



**City of
Langley**

Parks & Open Space Commission

MICHAEL CRAMER recently retired from the South Whidbey School District after teaching for 25 years. Cramer is the land manager for Waterman Enterprises which owns and manages forest lands on South Whidbey. Through the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Cramer has been completing courses in forest stewardship.

LEAH GREEN was the chairperson of the Housing Committee for the Langley comprehensive planning process and also served on the Comp Plan Integration Committee. Green brings communication and group facilitation skills with her background as a therapist and organizational consultant.

CARY PETERSON is well known for her work with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, for her leadership in 1995 to save the Langley Woodmen Cemetery from being sold by the City, and for planting the lavender along the 4th Street walkway. She helped form the Friends of the Langley Woodmen Cemetery which raised funds and organized volunteers to maintain and expand the cemetery to make it financially viable. Working on the board of directors of the Land Trust for 13 years, Peterson served on the Lands Committee which evaluates and recommends conservation lands for protection. For many years Peterson acted as the volunteer land steward managing restoration work and writing grants for several Land Trust properties. Peterson holds a biology degree from the University of Rochester and owned Ecoterra, a local gardening and native plant restoration business.

NANCY ROWAN was most recently the executive director of the Langley Chamber of Commerce and is trained as an Island County Master Gardener. Rowan is a relative newcomer to the city and brings a business and marketing background along with a perspective of visitor needs and interests.

DAVID SCHMIDT is an ecologist and horticulturist with an advanced degree in restoration ecology from the University of Washington. Schmidt is the owner of Langley Botanical, which provides residential and commercial landscaping and ecological restoration. He is a part-time instructor for the Edmonds Community College Horticulture Department where he developed a partnership with the National Park Service to produce and plant restoration plantings for a site on Ebey's Prairie. Schmidt worked for several years at The Nature Conservancy's Yellow Island Preserve collecting and propagating native plants.