



# THE YORKER



## Spud Fest!

Wednesday  
April 10,  
6:00 pm

Garden Street United  
Methodist Church  
1326 North Garden St

*Baked Potatoes and  
Toppings (all varieties)  
provided by YNA Board*

*Please bring your own  
utensils (we are going  
green), and a side dish or  
dessert*

*Come for the party Stay  
for the Neighborhood  
meeting!*

## YORK FARM BREAKS GROUND

*By Mary Loquvam*



**T**his winter the YNA's Orchard and Farm Committee wrote several grants seeking support for installation of the "York Farm" on the Dept. of Transportation property, 1400 block of James St. Our effort is paying off; we have just learned that last year's partner, WSU Cooperative Extension Community First Garden Program, will help pay for materials and supplies to install eight raised vegetable beds. In addition, the

Bellingham Community Food COOP is funding the purchase of eight fruit trees and five blueberry bushes. The COOP is also providing a \$1,500 stipend for one intern from the re-entry community to participate in our Farm Internship Program.

Thanks more than we can ever express to Cooperative Extension and the Community COOP- they know what community is all about!

The committee hosted two work parties in early March to prepare for planting. We weed whacked the grass, chopped back blackberry bushes, busted sod for veggie beds, and built sod compost bins. On Saturday, March 23rd, we built raised bed and began planting.

York neighbors Vivian and Jerry Mazzola have (*Continued on p 4*)

## Spring General Meeting of the York Neighborhood

April 10, 7pm  
(after the Spud Fest!)

Topics and Speakers:

**Bellingham Food Bank's Garden Project** - an innovative program for low income families

**Rain Barrel Construction and Water Conservation:** Anitra Accentturo

**Safety in the York:** Bellingham Police Department crime report

**York Farm** - What's up and What's Ahead: Mary Loquvam

**BIRDING FESTIVAL HONORS YORK ARTIST**

*By Judy Hopkinson*



*If you missed her Birch Bay exhibit, you can view some of her work (and perhaps sample a little award winning chocolate) at Sweet Art, 1335 Railroad Avenue.*

**V**ivian Mazzola Hruska, a long-time resident of the York Neighborhood, was the Featured Artist for the 2013 Wings Over Water Birding Festival in Birch Bay on March 14-17. Her series of paintings for the festival were inspired by her fascination with herons and the serene beauty of the wetlands, marshes and beaches of the Pacific Northwest.

Vivian grew up in southern California, where her father was a Disney studio artist. Inheriting his talent, she studied at Los Angeles Art Institute and Laguna Beach Art Institute. Her paintings have been shown in galleries

throughout California and the Northwest.

Vivian paints in her home studio in the York Neighborhood. She uses the impasto technique, a combination of thin and thick oils on canvas to accent color and express movement. This gives a three-dimensional appearance to her paintings.

Vivian and her husband Jerry are the proprietors of the one-of-a-kind chocolate shop and art gallery, "Sweet Art", on Railroad Avenue. With Vivian's vibrant oil paintings lining the shop walls and the scent of freshly made candies in the air, it is truly a feast for the senses.

**CHILDREN WELCOME AT THE YORK FARM** *A York Youngster Article By Klara Schwartz, age 11*



**A**re you a child with a green thumb, or one just wishing to try your hand at growing some edible plants? Well, the York Orchard and Garden Group is in the process of building a new community farm in the York Neighborhood. All residents of the York Neighborhood are welcome to help out!

This farm is a bit different from most community gardens as it will concentrate on growing a large amount of a few crops, rather than have a variety of crops in a small space. These crops will then be harvested and shared with members of the community. The plan for this first summer planting is to grow potatoes, winter squash, and dry beans. As the garden expands next year, a larger variety of crops will be planted and grown. Anyone who wants to help out on the farm can come and lend a hand! There will be a section with boxes set aside for children to grow anything they would like. There will also be a horseshoe pit and a patio where you can relax and enjoy the company of others!

This farm would not run smoothly, or be a great place to spend some time without some rules! Here are the rules of the farm: *(continued on page 7)*



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## YORK BIKES!

*By Mark Scholfield*



Collegians on fixies. Small kids doing wobbly laps around Franklin Park on tiny two-wheelers. Spandex-clad

athletes cruising off to who knows where on bicycles worth more than my car.

That's what I witnessed in our neighborhood on a recent sunny Saturday afternoon. Yorkers sure know how to get around on bikes.

If you ever get on a bike – for commuting to work or school, for running errands, for pure pleasure – you ought to make your voice heard about how to improve the experience.

Soon the City of Bellingham will kick off a bicycle master plan process in order to create “a safe, connected network of bicycle facilities and supportive programs to encourage cycling by all members of our community.”

Come learn more at the...

**Bellingham  
Bicycle Master Plan  
Open House**

**Tuesday, April 23**  
5:30-8:30pm

**Whatcom Middle School  
Auditorium**  
(810 Halleck Street)

In addition to the open house, keep your eye out for an on-line survey and interactive map.

## RENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

*By Dick Conoboy*

The Planning Committee of the City Council, under the leadership of Jack Weiss, has conducted several work planning sessions on the issue of the health and safety of renters in Bellingham. At the last three work sessions, after the committee members had finished their discussion, they allowed members of the public to offer their views on licensing and inspection of rentals.



Particularly active in this process have been the students from WWU.

Over 10,000 students are renters and have an enormous

stake in the city's actions with respect to their well-being. The Associated Students at Western have created a Facebook (FB) page on the legal aspects of renting (see: WWU AS Legal Information Center on FB) as part of an education effort, however, this information is not likely to reach non-student renters among the 17-18,000 rental units in Bellingham.

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YORK FARM (continued from page 1)

donated a plum tree to the orchard and Beth Chisholm of WSU Cooperative Extension has donated two fruit trees. With the help of other donors and grants, we hope to plant 15 fruit trees in all!

If you haven't already visited the farm, come on down and take a look. And if you want to get involved, please contact me at my email address in the box to the right.

The DOT property is large and we have many plans for it that can always use some extra hands to help execute. We will have a Wish List posted on the site. If you want to donate seeds, or a native plant, or a fruit tree in lieu of (or in addition to putting in some sweat equity, we will gladly accept

your donation.

See you on the farm! And a huge thanks to everyone who has helped out thus far! Much appreciated!



Gracie and Georgia, the two Nigerian Dwarf Goats pictured here with Byron Bagwell, visited in February to help eat back blackberry bushes. They are both expectant mothers and will deliver at the end of March. Hopefully, the entire herd can come visit again!

YORK FARM GLADLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF:

Bricks  
Paving stones  
Burlap bags

Lumber:  
4 x4 posts,  
2 x 4 boards  
8 foot lengths

Roofing materials  
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Contact  
Mary Loquvam  
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York Youngsters

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Earth Day Event in Franklin Park

Join your York neighbors for a Franklin Park work party on Earth Day

Saturday, April 20th 10:00am-12:00pm.

We'll honor the earth by making one little corner of it a little more pleasant.

The work will involve removing weeds and supporting native vegetation

in Franklin Park and on the Franklin Street island.

Meet at the picnic shelter off Whatcom St. (at Franklin St.).

Refreshments provided.

Questions?

Email Mark at: VicePresident@YorkNeighborhood.org



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RENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY *(continued from page 3)*

For the moment Jack Weiss has not brought the discussion to the full council for a debate as the Legislative Policy Analyst of the Council is conducting further research. Until such time as this additional information is available, there will likely be a pause in the Planning Committee discussions. The Associated Students Vice President for Governmental Affairs urged the committee to move more quickly to full council consideration so that the student body might contribute to the debate prior to the summer break.

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## MODSOCK: CANDY FOR YOUR FEET

By Anne Mackie



An explosion of bright colored socks hanging in the window at the ModSock shop, 1323 Cornwall, is a visual delight on a Bellingham rainy day. Shop owner and York resident Urania Shaklee calls her socks “candy for your feet.” They’re

definitely an explosion for your eyes, too.

She opened the shop in December 2011, just two weeks after moving cross country from Ellicottville, NY, south of Buffalo where this week’s high temperatures were in the 20’s. Urania says her favorite thing about living in Bellingham is our weather. She keeps our town bright and lively with her socks and creative energy.

Bellingham was a “blind date” for Urania, whose husband Ben convinced her to move here after accepting a job locally. Living in the York Neighborhood means she is within close proximity to her downtown business, in a community that recognizes the value in sustaining local businesses.

“There are always challenges for small businesses, but Bellingham is definitely a good place to be an independent business owner.”

Coming soon is Urania’s own ModSock line of unique graphic designs, developed from customer requests over the years. She is a self-taught design artist pursuing artistic curiosity and entrepreneurship.

Next time you’re downtown, visit the ModSock shop, and if you’re lucky Mr. Sock Monkey might be on hand to give you a big hug.

*The Business Profile is a regular column in the Yorker. If you would like your York Neighborhood business featured, let us know!*



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## BIRDING IN THE YORK

*A York Youngster Article*

*By Christian Schwartz, Age 6 (7 on April 5!)*

I would like to tell you about some interesting birds that have been seen in the York neighborhood.

Last summer we spotted common nighthawks flying and catching insects over the streets of the York neighborhood. Common nighthawks are speckled and have slim pointed wings. Their call sounds like "peent." When they fly you see flashes of white which are the nighthawks' wing bars, and they are bat-like fliers. They are not really hawks; they are just looking a little bit like hawks. Night hawks are crepuscular, meaning they are active at dusk. They winter in South America and live in tree cavities, and they eat insects. They do not make nests.

Violet green swallows have been coming and going from Whatcom Creek to the York Neighborhood. They nest in tree cavities and live in open forests; they winter in Central America.

Males have violet green backs and the top of their head has a bronze-colored "crown". Their wings and tails are shorter than those of the similar-looking tree

*Underside of a common nighthawk*



*by Christian Schwartz*

swallows. They eat flying insects. A very interesting fact about them is that a pair of violet green swallows was observed helping a pair of western bluebirds raising their young.

The northern mockingbird was a visitor to the York Neighborhood, and I have some interesting facts to share about them. They live in grassy areas, parks, city-town areas, and second growth forest habitat. The northern mockingbird is a medium sized songbird, a bit

more slender than a robin and a longer tail and a small head. They have long legs and a long bill with a hint of a downward curve. They eat fruit in winter and fall; in spring and summer they eat insects, earthworms, and small lizards. They used to be kept as cage birds because of their song. They imitate the songs of other birds and a male can learn up to 200 different songs in its life.

In the past week, we have spotted the return of the leucistic robin to the neighborhood. This robin is missing some of its coloring on the top of its body. It is not an albino robin, it is different from that. Albino robins have no melanin, which means no pigment. Leucistic robins have melanin, but not in some spots of its feathers. That is why it looks different from the other robins in the neighborhood.

I hope you have a fun time birding in the York neighborhood!

## CHILDREN WELCOME AT FARM *(continued from page 2)*

- All residents of the York Neighborhood are welcome in the garden.
- The first plots are communal and all can share in the harvest at harvest time.
- Smoking is prohibited on the farm
- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on the farm
- Loud music is prohibited on the farm
- The garden cannot be used to conduct personal commerce (aka no produce gathered from the garden may be sold)
- Well mannered, leashed dogs are allowed in the garden, unless complaints are received. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Children must be accompanied by adults.
- Children using tools on the farm must be under the direct supervision of an adult.

The annual October backyard harvest fest will be held at the farm this year. I can't wait to see you at the neighborhood farm!

If you would like to find out how you can help, please contact Mary

[Farm@YorkNeighborhood.org](mailto:Farm@YorkNeighborhood.org)



# York Calendar

## Spring Events

**April 10**

**Spud Fest (6pm)**

**Spring General Meeting**

(7pm)

Garden Street United Methodist  
Church

1326 N. Garden St.

(see page 1)

**April 20**

**STARs**

8:45 - 9:30 am

(see page 5)

**April 20**

**Franklin Park Work Party**

10 am - 12 noon

(see page 4)

## Ongoing

**York Farm Work Parties**

contact

Farm@YorkNeighborhood.org

**Franklin Park**

**work parties**

2nd Sat of each month

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VicePresident@

YorkNeighborhood.org

**Rockhill Park**

**Work Parties**

TBA

**STARs**

1st and 3rd Saturdays at

8:45 am

contact

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## Upcoming

**Dumpster Day**

June 8

**Picnic in the Park**

Sept 22

**Fall General Meeting**

TBA

**Harvest Festival**

October

**Historic Celebration & Kids'**

**Take Teddy to Tea' Party**

TBA

**Horse-drawn wagon rides**

**and Caroling**

December (early!)

**Wine and Roses Potlucks and**

**Garden Parties**

TBA

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- *reduce isolation among residents*
- *enhance the quality of life in a low and moderate income urban neighborhood*
- *create a sense of community*
- *reduce or prevent crime, and*
- *preserve the historic character of the neighborhood.*

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