

Great Old Broads for Wilderness Polly Dyer Seattle Chapter Meeting

7:00 PM, March 28, 2024

Location: Zoom

Penelope called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Members present were Nikki Lindt, Penelope Peterson, Wendy Roedell, Genia Moncada, Joetta Fort, Nora Langan, Susan Kostick, Raelene Gold, Susan Bocek, Esther MacIlroy, Janna Treisman, Sally Richardson, and Cathy Gorrell.

Presentation

Nikki Lindt, visual and sound artist, joined us for a presentation of her work. She records and captures underground sound. Nikki shared her artistic journey of how and why she came to record these sounds all the way from the Arctic Circle to the forests of New York City. Nikki also discussed recent, yet to be released, recordings she captured last summer inside of thawing permafrost. See more about Nikki's work at <https://www.nlindt.com/> or <https://theundergroundsoundproject.com/> .

Nikki shared a short movie "Beneath our Feet" exploring sounds underground in NYC and in Alaska. She showed several wonderful videos exploring sounds such as permafrost thawing, icicles melting, and subway sounds heard inside an old growth oak tree in Manhattan. In one video she put her microphone in the sand at the shoreline of the ocean. She talked about all the sounds she could hear inside trees—the subway, the brook, the wind, the fall of an acorn. These are sounds you couldn't hear on the outside, just when the microphone was placed in a crevice in the tree.

After Nikki's presentation, Nikki responded to questions. Susan B asked if she had considered recording during the eclipse to see if things are quiet underground as they get quiet above ground. Nikki replied, "That's a great idea."

Nikki suggested going to the website <https://theundergroundsoundproject.com/> to see/hear the materials that she has exhibited at Prospect Park in Brooklyn. She also suggested using headphones or special speakers to be sure to get the full range of sound. There is a sound trail at the park that she has set up which you can experience virtually at the website, including videos and recordings of diverse natural phenomena. It's truly amazing!

Other Business:

Alpine Lakes

Janna Treisman reported that the Alpine Lakes Collaborative, formed at the suggestion of the Forest Service, is supposed to come up with a plan for use of the Alpine Lakes area. A non-profit group that had been organizing the collaborative dropped out, and

things are now disorganized. Janna has volunteered to be on a steering committee to set the agenda for future meetings. Nothing is settled. Janna hopes to have more to share with us at the Broadwalk. Janna believes she must stand up for preserving the area as wilderness.

Upcoming Events

April 28 – We will have a guided walk in the Japanese Garden at the Arboretum. You must sign up with Penelope if you want to attend.

May 30 at Seward Park –Penelope is working on finding a shelter for us to gather, hike, and celebrate our sixth-year anniversary.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Roedell