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6th Annual Cascadia SkillShare & Barter Faire

Bellingham, WA, May 22, 2017 - Mark your calendars! The 6th Annual SkillShare & Barter Faire is coming September 16th and 17th. We look forward to building community resilience together at a fun, family-friendly weekend festival at the Lookout Arts Quarry, located in Alger. The Quarry offers a great venue for this fun weekend with swimming and camping in beautiful wooded sites.

Like previous Skillshare & Barter Faires, this year's event will continue to feature short classes, workshops, and hands-on demonstrations of a variety of skills with a focus on practical new-fangled and old-timey skills. Skill sharers come from all walks of life, from experienced elders to creative and talented younger community members. Some featured skill-sharing categories will include self-reliance, food preservation, gardening, health & wellness, appropriate technology, permaculture, emergency preparation, hands-on activities, primitive skills, and community resilience.

In addition to skill demonstrations and workshops, there will be food vendors, a beer garden, and a stage with a great line-up of local musical talent as well as storytellers, dancers, and poets. Organizers are also excited to continue expanding the Faire's bartering section. Last year more folks from Whatcom and Skagit counties and beyond brought their home-made and useful goods to barter. "I traded my excess organic meat for home-made jam, jewelry, yarn, dried fruit, and more last year," said Naomi Siegel, the Volunteer Kitchen Coordinator for the Faire, "and I just made a few dozen jars of rhubarb jam to bring this year."

This event, sponsored by Sustainable Bellingham and made possible by countless other local organizations, is entirely volunteer-run! The public can get involved in the Skillshare & Barter Faire by joining the planning committee, signing up to share a skill, volunteering on the day of the event with behind-the-scenes tasks, donating, or supporting the event by attending. Volunteers get a free pass and a meal from the delicious volunteer kitchen.

Early-bird tickets are available now through August 15th for only \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days. Further details about admission, including camping, vending, and bartering rates can be found on the website (www.cascadiaskillshare.org) along with schedule information as it becomes available. See you at the Cascadia Skillshare & Barter Faire!

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