

**NEWS RELEASE**

**April 7, 2009**

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RE: Mason County celebrates Earth Day on April 22, 2009

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Beginning in 1970, Earth Day celebrations were intended to inspire environmental awareness, and encourage conservation, protection and appreciation of our natural resources. In recognition of Earth Day, Mason County, together with the City of Shelton and Olympic College, have organized a celebration on April 22 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Shelton Civic Center. Each year we invite local and regional businesses and organizations to share their earth-friendly products and programs with the community. This event is open to the public and everyone is invited to come out and meet local elected officials, see community preservation efforts, visit hands-on exhibits, pick up informational materials, take home Conservation gifts, and enjoy free refreshments. This year's keynote speaker is Fiona Douglas-Hamilton, Regional Cochair of the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild. The Northwest EcoBuilding Guild is the leading association in the Pacific Northwest of builders, designers, suppliers, homeowners, and partners interested in residential sustainable building. Ms. Douglas Hamilton is scheduled to speak at 11:00 a.m. As always, Mason County remains steadfast in its resolve to support programs that encourage "harmony with nature" and that preserve and protect our county's unique and fragile ecosystems.

For additional information, you may contact Barbara Adkins, at 427-9670, Ext. 286.

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