

## Island Conversation "Sharing Economy" by Vicki Robin

### Ideas that came out of the discussion groups

These are ideas on how to enhance our community's "natural" value: relationships and local skills.

- Education:
  - Promote native plants with education:
    - Julie Charette Nunn as a local expert
    - Jumanji at Rainy Day Flora
    - There are also groups that are very active in recultivating natives. The work of Pacific Rim Institute and the Conservation District comes to mind.
  - How much carbon it takes to get a product to market, i.e. the footprint before we own it
- Water retention for resilience:
  - rain gardens
  - recharge aquifers
  - form a water PUD
  - farming in wet areas (e.g. [this video](#) with Jake Stewart)
- Aging:
  - Re-imagine aging in place
  - [South Whidbey at Home](#)
- Form an energy PUD
- Get togethers to trade and consume less:
  - Reskilling days
  - Fix-it and mend it clinics
  - Barter
  - Trading labor and time banks
  - [Buy Nothing S. Whidbey Facebook group](#)
  - [Whidbey Island Buy-Sell-Trade-Free Facebook Group](#)
- Get together with your neighbors:
  - Form neighborhood "pods": a group of your closest neighbors to get to know and share with
  - Start a Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness group
- Join groups where members offer services to one another:
  - churches
  - clubs
  - civic groups
- Join any group where we befriend each other, finding the 80% in common despite potential political differences