“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.”

- Rachel Carson

The Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) works to protect community and environmental health and inspire the use of ecologically sound solutions to reduce the use of pesticides.
2012 marked NCAP’s 35th anniversary. It’s hard to believe, but our organization has spent the last three and a half decades working to protect people and the environment from toxic harm caused by pesticides!

During that time at NCAP, we’ve witnessed a lot of change. Some change was good, like the cancellation of the ultra-toxic herbicide 2,4,5-T, and the meteoric rise of organic farming within the mainstream. But some change was bad, like the unchecked use of biotechnology to create herbicide tolerant crops.

It’s clear that even after 35 years, there is a lot of work left to do. New challenges are constantly emerging, and the various landscapes of pesticide reform are constantly changing - both figurally in terms of the socio-political side of our work, and literally in terms of climate change and its effects. Predictability and familiarity are fast becoming things of the past, and yet, we still have a responsibility to remain effective. I believe we can do it...but we can’t do it alone.

The time, money, and energy you give, the commitment you show to the health of our communities and our planet...these things are integral to winning the change we hope for. That’s why we’re not just congratulating you on 35 years of shared successes, we’re urging you to help us carry the fight forward.

Our vision is one of a future in which alternatives to pesticides are no longer alternatives, but the norm.

Since we’d like that vision to become a reality sooner rather than later, it doesn’t sound quite right to say “Here’s to another 35 years.” On the other hand, if that’s how long it takes, then we’re game.

Are you?

Kim Leval
Executive Director, NCAP
As part of a special event celebrating the organization’s 35th anniversary, current and former members of NCAP’s staff and board gathered at the Maude Kerns Art Center during the 2012 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, OR. Many supporters and conference guests came for a chance to meet and talk with some of the people who have had such an impact on NCAP’s work over the years. As an added bonus, a collection of artwork by the late Mary Rounds, an illustrator for the Journal of Pesticide Reform for nearly 20 years, was on display throughout the gallery. Check out Mary’s art and the full issues of the Journal of Pesticide Reform which are now available as free PDFs at www.pesticide.org.

NCAP alumni Carol Van Strum, Larry Sokol, Mary O’Brien, Ruth Shearer and Norma Grier also gave a panel discussion at the conference focusing on NCAP’s historic legal efforts to protect communities from pesticide exposure. You can watch the panel in full, along with many other videos, on NCAP’s youtube channel: www.youtube.com/ncapvids


What Our Friends are Saying...

“Our environment would be more degraded, more species would be at risk and our food supply less safe if it weren’t for the work of NCAP.”

- US Congressman Peter DeFazio

“We’ve donated two percent of the sales of organically grown Café Mam coffee to NCAP since 1990. It is important to our customers that their dollars are producing positive changes for growers in Mexico, and alternatives to pesticides in the U.S.”

-Brad Lerch, Café Mam
Karl Arne was a force in the national pesticide reform movement. He was also a scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a veteran, an avid cyclist, and a jazz musician who played multiple instruments.

For many years, he was involved with NCAP as a friend, a supporter, and a board member. On May 26, 2012, after a fierce bout with cancer, Karl Arne passed peacefully away.

Karl retired from EPA in 2008, after a 28-year career that focused primarily on pesticides. He worked in pesticide risk assessment at the Office of Pesticide Programs at EPA headquarters, then moved to EPA’s Seattle office in 1988. There, he served as a pesticide expert and led efforts to coordinate EPA agricultural programs.

Upon receiving a Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Karl began his career by synthesizing pyrethroid insecticides for the FMC Corporation. He would sometimes muse about how he “came around” from being a scientist who developed pesticides to one who worked actively to stop pesticide use, but his transition always made perfect sense to us. What better way to turn someone into a pesticide reform activist than to give them an intimate knowledge of toxic chemicals and what they are capable of?

It was hard to see his illness progress, and even harder to let him go this year. But we find comfort, and pride, in the fact that his legacy will live on in our work. After all, it was Karl who got us pushing for more attention to how pesticides are impacting farmworkers, children, and other vulnerable groups. It was also Karl’s insightful idea that inspired NCAP to begin investigating how, and whether, EPA is meeting its legal mandate to monitor pesticide use. Thanks to him, NCAP is now working with EarthJustice, Pesticide Action Network, and others to hold EPA accountable for national pesticide monitoring, stronger protections for our health and environment, and pro-active attention to pesticide alternatives.

We will update you on this exciting work as it progresses throughout 2013. For now, join us in remembering Karl, and honoring his memory with much gratitude for everything he brought to our organization. We’ll miss you, Karl!
Weaving the scientific with the compelling and humorous, Dr. Sandra Steingraber uses personal narratives to paint a vivid picture of how pollution impacts us all. NCAP brought her to Portland, Oregon earlier this year for a talk on pesticides, their connection to fossil fuels, and what we all must do to protect our world.

“The truth is, this was supposed to happen last year,” she said to the crowd, referring to her Portland visit. In characteristic form, Sandra was launching her talk with a personal story. This one was about her son, Elijah, and an incident on a bicycle.

To summarize: it was a fall day in October of 2011. It was a serious bike accident. It was her son, badly hurt. And it was two days before Sandra was scheduled to be in Portland with NCAP. Like any mother would, Sandra chose to remain in New York with her family, NCAP promptly cancelled the Portland event, and everyone waited for news we hoped would be good.

The good news came, Sandra explained thankfully, and her son recovered, but the accident would have played out differently had he not been wearing a helmet.

Helmets make good sense, but there’s a reason why they are also required by law in some places, she said. It’s to protect people. In fact, many laws exist to protect people. Especially children. So why then, she asked, are laws so lax when it comes to protecting people from toxic pollution? Pesticides? Climate change? How do we change this?

Protecting people from exposure to pesticides has always been one of NCAP’s goals. It’s what compelled us to start this work 35 years ago, and what still motivates us today. As more and more research has pointed to the special susceptibility of children, we work to make the biggest impact by keeping pesticides out of the places where kids spend the most time: schools, parks, and at home. But how do we do this on a larger scale?

During her talk, Sandra asked that we become “abolitionists” of toxic chemicals, and pursue that goal with the same tenacity and to the same success as those who fought to end slavery in America. Most importantly, she said, we must never give up.

While it’s a tall task to “abolish” pesticides, chemicals that pollute and persist at the molecular level, it’s easy to challenge the mindset that we need those pesticides to get by. The more hearts and minds we change, the closer we get to a better protected world.

“In a world needlessly dependent on poisonous chemicals and fossil fuels, we need voices that say, “Look, we don’t have to keep poisoning our kids to turn on the lights and bring food to our tables. There’s a better way.” And no voice is louder or more on-pitch with this message than NCAP. I’m proud to be one of their back-up singers.”

- Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D.

Two of Sandra’s books, Living Downstream, and Raising Elijah, are available for purchase through NCAP. Proceeds benefit NCAP programs to reduce children’s exposure to pesticides. More info at: www.pesticide.org
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**Change in Net Assets:** $71,670

**Net Assets Beginning:** $398,909

**Net Assets Ending:** $470,579