

Did You Know for April

Did you know that April is Earth Month? You have likely heard of Earth Day, always on April 22nd, but many institutions of higher education dedicate the entire month to an appreciation of our planet and the great diversity of life on it.

Wenatchee Valley College has been celebrating Earth Month and Poetry Month in April for several years now. The two themes work well together at a time when our natural landscapes in North Central Washington are blooming. What better way to express your gratitude to 'Mother Earth' than to write a poem about your connections with Nature? WVC is holding our Earth Day poetry contest for students to praise, protest, warn, inform, or delight about the natural world by sending their poems to dsheffield@wvc.edu by Friday, April 16th.

Our Sustainability Committee will select poetry contest winners who will have the honor of reading their poems during our Earth Day Event on April 22nd, a [live webinar](#) featuring renown writers, Ross Gay and Scott Russell Sanders starting at 1pm. This free event is open to all community members.

Earth week will kick-off with the [UN Sustainable Development training](#) open to all WVC students and local high school students by Zoom on Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20 from 1pm to 4pm. Thanks to ASWVC and WVC administration, our students will have this incredible opportunity to be trained by global sustainability experts and to design their own local projects related to their interests in sustainability. When everything is virtual, we can offer trainings like this that would otherwise be out of our reach.

This virtual advantage extends to Omak campus too, where ASWVCO will host internationally recognized indigenous rights leader, Dr. Jeannette Armstrong in a webinar on Tuesday, April 20th at 1:30pm. Students who want to attend the UN training on that day, can still toggle over to Dr. Armstrong's presentation and be awarded with the certificate for completing the training that can be used as credentials for youth leadership in sustainability.

Please let your students know about all the Earth Week events and consider offering extra credit for their participation. Registration is free and open now on the [WVC Sustainability Events page](#).

WVC Sustainability Committee