

# ENVIRONMENTAL news

Palouse - Clearwater Environmental Institute

## Earth Week Celebrations on the Palouse:

### April 22: Earth Day / Bike to Work Day / PCEI Potluck

Got wheels? Want to get healthy? Biking is a physical activity potentially important in cancer prevention, and is environmentally friendly. On Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, the *American Cancer Society of North Idaho*, in collaboration with the *Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI)*, and the *Paradise Path Task Force* are encouraging people to bike to work or school.

Learn more about bicycling and health at booths featuring information, raffles, scones (provided by *Wheatberries*), water (provided by *Idaho Ice*) and fruit (provided by *Otto's Produce*) at the hut behind *Patty's Mexican Kitchen* (Sixth Street in Moscow). Bike registration and helmet fitting will also be provided throughout the day from 7am-5pm.

Later that day, the public is invited to the annual PCEI membership potluck from 6-9 p.m. at the Avalon House, 111 N. Washington. For more information, to volunteer for the Earth Day event, or to offer your sponsorship, visit [www.pcei.org](http://www.pcei.org), or call PCEI at 882-1444.

### April 26: Paradise Creek Clean-up and Group Bike ride



People find lots of treasures at Paradise Creek Clean-ups. Photo PCEI.

PCEI, the *American Cancer Society*, and the *Paradise Path Task Force* are presenting a day of fun, education and activity on Saturday, April 26th. At 10 a.m. join PCEI members and volunteers for the 13th annual Paradise Creek Cleanup (rumor has it Elvis will make an appearance, see page 6). Following the cleanup (1:00pm), join a community bicycle ride from Mountain View Park in Moscow, along the Moscow bike route and Paradise Path to the Chipman Trail and on to Pullman.

Various activities, rest stops and education about the *American Cancer Society*, *PCEI*, and the *Latah Trail Foundation* will line the route throughout the day. Check out the raffles behind the *Patty's Mexican Kitchen*

hut (Sixth Street in Moscow) and fruit and water stops along the trail. Event t-shirts go to the first 100 riders to show up for the ride (with helmets) at Mountain View Park. From 10am - 3pm volunteers from the Village Bicycle Project offer free bike repairs at the *Moscow Food Co-op*.

Z-FUN radio, broadcasting live, celebrates the Creek Clean-up at the park in the morning and covers the end of the ride with activities at *Pete's Bar and Grill* in Pullman. After the ride, quench your thirst on PCEI's berry blast bike before heading back to Moscow. Buses may be an option for those riding only one way. For more information, to volunteer for this event, or to offer your company's sponsorship visit [www.pcei.org](http://www.pcei.org) or call PCEI at 882-1444, or the American Cancer Society at 208-667-9749.



Join us for a ride in April from Moscow to Pullman. Photo: PCEI.

17th Annual  
PCEI Membership  
Celebration  
Tuesday, April 22nd

111 N. Washington, Moscow

• 6:00pm

Potluck Dinner (Wine donated by the Wine Company of Moscow, other drinks provided), Music by "The Daves"

• 7:00pm

- Slide show: Village Bicycle Project
- PCEI Project Displays
- Children's Activities
- Board Elections
- Puppets!

## PCEI Expands Undercover Operations

by Amanda Cronin

PCEI's stream team received a burst of new energy from our newest Watershed Program Assistants. It is pure coincidence that Sara Robson and Ken Hobson have rhyming last names. The rest of the PCEI liked this so much that we dubbed them *Hobson & Robson, Private Investigators*. Hobson & Robson P.I.s are known throughout the region for their sneaky removal of noxious weeds and covert endorsement of native Palouse plants.

Hobson provides the hands on restoration experience of this dynamic detective duo. Hobson's past (or what he can share with us) includes three summers at the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Station, Taylor Ranch, in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. Despite this suspicious association with the infamous River of No Return, Hobson has been spotted in countries across the continent including Jamaica, Guatemala, and Mexico. A 2002 UI Resource Recreation and Tourism graduate, Hobson was sent on a special operations semester to study restoration in the Sacramento Valley at Chico State and has been employed by the University of Idaho Plant Research Nursery. Hobson's repertoire reaches mysteriously into the arts as well. I was surprised to learn that he has skills in drawing, painting and sculpting. When asked if he speaks any languages beyond the English jargon of habitat restoration, Hobson told me that, although he has never taken a Spanish lesson, he somehow manages to speak it while traveling in Spanish-speaking countries. He also hinted at fluency with the Jamaican dialect of Pato. Go figure!

Robson uses humor to conceal her experiences as a private investigator. "My whole life is funny", she told me with a laugh. North Idaho is the home of three generations of Robsons, but coincidentally she too has ventured extensively beyond the Palouse. A Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, Robson joined forces with a diversity of individuals to spread environmental awareness. Prior to her Himalayan sojourn, Robson was the Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board Assistant



*Sara Robson and Whitman College Student, Martin Ishikawa weed around red osier dogwoods planted near Paradise Creek. Photo Ken Hobson.*

Coordinator, where she developed a malicious reputation for silencing spotted knapweed. At home in Moscow, Robson's allies include Pete, Jaeger, Maverick, and Floyd (one human, two dogs and a cat). Like any good undercover superspy, Robson claims to be a "fix-it person" and enjoys reading, studying noxious weeds and gardening. She also has a distinctive culinary palate: chocolate, mung beans, coffee and Indian food are her favorites!

Joining the watershed field team for the second year in a row will be the legendary Nathan Queener, a Troy, Idaho native and a student at the University of Montana. Volunteer this spring to plant trees and experience the vigor of *Hobson & Robson Private Investigators!*



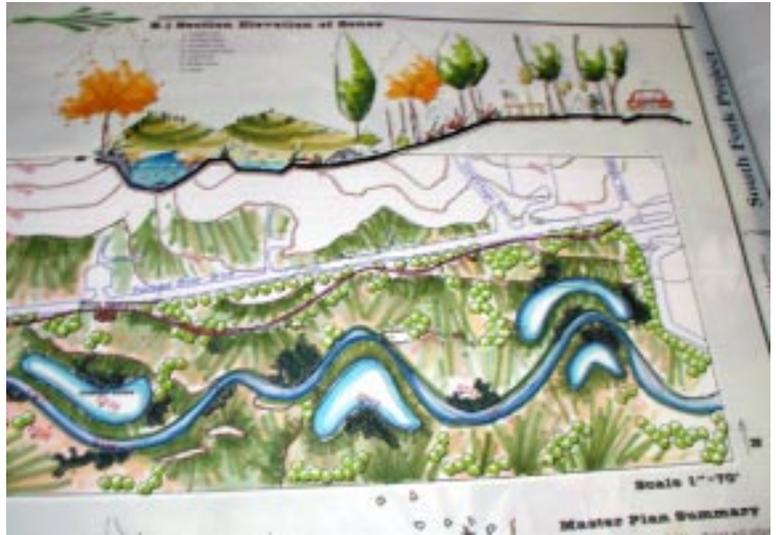
*Ken Hobson and Whitman College Student, Dave Brenner use a stinger tool to plant willows in a Palouse wetland. Photo Sara Robson.*

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## UI Students collaborate with PCEI to restore the South Fork of the Palouse River

by Amanda Cronin

Students in Toru Otawa's Landscape Architecture class at the *University of Idaho* put their design skills to work on a real life restoration project on the South Fork of the Palouse River. The 2,800 ft reach that the students considered in their projects is located south of Palouse River Drive in Moscow, just south of the University of Idaho Arboretum, and is owned by the *City of Moscow*. The concepts generated by the landscape architecture students will be incorporated into PCEI's restoration plans. In a cooperative effort with the *City of Moscow*, the *Latah Wildlife Association* and community volunteers, PCEI will direct restoration of the site beginning this summer. The project includes streambank stabilization, construction of a functional floodplain, creation of shallow oxbow wetlands, camas meadows, a woody riparian buffer, and public recreation and educational opportunities. The project is supported in part by a 319 grant from the *Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*. For the past 20 years the site was farmed for wheat and lentils. A few years ago, the river channel was dredged and a concrete and refuse berm was created along its southern bank. There is minimal woody vegetation along the reach with the exception of some European willows. Restoration will improve habitat, provide recreational opportunities, and decrease nonpoint source pollution to the stream.



One of many designs created by University of Idaho Landscape Architect students. This design includes meanders and wetlands along the south Fork of the Palouse River. Photo: Amanda Cronin.

## Work to decrease pesticide impact on your streams

Virtually every stream, lake, and river in the Northwest that has been tested is contaminated with pesticides. From 25 to 50 different pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, and other pest control chemicals pollute regional watersheds, impacting endangered salmon and our communities. Pesticides can kill salmon directly or cause damage that significantly reduces their chances of survival. Factors in salmon decline include pesticide effects on salmon behavior, immune and hormone systems, food supply, and habitat.

Most cities and counties in the Northwest use pesticides in their parks, roadsides, municipal buildings, and other properties. Many of these pesticides, along with those used by homeowners, businesses, schools, and other institutions, find their way into our surface water.

You can take action to change this! A new action kit is available for communities working to pass city or county policies that emphasize pest prevention and restrict the use of hazardous pesticides. Through the *Clean Water for Salmon Campaign*, the *Washington Toxics Coalition* and the *Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides* are working to protect salmon and communities from pesticide contamination in streams and rivers. Complete with information, resources, and organizing assistance, this kit is your first step in protecting salmon and ensuring the health of communities.



For copies of the kit, or more information, contact:

- Angela Storey, *Washington Toxics Coalition*, 206-632-1545 ext. 11, [astorey@watoxics.org](mailto:astorey@watoxics.org), [www.watoxics.org](http://www.watoxics.org)
- Pollyanna Lind, *Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides*, 541-344-5044 ext. 17, [salmon@pesticide.org](mailto:salmon@pesticide.org), [www.pesticide.org/CleanWaterSalmon.html](http://www.pesticide.org/CleanWaterSalmon.html)

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## Cultivating Community

By Kelly Riley

Throughout America in communities large and small, people are creating gardens, planting trees, developing open space and sharing information on horticulture, organic growing and local food supplies. This boom in community gardens and green spaces is growing proof that gardening is not only good for individuals, it is good for communities. Studies indicate many tangible benefits reaped from community gardens. This research provides the hard facts that community leaders and planners need to promote open space and green zones. The basic elements of a community garden are projects that use gardens or the process of working on the land to enhance and improve communities. Garden projects usually encompass horticulture, landscape design, environmental education, and development or regeneration of a neighborhood. The creation and maintenance of these gardens and green spaces is a unique vehicle for creating a vibrant, connected and cohesive community.

Community gardens establish relations between plants and people by acting as models for urban agriculture, teaching organic and sustainable growing methods, and providing nutritious food. Connecting growers to markets, expressing the importance of a bioregional food supply, composting domestic waste or harvesting for the hungry, are all potential results of these gardens. Social benefits include a sense of neighborliness as gardeners interact over common ground issues. Unlike a traditional city park, community gardens provide the opportunity for residents to share interest and a sense of control. A study of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's community greening efforts found that people who have not previously been involved are assuming leadership roles and responsibilities in the organization of the gardens. These people are learning about civic participation, public policy, economic resources and social interactions. Gardeners are emerging from their vegetable plots and taking an active interest in the greater community.

The development of a healthy, human community could well begin with the process of growing a community garden. The benefits of green spaces are researched in a variety of disciplines including psychology, sociology, economics and medicine. People need plants for food, as well as green space. Gardens are vital elements in a positive community image. Garden programs are designed to encourage individuals to develop the skills and confidence to grow their own food or grow food for income. The nutritious food is a tangible product, but there are many more benefits gleaned with the harvest. Away from the complexity and over-stimulation of the modern world, isolation dissolves and activity increases among neighbors. New gardeners work side by side with seasoned gardeners exchanging information and nurturing friendships that continue past the last autumn frost. People engage in a cooperative effort to maintain the garden with a discovered sense of empowerment, and take more interest in the community beyond the garden gate. In the restorative calm of a green space, people are working together, producing good food, nurturing neighborhoods, creating more livable environments and cultivating community.

## Welcome Kelly!

Kelly Riley began working as PCEI's Community Garden coordinator in February this year. Kelly's bachelor degree in Environmental Design from California State University, Fullerton has allowed her to design interiors, architectural structures, and landscapes for such projects as parks, wetlands and a YMCA camp facility.

You might know Kelly as a small business owner. She and her husband Joe, owned Paradise Creek Bicycles, and later Garden Thyme in downtown Moscow. Since 1986 they have lived and worked at Nora Creek Farm, nestled in the spacious hills outside Troy, Idaho. Their farm started with herbs and strawberries at the Moscow Farmers' Market. Now they produce wool products for hand spinners and felters. Kelly has been a shepherd, felter, and spinner for the past fifteen years. With a passion for fiber and the animals that provide it, she creates and markets handmade felt products and conducts workshops and demonstrations at their farm, and at fiber shows, university textile departments, and fiber guilds throughout the Northwest.

Kelly, an organic gardener for over 25 years, sees the Moscow Community Garden as a gathering place for community. "The Community Garden," she says, "is a way to help people develop a life-long interest in gardening." Kelly seeks to enhance the knowledge and awareness of local food systems and gardening on the Palouse. When Kelly's not in the garden she enjoys playing with wool, cross country skiing, horseback riding, and taking advantage of other opportunities to be outside in wide-open spaces.

## Join the Growing Community

How you can participate in the Moscow Community Garden:

- Grow your own delicious and nutritious food. Lease a plot in the garden; 10x10 or 20x20 spaces still available.
- Volunteer for garden projects and continuing maintenance.
- Join the Garden Advisory Committee to create and implement fundraisers and other garden events.
- Donate useable tools, building supplies, wheelbarrows, perennial plants, or seeds.

*For information, please contact Kelly Riley, Community Garden Coordinator <makeitgrow@pcei.org> or 882-1444.*



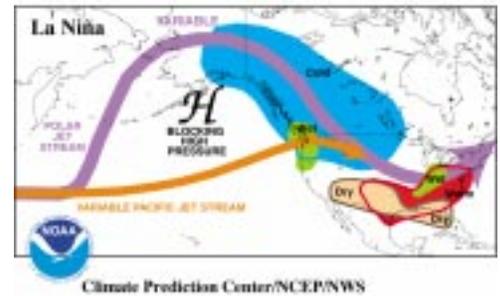
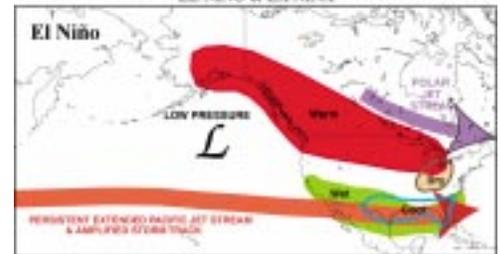
*Kelly with one of her sheep, Maggie. Photo: Joe Riley*

## Winter 2003: Wet and wild for the Inland NW

by Andrew Ackerman

While areas of western Washington and northern Idaho were experiencing drought-like conditions this winter, much of the Inland Northwest received multiple systems of warm and wet weather. For example, Lewiston had an average temperature of 44.8°F during January, February, and March - three degrees above the normal average. Perhaps the amount of rain has been the most noticeable weather anomaly this winter. Lewiston precipitation data represents a total average over the past three months of 4.37 inches of rain, 1.25 inches above the normal average. Spokane data suggests an even greater deviation from the norm, with a total average of 7.19 inches of precipitation, almost entirely in the form of rain.

TYPICAL JANUARY-MARCH WEATHER ANOMALIES AND ATMOSPHERIC CIRCULATION DURING MODERATE TO STRONG EL NIÑO & LA NIÑA



### What is El Niño?

During a typical El Niño year, the Pacific Ocean warms a degree or two (C) above its climatological average. A strong El Niño can warm by 3-4° C over large areas, and even 5° C in smaller regions. Typically, El Niño is first noticed along the South American coast around Christmas (hence the origin from Peruvian fishermen of its Spanish name "the child"). With El Niño conditions, precipitation and temperature effects combine to accentuate the effect on snowfall. In the Southwest, there is a slight tendency toward cooler winters, and a strong tendency toward wet winters, which makes higher elevation snowpack deeper. In the Pacific Northwest, El Niño winters are warmer than usual, so that at a given elevation 1) less precipitation occurs, and 2) the freezing level is higher, so the type of precipitation is more likely to be rain, and 3) the accumulation season is shorter.

*Source: Compiled from various sources by Kelly Redmond of the Western Regional Climate Center. For complete text of this article, visit our website at [www.pcei.org](http://www.pcei.org) or [www.wrcc.dri.edu/enso/enso.html](http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/enso/enso.html)*

Winter storms also brought unexpected high winds and in some areas hail or snow pellets. In the first few weeks of March alone, three hazardous weather watches were issued

by the National Weather Service (NWS). Robin Fox, a meteorologist at the NWS in Spokane, attributes the unusual weather to the fact that this is an El Niño year with warmer than usual air coming in off the Pacific as well as a shift in the normal storm tract that has resulted in more moisture making its way into eastern Washington before falling to the ground in the form of rain. The Inland NW did have a few weeks in which cold air from Canada moved into the area. The result has been that mountainous areas of northeastern Washington and Idaho have received a much lower than average snow pack and the resulting spring runoff is forecast at 60%-80% of the norm for the year. While the water table currently is above normal in many areas of eastern Washington, the predicted low spring runoff may result in lower than normal hydrological flows and storage during the upcoming summer months. Many state officials in Idaho are already preparing for what they believe to be drought-like conditions this summer.

## Plastic: Something New To Do With It

by Tiffany Cooper

Finally, you can now recycle plastics with the numbers 3,4,5 and 7 at *Moscow Recycling Center*. In the past, these plastic containers could not be accepted there because there was no market for the recycling center to sell them. However, this market has recently come available to Moscow's Recycling Center.

Please continue to be thoughtful about the containers you purchase. Recycling capabilities are not an excuse to go plastic crazy and buy everything in this petroleum-based material. "Reducing" is the first step in the three R's, so after you have reused the container to death, you can drop it by the recycling center. And it is really easy, too. Rinsed plastic containers, without their lids, that have a recycling symbol on it, are accepted. Plastic bags and styrofoam are not accepted.

These newly accepted plastic containers may be dropped off at the *Moscow Recycling Center* 24-hour bins, and need to be sorted by number code located on the container. Unfortunately, they currently do not have the capacity to pick up any other plastics in the curbside collection beside numbers 1 and 2.

To accommodate the new bins in the drop off area, the cardboard container near the Glass bins has been removed and the paper milk and juice cartons (aseptic packaging) should be placed in the "Mixed Waste Paper" bin. With all cases, there are a few packaging containers that are still not accepted (eg. motor oil containers and #6 plastic because of high food contamination).

Kudos to the *Moscow Recycling Center* for helping to keep more plastics out of our landfills!

## Prolific Puppets

by Michelle Swinehart

Have you seen any creative creatures around Moscow? Hint: Elvis is roaming the streets and believe you me; he can still dance like no other! You may even see him at our annual stream clean-up in April. Since the beginning of the EcoCultural Arts project in early January we've been busy with puppets of all shapes and sizes. All of this activity has successfully produced a band of puppets and resulted in a number of community appearances.

Overall, we have worked with five classes in Moscow ranging from college-age students to elementary school. In total, we've worked with approximately 150 students with hands-on puppet projects.



*Russell Elementary students paint Grizzly Bear masks in preparation for the Predator Parade at this year's Renaissance Fair. Photo:PCEI.*

Moscow High School sculpture students are finishing up an intensive two month long in-class project. Working in small groups, students constructed ten large puppets including a penguin, a black bear, a praying mantis, Elvis, a Buddha, and Harry Potter. As a group, they are preparing a puppet performance titled, "A Tale of Conservation" for Lena Whitmore students at an Earth Day celebration. There are more performances looming on the horizon at the Renaissance Fair and possibly the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

Other workshops have been taught at Russell Elementary and the Renaissance Charter School. Fourth grade students at Russell produced predator masks including gray wolves, grizzly bears, lynxes, and wolverines. This idea spurred excitement in the community for a Predator parade with the help of Ashley Martens's contagious energy. Junior high and high school students at the Renaissance Charter School made colorful masks to be used in a performance about the importance of biodiversity in our ecosystems and lives!



*Watch for Elvis on the Palouse this Spring! Photo: PCEI.*

The puppets have been made possible by using recycled and donated materials. We are still in need of external frame backpacks of any kind and state. Thanks to Shannon Crawford, Moscow's finest art teacher, for her passion and willingness to teach puppet projects at Moscow High School and the Renaissance Charter School. A huge thank you for the incredible donations and support including: Foundation Northwest, Latah County Community Foundation, Pride Foundation, Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Arts Commission, Puffin Foundation, and individuals!



*Renaissance Charter School students display their "Spirited Species" masks. Photo: PCEI.*

Our first workshop unfolded at the University of Idaho with Intermediate Sculpture students.

We combined ideas to construct two large puppets: a wolf and a bald eagle. Unlike most gray wolves in Idaho, this wolf is "pink" and stands over 15 feet tall. If you attended the Mardi Gras parade, you might have seen our "Big Pink Wolf" dance its way down Main Street. Look for the bald eagle to make its debut at the Renaissance Fair parade.



*"Big Pink Wolf" parades down Main Street with other PCEI people and puppets during Moscow's Mardi Gras Parade in March. Photo: PCEI.*



*Moscow High School sculpture student, Catherine Hunt wears the Penguin costume as it takes shape. Photo:PCEI*

## A PCEI Primer: show me the money!

by Laurie Gardes

This article is an attempt to educate our members about how PCEI works. It is a continuation of last issue's article on PCEI's projects (*What's on PCEI's Plate*).

### The Money

The main sources of PCEI funds in 2002 were:

Federal and state contracts	54%
Local contracts	32%
Member donations	12%
Foundations	7%
Service Fees	5% (primarily from the VanPool)
Special Fundraising Events	1%
Investment Income	-9% due to stock market losses on our endowment

These proportions have changed over the years as PCEI's focus has evolved. Much of our work is currently stream restoration, for which we receive EPA money, frequently through state and/or local agencies. Our total cash budget for 2003 is about \$500,000 (plus an additional \$200,000 of in-kind support).

### The Work We Do

You may already know that PCEI was started in 1986 in response to concerns about the Hanford nuclear reactor after the Chernobyl accident. As that issue changed, and other groups addressed the challenge, PCEI became a clearinghouse for community members on a wide range of local environmental issues. That's where we still are today. Our mission is to increase citizen involvement in decisions that affect our region's environment.

We respond to more than a thousand phone calls a year regarding a wide variety of environmental concerns. When a question is beyond our area of expertise we refer callers to other groups or agencies. In other cases, our role might be to alert our members to upcoming meetings or sources of information. Sometimes we bring different groups and experts together for discussions open to the public.

### Paid Staff

The percentages of funding listed above reflect where we devote most of our time and energy. To do this work, PCEI has two fulltime and one part-time program staff (one fulltime each in watersheds and education, and one part-time Community Garden Coordinator), one fulltime and two part-time support staff (executive director, office manager and financial manager), and two fulltime AmeriCorps members in education.

We hire seasonal help for specific temporary needs, such as during the busy planting season for our stream restoration work, and currently for the work of the EcoCultural Arts project. Our 10-member volunteer board meets monthly to help give overall direction and guidance, and to organize special fundraising projects.

### Volunteers

With so few staff members, we rely heavily on volunteers. Our volunteers include high school and college student interns that work in the office with us on specific projects during a semester or over the summer. Others are the hundreds of volunteers that come out for our Annual Paradise Creek Clean-up (April 26 this year) or who help plant trees in the spring and fall. Their ages and skill levels range from pre-school children with their teachers or young children with their parents all the way to senior citizens and local professionals who believe in PCEI's work. We also benefit annually from a team of 8-12 AmeriCorps members that have come for 6-8 weeks for the past 4 years to do outdoor stream restoration work with us. Most of our grants and contracts require some kind of local match, and so these many volunteer hours help us secure future funding. In 2002 the value of our volunteer services was about \$190,000, with an additional \$30,000 in goods donated to PCEI. Agencies that consider our funding requests can see that we have a wide base of community support.

### Become a Member of PCEI!

Yes I want to support the

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Yes I want to renew my membership

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Please contact me about volunteering

Please keep my membership anonymous

\$25 Basic Membership

\$60 Palouse Protector

\$120 Friends of the Palouse-Clearwater

\$12 Limited income/Student

Additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct my gift to the following program:

Environmental Education

Community Garden

Watersheds

VanPool/Transportation

Endowment gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: PCEI POBox 8596 Moscow, ID 83843

## Calendar of Events (for updates, visit [www.pcei.org](http://www.pcei.org)):

**April 15, Tuesday** 6:00pm Latah Community Volunteer Center Second Annual Volunteer Recognition Event, Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

**April 19, Saturday** 9:00am Community Planting Day. For more information contact Amanda Cronin at [cronin@pcei.org](mailto:cronin@pcei.org)

**April 22, Tuesday** 6:00pm PCEI Annual Membership Celebration. Potluck, Board elections, Puppet Show and a slide show update of Village Bicycle Project's work in Africa. Avalon House, 111 N. Washington, Moscow. Also bike to work today; see the front page!

**April 26, Saturday** 10 AM to 1 PM Paradise Creek Clean-up. For more information, contact Amanda Cronin at [cronin@pcei.org](mailto:cronin@pcei.org) or 882-1444. Bike ride follows; see the front page!

**April 26, Saturday** 10 AM to 3 PM. Bicycle spring cleaning at the Moscow Food Co-op, with free repairs and instruction. For more information, contact: [ghanabikes@yahoo.com](mailto:ghanabikes@yahoo.com), or 892-2681.

**May 3 & 4, Saturday - Sunday.** PCEI Booth at the Moscow Renaissance Fair. Also Bicycle Resurrection, with free bike repair, 10 till dark, both days. Call Polly at PCEI to volunteer to help with our food booth: 882-1444 or [pcei@pcei.org](mailto:pcei@pcei.org).

**May 29,** AmeriCorps team arrives (tentative)

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- Choices in Community Giving
- Washington Environmental Council
- United Vision for Idaho
- Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group



*You too can have this much fun riding the bike blender at our Renaissance Fair booth or the bike ride to Pullman. Photo: Rufus T. Firefly.*

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