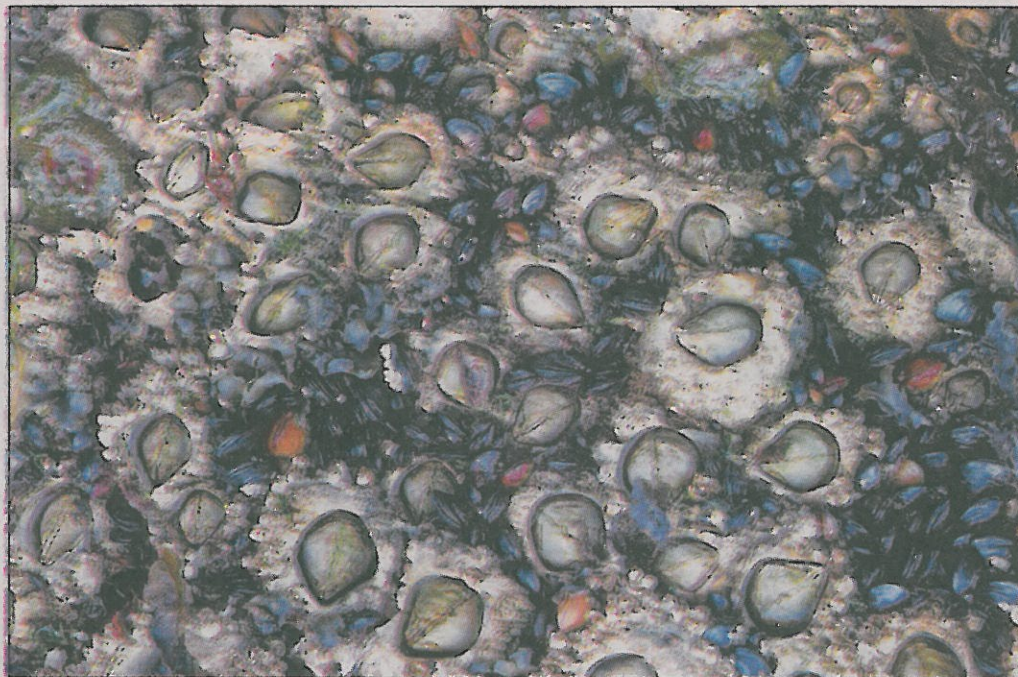


PIX FROM MY WEEKEND



Photographer: Yoshiki Nakamura, Seattle

Photo taken: June 6, Carkeek Park, Seattle

Photographer's description: "I found many beautiful 'jewelry boxes' at the shore of Carkeek Park when the tide was very low. They are beautiful in their detail, pattern and color. It is amazing how wonderful and magnificent lives exist in a local park. It is worth visiting and taking photos."

Expert says: "Photography is a fabulous tool for capturing the beauty of everyday life. Cropping in on the details of this abstract

landscape allowed the photographer to make texture and color the main subjects of this image. By seeing these patterns and capturing them in such a specific way, the artist is stretching photographic knowledge to its fullest potential."

— Jessica Oyanagi,

Seattle Times photo-production specialist

Please send us your photo from a recent weekend in the Northwest. Submit online at seattletimes.com/weekendphotos. We'll judge the year's best in December (and award a prize). See more photos at seattletimes.com/traveloutdoors.

, look around (and zip up your summer ended on the Fourth of July) that the sun will return this festival season is here with bells and whistles. Here are many festivals to fit in a weekend. We'll help you get the help in picking and choosing:



University of Washington. See Page 4.

LIKE BUZZING PLANES? The **Arlington Fly-In**, one of the Northwest's premier events for the aviationally obsessed, brings experimental aircraft, the Cascade Warbirds, and a hot-air balloon night flight. See Page 10.

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CAN YOU CANOE? The Samish and Swinomish tribes bring canoes, drums, storytellers, artists and more to scenic Deception Pass State Park on Saturday for **Native American Fire Day**. Page 11.

FAIRY, FESTIVALS: We promised. Along with other events we highlight, there's **Cornucopia Days, West Seattle Summer Fest, Olde Burien Block Party, Pacific Northwest Fair, Crown of Queen Anne Fun Run and Firemen's Parade, Pioneer Square Fire Festival, Mercer Island Summer Celebration** and more. See "Fairs/Festivals" for more on Page 10.

UNTEER

Seal Sitters offer training to help protect pups

Looking for a weekend activity that gets you outdoors among Puget Sound wildlife? Become a Seal Sitter.

Now is the time of year when harbor seal pups begin to appear on Puget Sound beaches, where they might spend hours resting and basking up the sun until their mothers return. It is also when pups are most vulnerable, either to attack by dogs or other animals or to well-intentioned "rescue" Samaritans who think the pup has been abandoned.

West Seattle Seal Sitters, a group of volunteers who act as first responders when seal pups are ashore at Alki and nearby beaches, is seeking new members.

Tuesday.

The training provides potential volunteers with information on seal behavior, seal biology and the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and provides guidance on interacting with and educating the public.

The session is 7-8:30 p.m. in the parlor of Alki United Church of Christ, 6115 S.W. Hinds St., about three blocks south of the Alki Bakery.

For more information, see www.sealsitters.org or e-mail: volunteer@sealsitters.org.

Volunteer Seal Sitters helped watch over this harbor seal

