

# HÉEN AGUNATÁANI HÍT

## WHITECAPS ON THE WATER HOUSE



Weaver & Photo By  
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## Mark Your Calendars:

### April Events

22: Clean Sweep - AB Hall 9-10am bag pickup. Get outside & help cleanup town!

26: Sexual Assault & Bystander Intervention presented by Taiya Counseling Services  
STC Hall 12pm

### May Events

3: Welcome to Shgagwei - Join President Bricker & Tribal Administrator for  
discussion & welcoming to Shgagwei. STC Hall 12pm

18: Last Day of School ~ Congratulations Graduates! Please slow down & look out  
for one another. Children are the collective responsibility of our community to keep  
safe.

### June Events

15: STC Enrollment - Application can be found at [www.skagwaytraditional.org](http://www.skagwaytraditional.org)



At the end of January after many attempts due to covid, Senator Jesse Kiehl made it to Skagway.

Senator Kiehl presented a legislative citation to Sara Kinjo-Hischer, Tribal Administrator of the Year and said he felt very honored to have the opportunity.

Thank you Sara, for everything you do at STC & the Skagway community.



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## WEAVER ANNEMARIE HASSKAMP

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Skagway resident and local artist, Annemarie Hasskamp gifted a Haida Spiderweb Headdress she created to council members in early February. Annemarie presented this piece along with her dyed yarn she creates and a beautiful story behind her connection with weaving. She was first inspired by Chilkat and Ravenstail weaver Clarissa Rizal and continues learning with Clarissa's daughter Lily Hope.





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## SHÓOGU GEIY

### ORIGINAL BAY

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The Municipality of Skagway has asked Skagway Traditional Council to recognize a moment in history that has been called by Municipal Government, “taking back our port”. In the midst of our own “Land Back” movement, we feel conflicted. What do we mean by “Land Back”. To me, it is an indigenous led movement to regain and retain ownership, governance of and act as environmental stewards for our children and all the generations beyond today. First Nations Storyteller, Isaac Murdoch, said

“Land Back is people returning back and finding their place in those systems of life.”

What is Skagway Traditional Council’s place in this system today? We are environmental stewards looking after health and safety above all else. So that we may ensure our home is a good place to be for future generations. Testing our shellfish, studying echelon populations, rearing salmon, eradicating invasive plant species and monitoring air quality. Something we do for all of Skagway. We have an interest in educating people that come to Skagway on how to care for its fragilities. It’s important that we see our Alaska Native language, culture and arts reflected in the Port of Skagway landscape.

And that we have a voice in its governance.

To me progress is a future that embraces; not erases the Indian.

- STC President, Jaime Bricker



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## FARM UPDATE

BY BROOKE JASKY-ZUBER, FARM MANAGER

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Happy Spring! So much is stirring on the Farm front. With new staff & plant starts, Tlingit potatoes on the way and big plans to bring more vibrant, nutritional produce to the market this season. Although it has been a bit of a cold and messy spring I have seen signs of life returning to the land everywhere. Including the farm! Small buds are showing on overwintered honey berry starts and strawberry leaves are vibrant green under their winter blanket of leaves and wood chip mulch. But preparation for the growing season started long before the South winds started blowing Spring our way.

Seeding started in early March at the STC garage. Start set up with racks and grow lights now allow longer season crops for our farm. Bunch onion, Walla Walla onion, cauliflowers of all colors, broccoli rabe, collards, beets and more. Lots of flowers for bouquets and the nursery; sunflowers, cosmos, giant white columbine, strawflowers and several varieties of marigolds, to name a few. This year is just the beginning of more in house starts, potted plants and hanging baskets. Now that it's April some of those starts are being moved to the farm to be hardened off in the greenhouse so they are prepared for life in the great outdoors.

Our order from Skagit Horticulture is scheduled to arrive in early May, and will bring in bedding plants, shrubs, annuals and perennials. I am personally very excited for the many different colored Hydrangeas and Lupine. The nursery sale will open May 12th -14th and hours will be 12pm– 6pm. Remember all tribal citizens get a discount so please remind your cashier before paying. Our spring hours will continue to be Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 6pm. Late May or early June hours of operation will change when we have produce to sell & staff onboard.

And new to our staff this year, please welcome Pam Joy! She has a lifetime of gardening experience and a great attitude. I'm excited to have her on our crew. You will most likely be chatting with her at the farm when you come by for starts or produce.

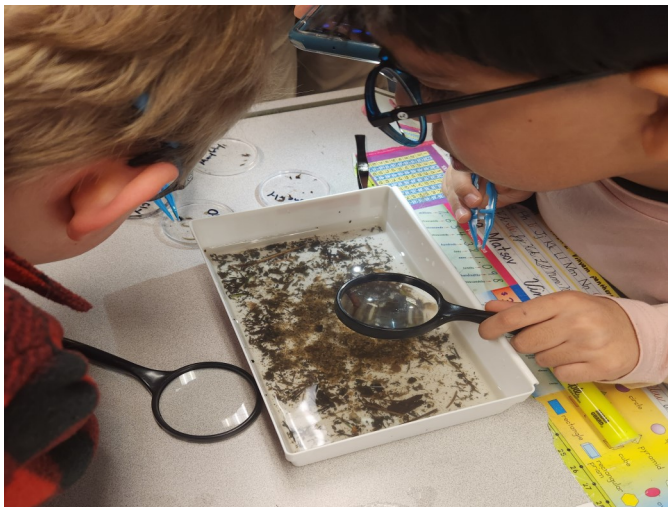
See you at the Farm!



**ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT** has started air quality testing for the season and eulachon pre-run testing for eDNA!

### DIY with Colton Belisle

Colton hosted a make your own dishwashing tablet class and taught about the benefits using simple ingredients for the environment. Keep an eye out for another DIY flower bomb class!



Bugs with 2nd and 3rd graders! Envi department went over the three most common stream bugs and how they are indicators of good habitat, and how they're popular fry food.





## TAIYA COUNSELING SERVICES, LLC.

JOHN HISCHER, LCSW

Taiya Counseling Services, LLC is providing mental health services to Skagway residents Mondays through Wednesday from 8 am to 5pm. Additionally, reminiscent group, SMART recovery group, and other mental health outreach will continue under Taiya Counseling Services made possible by a partnership with the Tribe.

Currently, we accept Blue Cross BlueShield, BCBS FEP, Aetna, AK Medicaid, Medicare. For those without insurance we are able to provide limited sessions at nominal fee price. Please email us at [Info@taiyacounseling.com](mailto:Info@taiyacounseling.com) if you would like to learn about it. This offer is provided thanks to funding support from the Skagway Traditional Council through May 2024. We are continuing to work towards being an in-network provider with most of the main insurance providers. You can reach John Hischer at his office phone (907) 983-2459 for more information.



# Reminiscent Group

**Time:** Every Mondays at 3pm

**Place:** Skagway Traditional Council (11th & Broadway)

To get on the email list for reminders email us at  
**[info@taiyacounseling.com](mailto:info@taiyacounseling.com)**



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# SMART RECOVERY

Time: Every Monday at 6PM  
Place: Skagway Traditional  
Council at 11th and Broadway

**Discover  
the Power  
of Choice**



For more information please visit [www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org).



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# Skagway Traditional Council Mission

*“Our mission at the Skagway Traditional Council is to nurture and protect our tribal members by persevering cultural heritage, natural resources, improving partnerships and economic sustainability, while upholding tribal sovereignty.”*



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