

JLT Natural History Society Newsletter

Our Mission: To foster active exploration, appreciation, understanding, and conservation of the diverse natural environments of the Olympic Peninsula and beyond.

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*Dave Rugh's photo of Barred Owl.
Wendy's of Rainbow Star, lichens, Nootka Rose.*

Duckabush Hike

Join us **Monday, June 17, at 9:30 am** at the Quilcene Ranger Station to hike a trail to the Duckabush River. This is a "no host hike," so we are asking everyone to bring field guides, lunch, water, and plan to spend several hours enjoying the beautiful Duckabush in summer! RSVP and for carpooling: Chris at radiopt@earthlink.net

Free Showing of Olympic Wilderness Film at Rose Theatre

Out of the Mist: Olympic Stories is returning to the Rose on **June 22 at 11:00 am**. Get your free tickets in advance at the box office.

Natural History Society Book Club Selection

The Natural History Society Book Club is meeting on **Monday, June 24, from 3:30-5:00 pm** to discuss Tim Egan's *The Good Rain*. Please email Monica for RSVPs and directions: mjflot@earthlink.net

Kul Kah Han Opening

The Kul Kah Han demonstration garden with seven local ecosystems in H. J. Carroll Park in Chimicum will hold its grand opening celebration on **Friday, June 28 from 5:00-8:00 pm**. This garden currently displays over 200 native plant species. For more information go to <http://nativeplantgarden.org/>

Imagine No Styrofoam

And now some great news for our beaches... an article in the May

20 issue of The New Yorker, **FORM AND FUNGUS**, tells the story of Ecovative, a company that creates natural substances that imitate plastics. The packing material made by their factory takes a substrate of agricultural waste, like chopped-up cornstalks

Three Websites We Love

<https://vimeo.com/65324598>

<http://www.nwwatershed.org/index.html>

<http://www.wta.org/>

and husks, and injects the mixture with mushroom roots (mycelium), then shapes it into a piece of packaging, just like Styrofoam. Even better, it biodegrades in about a month.

In case you're curious about mycelium in packaging, scroll down on Ecovative's website to view a TED talk video here:



<http://www.mushroompackaging.com/big-advantages/how-it-works>