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Backyard Wildlife Festival Announces Event Line-up

Gardening for Global Warming Forms This Year's Theme

Seattle, March 20, 2007: According to a recent study, by the year 2050, Global Warming could send thousands of Earth's land-dwelling plants and wildlife down the road to extinction. With this in mind, the 7th Annual Backyard Wildlife Festival will focus on Gardening for Global Warming as the theme for their speaker line-up during the festivities on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The workshop Gardener's Guide To Global Warming will be led by Patty Glick, Senior Climate Change Specialist for the National Wildlife Federation. Russell Link, Wildlife Biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and author of two best-selling books Gardening for Wildlife and Landscaping for Wildlife will speak about living with wildlife and wildlife attracting plants. And Noxious Weed Education Specialist Sasha Shaw from King County Noxious Weed Control will speak about the county's most noxious weeds all with the underlying theme in mind.

There will be no shortage of kid activities scheduled throughout the Festival. On hand will be a biofact presentation by the Cougar Mountain Zoo, where kids will be able to touch and see articles of Northwest native wildlife and ask the experts questions. The Northwest Trek Wildlife Park will have educational workshops to allow kids to explore the world of nature and wildlife through hands-on activities. The REI Pavilion will include a "Leave No Trace" program with activities teaching kids stewardship and respect for wildlife habitats.

At Noon, the Procession of the Species Parade will march around the grounds of the Festival with kids and participants dressed in their favorite homemade wildlife costumes. In the marketplace, festival-goers can enjoy the sounds of live music by Bird Show of North America, an instrumental indie rock band that paints images of birds while playing.

To round-off the day, at 3 p.m. festival-goers can take part in the tour of local gardens certified as backyard wildlife habitats by the National Wildlife Federation. The Festival's information booth will provide garden maps so people can experience firsthand the benefits of wildlife gardens that successfully attract, protect, and preserve wildlife. To reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide gasses and promote the Festival's theme of Global Warming Awareness, shuttle service for the garden tour will also be made available, starting promptly at 3:15 p.m. from the lobby of the Tukwila Community Center.

For more event information please visit the Backyard Wildlife Festival Website at www.backyardwildlifefair.org or call the event hotline at 206-768-2822. The event is being held at the Tukwila Community Center, 10 minutes south of downtown Seattle and minutes south of Boeing Field at 12424 42nd Ave in Tukwila.

About the Backyard Wildlife Festival

Since 2000, the Backyard Wildlife Festival has celebrated dedication to preserving wildlife habitats through music, arts and crafts, workshops, parades, gardening and more. Coinciding with International Migratory Bird Day, the Backyard Wildlife Festival has also been the key regional event to celebrate this international day.

The Festival started as a way to educate the residents of Western Washington how important and how easy it is to become certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Over the next few years, residents from all over Tukwila participated in the certification process, becoming Backyard Wildlife Habitats. As a result, the city of Tukwila was the first community in Washington State and the fourth in the country to receive certification by the National Wildlife Federation as an official Community Wildlife Habitat.

The 2007 Backyard Wildlife Festival is produced by the National Wildlife Federation, REI, King Conservation District and the City of Tukwila. Educational contributors include National Wildlife Federation, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, REI, Department of Fish and Wildlife, King County Noxious Weed Control, Cougar Mountain Zoo and the Rainier Audubon Society. Please visit our website www.backyardwildlifefair.org often as our schedule of events is constantly being updated as the festival nears!