PRESENTERS

Heidi Smith
Board Secretary
Bounty for Families

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Education and Outreach Specialist
Thurston Conservation District

WHAT:
The Thurston CD and Bounty for Families in Washington State will discuss their collaborative efforts in providing outreach and support to their community during COVID-19 (coronavirus).

WHEN:
Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. Eastern

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Learn more and register at nacdnet.org/webinars
Meet Your Presenters

Nora White

Thurston Conservation District, Education & Outreach Specialist

Hercules Farm

Graduate Research in food studies and community resiliency
Homegrown Yelm Project
Online Education Adaptations

- Closed captioning
- Spanish language translation
- Activities
- Videos
- Workshop Series
- Resource folders
- Recording & Slideshows
DEALING WITH MUD, MANURE, AND COMPOST IN YOUR URBAN GARDEN

Welcome! Please mute your microphone when you’ve joined the call.
We’ll get started at 5:30pm.

Se publicará una traducción al español del título de cada diapositiva en los comentarios.

Thank you for joining us we will get started shortly
Using Activities

- Green Beans
- Cabbage
- Woad
- Winter Squash
- Kale
- Chili
- Hops
- Cover Crop
- Shade/Sand
- Trees
- Coop
- Herb
Topic Series

Affordable Home Gardening

Urban Mud, Manure, & Compost

Planning a PNW Winter Garden
Recordings

Past Event Resources
Access recordings of online presentations and their materials here.

- Affordable Home Gardening – Originally presented online 5.7.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here.
  Find all additional handout resources, include presentation slides, here.

- Dealing with Mud, Manure, & Compost in Your Home Garden – Originally presented online 6.24.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here.
  Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, here.

- Getting Started with Pasture Management – Originally presented online 6.30.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here.
  Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, here.

- How to Begin Managing your Livestock Manure – Originally presented online 7.28.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here.
  Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, here.

- Advanced Pasture Management – Originally presented online 8.6.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here.
  Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, here.

- Virtual Farm Showcase – Originally presented online 8.20.2020
  Find a recording of the presentation here. Please note, there are five times where participants watched YouTube videos on their own computers. All corresponding farm showcase videos can be found on our YouTube channel here.
  Find all additional handout resources, including presentation slides, here.

www.thurstoncd.com/education/workshops-tours/

GoToMeeting + Google Drive = COVID Friendly Workshops
Homegrown Yelm Project
Meet Your Presenter

Heidi Smith

Board Secretary, Bounty for Families

Owner, Sunheart Writing
Bounty for Families

Overview

- Activity
- Welcome to Yelm
- Bounty for Families Mission and Programs
- What We've Learned
What’s Going on Here?

Based on visual cues and what you know so far, what do you think is happening in this photo?
Welcome to Yelm
You are here
“Here are the fastest growing cities in Washington”

Yelm ranks ninth on the list for the cities across Washington that have grown the fastest since 2010. The city has a growth rate of 41.8% and a population of 8,772, according to the most recent Census data.

- Becca Savransky, Seattle Post Intelligencer, Saturday, February 15th 2020
Rural Character
Household Income

Households by Income (2014-2018)*

- 26% $100,000 or more
- 23% $75,000 to $99,999
- 20% $50,000 to $74,999
- 13% $25,000 to $49,999
- 18% $24,999 or less
# Main Industries

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<td><strong>Total Jobs</strong></td>
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**Numbers may not add due to rounding.**
In 2016 Yelm High School’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club took home the national ‘Model of Excellence’ award.
What Yelm is Not

Seattle . . .

Portland . . .
What Yelm is Not II

... or Olympia, Washington’s capital city.
Bounty for Families

Mission

Cultivating a Healthy Community by:

- Supporting Local Farmers
- Providing Access to Healthy Food
- Strengthening the Local Economy
Our Programs

Yelm Farmers Market
Power of Produce
Gift of Gobble
USDA Food Boxes for Families
Yelm Community Gardens
Yelm Farmers Market

- Completing 9th season in December
- Growing every year
- Located at Yelm Community Center within Yelm City Park, home of community garden
- Attracts vendors from throughout the region
Adapting to COVID-19
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The Power of Produce (POP) Club provides a fun opportunity for children to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers, educational games and demonstrations, and exposure to new fruits and vegetables. In addition to participating in educational activities, POP Club kids receive vouchers to spend at the market, allowing them to make their own shopping decisions at the market.
In many cases, it’s the first opportunity they’ve had to interact directly with the farmer who grew their food.
Power of Produce Kids Club
Power of Produce Kids Club

Within the Yelm School District, 51% of students qualify as low income according to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction report card.
Community Partners and PoP

Local nonprofits and community groups provide free activities for kids in the PoP program in exchange for a no-cost table at the Farmers Market.
Community Partners and PoP

These include:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Timberland Regional Library
- GRuB
- Port of Olympia
- South Sound Seed Stewards
- Puget Sound Energy
- Nisqually River Council
- Standing Room Only Theater
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Rotary Club of Yelm
Community Partners and PoP

Yelm High School’s FFA Club attends multiple Farmers Markets throughout a typical season, hosting engaging activities for kids in the PoP program.
Power of Produce
Introduces . . .
The Tomato King!
Yelm Community Gardens Background
Yelm Community Gardens: A New Hope
What We’ve Learned

Timing Matters

Understand Your Community’s Assets

Collaboration is Key