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**Nature Art Show Raises \$20,000 for
Washington's National Parks**

April 18 – Washington's National Park Fund's "Art in the Parks" event March 18 in Seattle raised more than \$20,000 to benefit programs at Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks.

"I would like to thank all Washington's National Park Fund supporters who attended the event for their tremendous generosity," said Eleanor Kittelson, Executive Director of Washington's National Park Fund. "We are proud to help Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks achieve an extra level of excellence as they attain important goals that focus on visitors to the parks, education and outreach in the communities, scientific research for preservation and protection, and environmental sustainability."

The evening included photo displays and a silent auction of nature photography along with a special program about our national parks. Photographers who exhibited their impressive collections were: [Mary Liz Austin](#), [John Chao](#), [Stephen Matera](#), and [Dave Schiefelbein](#). The evening's featured speaker, [Harry von Stark](#), discussed his project documenting the Elwha River dam removal and watershed restoration projects at Olympic National Park.

"We are indebted to our featured photographers who were gracious enough to share their talents during the evening with a very appreciative audience," said Kittelson.

In the past three years, Washington's National Park Fund has awarded nearly \$750,000 in grants to Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic National Parks for 33 projects. Washington's National Park Fund is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to supporting Olympic, North Cascades and Mount Rainier National Parks through charitable contributions. All gifts to the Fund are fully tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. To learn more about Washington's National Park Fund, visit www.wnpf.org. Follow the Fund on Facebook and Twitter @WANatIParkFund.

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