

# Gina Jarasitis

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## Education:

Washington State University 1985-1989 • BA Recreation and Leisure Studies

The Evergreen State College 1993-1994 • BA, Focus on Visual Arts

## Future Plans:

I am planning to pursue a Master's degree in Environmental Studies so I can expand my opportunities to benefit society, especially in regard to wildfires.

## Dynamically Maximizing Resources 2017- Present

This is a personal-scale project I designed to reduce waste. It is dynamic because it utilizes action (elbow-grease).

- Reduce gasoline: I no longer drive.
- Reduce water use: I wash dishes and clothes by hand.
- Reduce electricity use: I removed unnecessary appliances.
- Reduce garbage: I cook from scratch and avoid food packaging.
- Compost everything possible: this becomes the best natural fertilizer for my lawn and plants.

## Local Ecology 2015-2016

- Volunteered with the City of Olympia. See me in a series of videos about natural lawn care at: [www.olympiawa.gov/naturalyardcare](http://www.olympiawa.gov/naturalyardcare)
- Designed and built a rain garden in my backyard. See the details at: <http://soundimpacts.org/en/projects/22296>
- "Stormwater Samaritan" Read an article about my efforts from the "Thurston Talks" newsletter: <https://www.thurstontalk.com/2016/03/04/lawn-care-olympia/>

## Parenthood 1999-Forever

Stay-at-home parent: My son attended an online school for grades 2-12. I worked with him daily in all subjects for many years. I received a complete refresh of my basic education as I studied to stay one step ahead of my very bright student.

## Post-College Years 1994-1999

Pursued Art: kinetic wooden sculptures, displayed my work at Olympia's Art Walk several times.

## Highschool Years 1981-1985

- I participated in Explorer Search and Rescue: orienteering, camping skills, first aid, numerous searches, team leader.
- Volunteered at Mt. Rainier National Park: winters at Paradise tending the sledding run, Summer 1983, three weeks independently manning the Mt. Fremont Fire Lookout.

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