



Issues Summary 2nd Quarter 2023

1. Environment
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Environment

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, May 18, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Courtney Bourasaw, Owner of Skagit Table

Summary: A discussion of Skagit table, a restaurant that supports local farmers.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, May 25, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Deborah Smeltzer, WSU Master Gardener

Summary: A discussion about food waste and possible solutions good for the environment.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, June 15, 2023

Guests: Cheryl Willis, Skagit Transit Director of Marketing

Summary: A discussion of current issues for Skagit Transit as it responds to community demand.

Health

Program: Your Health

Date Aired: Friday, April 7, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A continuing discussion about Covid and all things Health

Program: Your Health

Date Aired: Friday, April 28, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A discussion of Covid variants and the services the Health Department supplies.

Program: Your Health

Date Aired: Friday, May 12, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A discussion of current health issues in Skagit County

Program: Your Health

Date Aired: Friday, May 26, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A discussion of current health issues, including Covid updates, in Skagit County

Program: Your Health

Date Aired: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Public Health Officer

Summary: A discussion of current health issues, including Covid updates, in Skagit County

Education

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, April 14, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Flora Lucatero, Executive Director of Children of the Valley

Summary: A conversation about Children of the Valley, an after-school environment that celebrates each child's unique potential and cultivates connection, learning, and confidence.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr. Farhana Loonat, SVC Instructor

Summary: A conversation about the South Asian Club scholarship fundraiser upcoming in Ferndale, WA. Also, a discussion of the South Asian community in the NW.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, June 22, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Moses Marlin, a transfer degree recipient from Skagit Valley College

Summary: A conversation about the process and value in the transfer degree

Quality of Life and the Arts

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Frannie Bigge, Founder of A Creative Avenue, and creator of Market of the Depot

Summary: A conversation about Market of the Depot and the value to the community

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Michel Bel, President of Skagit Artists

Summary: A discussion of the arts organization founded to create economic and networking opportunities in Skagit County.

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Date Aired: Thursday, April 13, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Karla Kay, of Karla Kay Art

Summary: A discussion of wearable art, and upcoming events to showcase the same.

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Date Aired: Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Dr Adam Yvette Burdick, Skagit Valley Chorale

Summary: A preview of the upcoming concert.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, May 19, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Kyle Fair Anderson, Painter

Summary: A conversation about the exciting world of art creation, and her local ties.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, June 16, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Steph Rees, President and CEO of the Burlington, WA Chamber of Commerce

Summary: A discussion about the upcoming annual community festival in Burlington--Berry Dairy days.

Special Topics

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Thursday, April 6, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Carl Bergtrom, co-author of [Calling BS, the Art of Skepticism in a Data Driven World](#), U of W professor

Summary: Carl Bergtrom is an Evolutionary Biologist who writes about the hype around AI. He discusses his work.

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Kathryn James, photographer.

Summary: A discussion of her work, subject matter, and style

Program: Skagit Talks

Date Aired: Friday, June 23, 2023 5:30-6:00 PM

Guests: Erin Merklein, Educator and Volunteer Coordinator at Padilla Bay Reserve

Summary: A discussion of the invasive green crab and efforts to control its spread.