

Welcome to October and the beginning of autumn! The Estuary Partnership is busy as ever--read on about what's new.

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## Celebrate the Columbia at our Annual Dinner & Art Gala



Our [15th Annual Dinner and Art Gala](#) is **Saturday, October 18th** at the scenic Columbia River Yacht Club. We hope you can join us! Proceeds support our outdoor learning programs for K-12 students. **Your support gets kids outside, on the water, and learning about our river.**



Our Art Showcase features art and artists from the northwest. Take a chance to win [fantastic Northwest art](#), like this Flight of the Eagle print by Adam McIsaac. Bid big in our [live auction](#), featuring amazing local adventures - fly fishing on the Deschutes River, an Astoria getaway at the Cannery Pier Hotel, a Walla Walla wine tour weekend, a holiday yacht cruise for 10, and more! Dine, drink, dance, and delight in the breathtaking view of the Columbia River.

[Tickets are available online](#), or by calling 503-226-1565 ext. 234. An enchanting evening on the banks of the Columbia River awaits you!

**Thank you sponsors!** We couldn't do our work without your support.



## **Salmon Creek Watershed Festival**

**Plant trees and play with aquatic bugs on October 25!**

Join the Estuary Partnership and the [City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center](#) on Saturday, October 25th to celebrate Make a Difference Day. This family-friendly event runs from 9am – 1pm at Salmon Creek Park along the Salmon



## **National Estuaries Week**

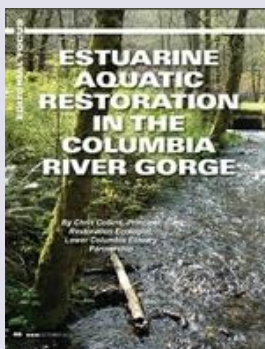
September 20-27th was celebrated across the country as **National Estuaries Week**. The 28 National Estuary Programs along the west and east coasts and Puerto Rico held festivals, clean-ups, art shows, boating events, and more to honor, learn about, and improve the nation's critical

Creek Greenway ([Google Maps](#)).

The day begins with a tree planting from 9am – noon. You can help plant native trees and shrubs along the creek to increase shade and restore riparian habitat, benefiting fish, wildlife, and water quality. [Register to help plant here](#).

Watershed activities begin at 10am and run until 1pm. Participants can sort stream bugs (macroinvertebrates), test water quality, discover their watershed address, and explore the area during a fun scavenger hunt. There will even be a special Halloween guest appearance by a giant - but friendly - stream bug. Lots of snacks, warm drinks, and prizes will be available. All ages are welcome to attend.

Thanks to the [Washington State Department of Ecology](#) for supporting the Watershed Festival and volunteer plantings!



## Estuary Partnership profiled in ECO

[ECO Magazine](#) recently featured our work in Benson State Recreation Area in their October issue. Chris Collins, Estuary Partnership Principal Restoration Ecologist, provided a great discussion about how the project restores critical salmon habitat by cooling stream temperatures and reestablishing instream diversity. [Find our article on page 40](#).

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The Estuary Partnership kicked off the celebration with a volunteer planting at Salmon Creek in Vancouver, which has recently seen the return of spawning salmon thanks to local volunteers. Together with our 17 volunteers, we planted **600 trees** to improve riparian habitat for fish and other wildlife!

Governor Kitzhaber issued an [official proclamation](#) declaring National Estuaries Week in the State of Oregon, recognizing the vital importance of estuaries to our state's economy and ecology.

*Help us continue the celebration....* [Sign up for one of our plantings](#) this fall and winter. Our next planting is [Saturday, October 11th](#). We hope you can join us!

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