

North Olympic Land Trust's StreamFest is changing its traditional date.

StreamFest activities will be on one day – Sunday, Aug. 30 – one weekend before Labor Day Weekend. During most of its 10-year history, StreamFest has been on the weekend after Labor Day weekend, and for the last two years it has been on both Saturday and Sunday.

Land Trust Executive Director Greg Good said focusing on one day should be much better for everyone – restaurants providing the StreamFest Smorgasbord, booth hosts, nature walk leaders, musicians and other volunteers.

“StreamFest also is a great opportunity for friends to get together and others to get acquainted, and a one-day event contributes to this good fellowship,” he said. Some favorite StreamFest elements already are in place, and planners are working to add new features, as well as improve traditional ones, Good said.

Joy Siemion, owner of Joy's Wine Bistro, is coordinating the StreamFest Smorgasbord for the second year. She plans to showcase local foods and restaurants again. One new feature will be demonstrations of how to prepare seasonal local foods from Port Angeles Farmers Market vendors. Already signed up to do demonstrations is Mike Shethar, who will finish his studies at the Culinary Institute of America in May after a four-month internship with Nash's Organic Produce.

Featured musicians from Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association again will provide music. Meggan Uecker and Mattias Järvegren are organizing a Procession of the Species parade, open to anyone wanting to create a costume or mask representing a favorite plant or animal.

North Olympic Land Trust started StreamFest in 2000 so more people could see qualities of one of the more than 50 properties it protects through permanent legal agreements. Jim and Robbie Mantooth's Ennis Arbor Farm, across from Peninsula Golf Club, in Port Angeles, continues to be the location.

The event has raised thousands of dollars for the Land Trust's work in protecting special qualities of land in Clallam County.

Other nonprofit organizations and major business donors host booths showing what they do to protect and restore the environment. Guided nature walks take participants to Ennis Creek, a salmon stream, and on other trails through the forests in the protected watershed. More information about StreamFest is available from streamfest@nolt.org and nolt.org or 360-417-1815.