

FREE PRESENTATION

The Future of Kitsap's Forests



KITSAP ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION
PRESENTS

October 19, 3-4:30 pm



Kingston Village Green
Community Center
26159 Dulay Road, NE, Kingston, WA

Snacks & Refreshments!
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The Future of Kitsap's Forests

Speakers:

Frank Stricklin - Founder and past President of Friends of Newberry Hill Heritage Park

Sue DeArman - KEC Member and Naturalist Photographer

Connie Reckord - Program Director of Preservation, Friends of Miller Bay

Frank Stricklin, a WSU Stream Steward, Native Plant Advisor, forest Steward, and lifelong learner, begins our series on ecological forest restoration. But first, a little background on the history of our wooded landscape.

In the 1850s, the forests of the Kitsap Peninsula, and indeed the whole Pacific Northwest, began a dramatic transformation. In just 150 years, the original old-growth forests, integral to the indigenous tribes of the region for centuries, had been replaced by managed monoculture plantations of densely planted Douglas Fir, grown as a commercial crop on a tight rotation. In the face of current environmental challenges, we are now embarking on a new transformation aimed at restoring healthier, more natural forest conditions, with increased diversification to promote sustainability and enhance wildlife habitats.