School Garden has been as busy as ever. Thanks to Garden Manager, Tony Smith, and Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) and Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS) interns, Nina, Mary and Indra, the Garden has thrived this summer and is awaiting the return of students. A few highlights from the summer include:

- Offering five weeks of “Kids’ Garden” programs
- Installation of the Fire Wise demonstration garden in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management
- Hosted the Greater Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce’s July “Social at Six”
- Weekly booth at the Lemhi County Farmers Market in partnership with LRLT, selling excess produce and raising over \$650 for the Garden
- Donation of excess produce to the Salmon Valley Senior Center
- Construction of a seating area in the corner of the Pumpkin Patch
- Clean up of the Minnie Street entrance courtesy of Greg Roach Grading and Excavation



Above: Before and after of the clean up of the Minnie Street entrance of the Salmon School Garden. THANK YOU to Greg Roach Grading and Excavation for donating his time and equipment to tidy up this area!



Left: Excess produce donated to the Salmon Valley Senior Center was used for their lunch program, Meals on Wheels and given away to seniors.

Right: Intern, Nina Moore, helps plant seeds in the Kids’ Garden beds.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
 The Salmon School Garden is searching for new committee members.
 Please email msemsmom@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining us!

Welcome to the Salmon Valley Stewardship Board!

Willow Griffith was raised in Utah along the Wasatch Front, and upon high school graduation moved to Flagstaff, Arizona where she both began a career as a boatman and became a college student. Studies in chemistry and biology provided amazing plant and wildlife work opportunities across Arizona, mainly in the Grand Canyon. Her science background eventually evolved into the medical field, and she is now a nurse practitioner with the International Heart Institute. Willow has a passion for the health and well-being of individuals, communities, and the environment.

She first chanced upon and fell in love with the Salmon River in 1996, and has since migrated to Salmon Valley as a permanent resident. Willow and her husband, Joel moved here with their two sons to live life immersed in nature, adventure and to take advantages of the opportunities for self-sustainability. Willow is keen to be part of the Salmon Valley Stewardship board to support the health of the entire Salmon community and surrounding environment.



Salmon Valley Stewardship’s newest board member, Willow Griffith.

Salmon Valley Stewardship Hosts Annual Harvest Celebration



Donations for the silent auction at our annual Harvest Celebration are flowing in! You could get your hands on a sushi making night with Galen Jarvis, a tarot card reading with Lisa Bonner, a drift boat float with guide Gary Power, or a Scenic Helicopter Tour donated by Air Methods. We are constantly amazed and grateful to the creative and generous folks in Lemhi County and elsewhere for the gift of their time and energy putting these donations together.

Why I Love Harvest Celebration

I always enjoy Harvest Celebration because it marks the start of Fall in Salmon, Idaho. Everyone has been going all over the place all summer and you get a chance to catch up with people you haven't seen in a while. I originally came to Salmon to work with the Lemhi County Extension Office and the local foods group. Six years later, it's great to see local food still being celebrated and supported in my community.

Last year I was also able to award the David Krosting Sustainability award to the Lemhi County Extension Office. It was nerve-wracking to speak in front of that crowd! But it was also great to be able to acknowledge the extension office, who does such great things in town and doesn't always get the celebration they deserve. I love the shift to Sweet Water Hollow as a venue. It's such a beautiful spot outside by the river, which is exactly where you want to be on a nice autumn night. Outside, it's easier to have conversations with a range of friends and I think the caterers are able to do more creative things - like roasting the pig on-site or setting up a wood-fired pizza oven.

Overall, Harvest Celebration is an event not to be missed. I'm proud to be part of the Board of Directors that helps bring this gathering to Salmon each year. As a small business owner, I'm also excited to support the silent auction. Look out for Rollerblading Package, including a Sturdy Pine fanny pack!

- Sara Campbell, SVS Board Member and Owner - Sturdy Pine Gear & Repair

Top Right: A sushi making night with Galen Jarvis is one of the auction items up for grabs at Harvest Celebration.

Middle Right: Attendees will also have a chance to bid on a scenic helicopter tour donated by Air Methods.

Bottom Right: SVS Board Members stand with 2018 David Krosting Sustainability Award Winners, University of Idaho Lemhi County Extension Office Staff. Left to right: Ella Deutchman and Sara Campbell, SVS Board Members; Susie Martinez, Shannon Williams, Taylor Smith, Bev Hall and Katie Hoffman, Lemhi County Extension.



**Get Your Tickets at:
SalmonValley.org/Tickets**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Lemhi Regional Land Trust is looking for volunteers to assist with modifying fences on our conservation easements to make them more wildlife friendly. Work will take place in late September—early October.

If you're interested in helping, please email jroscoe@lemhilandtrust.org.

WE'RE HIRING!

Salmon Valley Stewardship is hiring an Education and Outreach Coordinator!

Visit www.SalmonValley.org/jobs find out more about this fun & exciting opportunity.

Don't delay - the deadline to apply is Monday, September 16, 2019.

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