

DIGGING INTO CLAM GARDEN CONVERSATIONS



CLAM GARDEN NETWORK

2021/22 Online Series Exploring the
Resurgence of Ancestral Clam
Management Practices

SUMMARY REPORT

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A BEGINNING

Between April 2021 and 2022, the Clam Garden Network (CGN) coordinated a series of **public online conversations as a platform for communicating the current state of knowledge about clam gardens**, including scientific studies, ecological and cultural restoration projects, the legal context of traditional mariculture, and clam gardens as places of learning.

These conversations were delivered for and by coastal communities. Accordingly, they aimed to center the communities whose heritage and land have been the focus of inquiry – and who will be carrying this knowledge forward to promote culturally-appropriate conservation of the intertidal ecosystem into the future. The idea for these workshops was in direct response to the requests by many coastal First Nations over the past several years to share and co-create knowledge about the social-ecological context of clam gardens.

Planning for these conversations started in 2019 when founding members of the CGN recognized the need to convene a coast-wide meeting for those interested in ancestral clam management practices and applied to Tides Canada, now MakeWay, for funding to support a 3-day workshop in April 2020. The plan was to invite community members from Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington State, representing band councils, various agencies (e.g., Coastal Guardian Watchmen), and several academic and research institutions to join in discussions about clam gardens and traditional management practices, and to plan a course for future CGN activities.

With the emergence of the global COVID -19 pandemic, the CGN shifted towards remote delivery of a series of online conversations. This format allowed for a growing number of events that could reach more people from many different geographic locations. The

series was held between April 2021 and 2022 and was entitled “Digging into Clam Garden Conversations: An online series in 2021/22 to explore the resurgence of ancestral clam management practices”. To lead the series, founding members of the CGN formed a steering committee of 10 individuals from Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds. The steering committee met monthly to plan informative webinars that paired academic and cultural presentations on clam gardens. The steering committee made decisions through consensus and continually adapted its approach based on feedback from the audience and community members with whom they work closely. For instance, following enthusiastic feedback from the first event which began with a powerful presentation by Ogwi’low’gwa Kim Recalma-Clutesi, followed by an overview of clam garden research, subsequent webinars were planned in collaboration with host Nations and paired scientific speakers.

The Digging into Clam Garden Conversations Series was highly successful, with 811 total attendees and between 50-162 attendees at each conversation. Participants tuned in from locations spanning the entirety of the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington State which covers the known extent of clam gardens to date, as well as further afield in Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alberta, and the east coast of North America. In response to requests by the CGN participants, the conversations addressed cross-cutting themes related to archaeology, restoration, clams in changing ocean conditions, education, and governance. Almost every event centered on the voices of different Indigenous Nations or Tribes. The conversations sparked opportunities for various communities to share, feel supported, and be encouraged in their work.

“The Clam Garden
Network webinar series
has been an **inspiring,
excellent, and engaging**
source of information
and insights into
**Indigenous relationships
with the environment,**
both from a **western
perspective** and from
within the **values,
hearts, hands, and
minds of Indigenous
perspectives.”**

- Webinar Attendee

AN APPROACH

The steering committee chose the topics for each online gathering based on engagement with the network and discussions with host communities.

To select speakers, the steering committee reached out to Nations and community members who have been most involved in The Clam Garden Network and followed referrals. Collaboratively, we would draft a description of each event, which Arianna Augustine made into beautiful posters. Advertising on social media and email would begin a month before each event. In the days leading up to the event, the speakers, chairs, and event organizers would meet to run through the schedule.

Following the event, this group held a debrief to discuss memorable lessons, takeaways, and moments. The debrief was also an opportunity to discuss how the steering committee could adapt its process to improve the events. In the days following the events, the speakers received their honorarium, and the steering committee asked permission to share the event recording. In some cases, the steering committee sent surveys to the registrants after the event to collect additional feedback.

EVENT 1:

Introduction to Clam (Garden) Conversations

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DIGGING INTO CLAM GARDEN CONVERSATIONS

The 2021 Free Webinar Series

EVENT 1

INTRODUCTION TO CLAM (GARDEN) CONVERSATIONS

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APRIL 23, 2021

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DATE

April 23, 2021, 10 am-noon

SUMMARY

The purpose of this first webinar was to **introduce the “Digging into Clam Garden Conversations”** series and to co-create a vision for future webinars in the series that would best serve coastal communities’ needs and priorities. Alagamił Nicole Norris (Halalt Fist Nation) opened the event in a good way. Hwsyun’yun Skye Augustine (Stz’uminus First Nation, Simon Fraser University) chaired the webinar and introduced the audience to the series. Following, Ogwi’low’gwa Kim Recalma-Clutesi, (Kwagiulth/Pentlatch) shared the story of the **reawakening of Clam Gardens**. She shared how the late Kwaxsistalla Wathl’tlha Clan Chief Adam Dick brought “Clam Gardens” to light. We learned about the importance of crediting the knowledge holders, their families, and ancestors, and where the traditional knowledge comes from.

Then, two founding members of the Network, Nicole Smith (Independent archeologist) and Dr. Dana Lepofsky (Cultural anthropologist and ethnoecologist, Simon Fraser University), shared a presentation. They gave a brief overview **explaining clam gardens and the diversity of practices that sustain them**. They also shared how the network has grown organically over the last ten years. We had 135 people join this initial conversation, and they asked excellent questions about the **relationships people and non-human kin have with these places**. The audience also remarked they have different words for clam gardens in their languages and that the conversation provided a warm and welcoming space for everyone to learn. The closing was by Alagamił Nicole Norris.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Alagamił Nicole Norris
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
 Presentation by: Ogwi’low’gwa Kim Recalma-Clutesi (Kwagiulth/Pentlatch)
 Presentation by: Nicole Smith & Dr. Dana Lepofsky
 Discussion period with the audience
 Closing by: Alagamił Nicole Norris

ATTENDANCE: 135**FEEDBACK**

Feedback following this first event highlighted the need to center discussions on particular territories, ensuring a diversity of voices is included.

EVENT 2:

To Dig for Clams in an Enclosure/ Container – λάραçi



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*An online series in 2021/22 to explore the resurgence of
ancestral clam management practices*

EVENT 2Hosted by
Haítzaqv Nation

TO DIG FOR CLAMS IN AN ENCLOSURE/CONTAINER - ΛΑΡΑÇÌ

SEPT 17, 2021
10am - 12pm

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DATE

September 17, 2021, 10 am-noon

SUMMARY

The second event, about **clam gardens and archeology**, was hosted by researchers from the Haítzaqv Nation, Qíxitasu Elroy White, and Łátpa Charlie Brown, both affiliated with Central Coast Archaeology. Alagamił Nicole Norris opened the event in a good way and Hwsyun'un Skye Augustine was our gracious chair. Nicole Smith (a guest presenter) shared a summary of the archeological studies on clam gardens coastwide. Then, with their in-depth knowledge that focuses on Haítzaqv words for clams, clam digging, and clam digging locations, Qíxitasu Elroy White and Łátpa Charlie Brown shared about clam garden sites in their territory on the central coast. They used the **M̓húxvit approach combining oral historical knowledge and archaeology**.

These presentations highlighted the **diversity of clam garden locations, structures, and uses and their importance to Indigenous cultures today**. Among the 116 people in attendance were classrooms from Bella Bella and hereditary chiefs of the Haítzaqv Nation. During the discussion, Gary Housty Sr., one of the hereditary chiefs of the Haítzaqv Nation, reminded us that good work comes from a love of the land. Alagamił Nicole Norris closed the event. Audience members reported feeling a **strong sense of community and respect** within this large group. They requested we share the recording of the event with the network. We started making the recordings available for a limited time via a password-protected link.

SPEAKER'S NOTES

Opening by: Alagamił Nicole Norris
Chair: Hwsyun'un Skye Augustine
"Archeology and Clam Gardens"

presentation by: Nicole Smith

"To dig for clams in an enclosure/container – lápačl" presentation by: Qíxitasu Elroy White & Łátpa Charlie Brown

Discussion period with the audience

Closing by: Alagamił Nicole Norris

ATTENDANCE: 116

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Survey respondents said they would like to discuss the following topics in future CGN events: ecology, Indigenous cultures, the impacts of changing ocean conditions, restoration, the resurgence of ancestral clam management practices, how clam gardens contribute to reconciliation, and how non-Indigenous peoples can support clam garden work. Further, respondents indicated they wanted to hear from a diversity of Nations and perspectives throughout the webinar series.

Participants reported leaving with gratitude, a commitment to learning, and a sense of community after the event. They also said they gained new knowledge about clam gardens, their diversity, and their important role in many coastal Indigenous cultures. In addition, many respondents commented on the synergies between Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science.

EVENT 3:

Exploring the Ecological Role of Ancestral Clam Gardens

**EVENT 3**Hosted by
Panel Discussion

EXPLORING THE ECOLOGICAL ROLE OF ANCESTRAL CLAM GARDENS

OCT 15, 2021
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DATE

October 15, 2021, 10 am-noon

SUMMARY

In the third event, “Exploring the ecological role of ancestral clam gardens”, the speakers shared many **insights from ecological studies**. The late Wadzi Alberta Billy and Daniel Billy, two elders from the We Wai Kai Nation, opened the event and shared **The Sacred Canoe Story**. Christine Roberts, from Wei Wai Kum Nation, then shared her experiences conducting ecological and archeological studies in her territory and learning about the scientific knowledge supporting her traditional knowledge. Dr. Anne Salomon (Marine ecologist, Simon Fraser University) highlighted the main results from many of the clam garden ecological studies. She shared that **clams grow faster in clam gardens than on beaches without walls** because of how Indigenous peoples took care of clam gardens.

Dr. Dana Lepofsky highlighted the **role the ancestors had in expanding clam habitat** on Quadra Island by building walls in places there was no clam habitat previously. Christine Roberts remarked how everything the wall brings in is healthy, and she shared that people never starved on the coast because **“when the tide is out, the table is set”**. Presenters and audience members discussed their desires to spend time on clam beaches to get these gardens active again. This event highlighted the **benefits of bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and ways of knowing** to move forward together in a good way. The late Wadzi Alberta Billy and Daniel Billy closed the event with a prayer.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Wadzi Alberta Billy & Daniel Billy
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
“Clam Gardens and Ecology” panel conversation

and presentation by: Wadzi Alberta Billy, Daniel Billy, Christine Roberts, Dr. Anne Salomon, & Dr. Dana Lepofsky

Discussion Period with the audience

Closing by: Wadzi Alberta Billy & Daniel Billy

ATTENDANCE: 97

SURVEY FEEDBACK

General feedback highlighted a strong appreciation of the benefits of ancestral clam management practices and the harmony between Indigenous knowledge and ecological studies. Participants also reported a strong sense of community within the network. Participants were asked to indicate if they were interested in the upcoming topics: restoring ancestral clam management practices, clam gardens and climate change, clam gardens & governance, rights, and title, clam gardens & permitting, and changing bureaucracy, and clam gardens and education. There was strong interest in each of these topics.

EVENT 4:

The Restoration of Ancestral Clam Management Practices



EVENT 4

In collaboration with
The Sea Garden Project

THE RESTORATION OF ANCESTRAL CLAM MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

NOV 19, 2021
10am - 12pm

Our speakers will explore learnings from contemporary clam garden restoration and share how cultural knowledge is put to practice in revitalizing ancestral stewardship practices. We will hear from MENE'YE, members of the W̱SÁNEĆ Sea Garden Traditional Knowledge Working Group, and from Erin Slade, a marine ecologist working to restore sea gardens with Parks Canada, W̱SÁNEĆ, and Hul'q'umi'num communities. We encourage webinar participants to share their thoughts and observations, ask questions and suggest future lines of research.

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November 19, 2021, 10 am – noon

SUMMARY

The fourth event, “the restoration of ancestral clam management practices,” aimed to **explore learnings from contemporary clam garden projects and how cultural knowledge guides the restoration** of these beaches. ŚW,XELOSELWET Tiffany Joseph, from the WSÁNEĆ Nation, opened the event with a prayer and a song. Following an introduction by the chair, Skye Augustine, MENETIYE, A WSÁNEĆ educator and SENĆOŦEN language speaker, shared language, and creation stories. Her presentation highlighted the connection between **language, her homelands, and Indigenous laws**. Audience members commented on the similarities with creation stories in their homelands and shared some of their memories of clam digging.

Next, Erin Slade (Marine ecologist, Parks Canada) shared the first **comprehensive presentation on clam garden restoration across the coast**. First, Erin shared where these clam garden and tending practices came from and why they require restoration. Then, she shared lessons learned and key objectives from clam garden restoration projects lead by the Metlakatla Nation, Gitga’at Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, SENĆOŦEN and Hul’q’umi’num speaking Nations and Parks Canada, and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. Across these projects, overarching objectives included: **bringing people back** to beaches, **restoring clam populations**, increasing **harvest opportunities**, and increasing **food security and sovereignty in the face of changing environmental conditions**. Following these presentations, the audience shared comments and questions on various topics, including ecology, tending practices, governance, rights, and title. ŚW,XELOSELWET Tiffany Joseph closed the event in a good way.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: ŚW,XELOSELWET Tiffany Joseph
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
 “WSANEC Clam Creation Stories and Language” presentation by: MENETIYE
 “Restoring Ancient Clam Management Practices” presentation by: Erin Slade
 Discussion with the audience
 Closing by: ŚW,XELOSELWET Tiffany Joseph

ATTENDANCE: 94

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Following the webinar, participants reported feeling inspired after learning about some of the clam garden initiatives across the coast. In addition, they said they gained new knowledge to apply to their Nation’s clam projects. Further, participants reported a lot of enjoyment in learning about the SENĆOŦEN language and the stories contained within words.

Out of 11 survey responders, 10 participants indicated they would like to be involved in an initial discussion about the future of the Clam Garden Network.

EVENT 5:

Clam Management in Changing Ocean Conditions



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EVENT 5


In collaboration with
SITC

CLAM MANAGEMENT IN CHANGING OCEAN CONDITIONS

DEC 10, 2021
10am - 12pm

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DATE

December 10, 2021, 10 am – noon

SUMMARY

The fifth event, “Clam management in changing ocean conditions”, showcased **clam gardens in a contemporary context and how they can support Indigenous health in the uncertainty of climate change**. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC) hosted the event, and Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine was chair. Swinomish elder, Wanaseah Larry Campbell, opened the event with his gracious words. Following this, he, and Dr. Jamie Donatuto (SITC), shared their experiences learning about Swinomish’s definitions of health and developing Indigenous Health Indicators (IHIs). Their presentation highlighted the value of eating traditional foods and the tribal and scientific work Swinomish is doing to understand better how health may be impacted by changing ocean conditions.

Next, Swinomish Tribe member, Joe Williams, shared how **climate change affects harvesting and traditional livelihoods**. He hopes that in building a new clam garden, Swinomish will protect marine resources and preserve a place for community gatherings for the next seven generations. Next, Courtney Greiner, Swinomish Fisheries Marine Ecologist, shared the careful and intentional process that Swinomish has undertaken to start building a clam garden. Their work is led by socio-cultural and ecological objectives that will be monitored throughout the building and maintenance of the clam garden.

We had a rich discussion following these presentations about how to start a clam garden restoration or construction project in a good way. Finally, Wanaseah Larry Campbell closed the event.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Wanaseah Larry Campbell
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
“Indigenous Health Indicators” presentation by: Larry Campbell & Dr. Jamie Donatuto
“Clam Gardening as Climate Adaptation” presentation by: Joe Williams & Courtney Greiner
 Discussion with Audience
 Closing by: Wanaseah Larry Campbell

ATTENDANCE: 82**SURVEY FEEDBACK**

After the event, survey respondents reported feeling inspired by Swinomish’s work and the community-led process they’ve taken to start building a clam garden. Survey respondents also shared that they learned about the importance of shellfish to the spiritual health and culture of coastal communities, shifting how they thought about health.

To guide the upcoming webinar on permitting and changing bureaucracy, we asked participants to select topics they would be interested in discussing during the event. There was strong interest in the following subjects: biotoxins, contaminants, closures, heritage site designation, transplanting marine species, and the privatization of land and waters. In addition, respondents suggested the following topics: invasive species, research gaps, shoreline hardening, hydrology, and collaboration opportunities.

EVENT 6:

Clam Gardens & Rights, Title, and Resurgent Practices



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EVENT 6Hosted by
Panel Discussion

CLAM GARDENS & GOVERNANCE, RIGHTS, AND RESURGENT PRACTICES

FEB 11, 2022
10am - 12pm

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DATE

February 11, 2022, 10 am-noon

SUMMARY

The sixth event was titled “Clam gardens & governance, rights, and resurgent practices”. It was the highest-attended event, with over 160 participants. Alagami Nicole Norris opened the event with her powerful words. Next, co-chairs Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine and Dr. Jennifer Silver (ocean governance researcher, University of Guelph) lead a panel conversation with Tłaliłila’ogwa Dr. Sarah Hunt (Indigenous justice researcher; Kwakwaka’wakw), Alagami Nicole Norris (Hul’q’umi’num knowledge holder), John Rich (Aboriginal Rights and Land Claims, Radcliff LLP), Marilyn Slett (elected chief councillor, Heiltsuk Nation), and Ken Thomas (Penelekut Tribe). These thinkers and practitioners explored how **clam gardens are places of Indigenous sovereignty that support community health and well-being**. Further, they discussed the interplay between **Indigenous ancestral governance, kinship, and economies** and those of the settler state. Finally, the group discussed how clam gardens could continue to be at the forefront of bringing together practices and projects related to Indigenous governance, rights, title, Indigenous knowledge, and food security. The audience generously shared their thoughts, experiences, and questions with the panel. Alagami Nicole Norris closed the event in a good way.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Alagami Nicole Norris
 Chairs: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine & Dr. Jennifer Silver
 Panelists: Tłaliłila’ogwa Dr. Sarah Hunt, Alagami Nicole Norris, John Rich, Chief Marilyn Slett, & Ken Thomas
 Discussion with Audience
 Closing by: Alagami Nicole Norris

ATTENDANCE: 162**SURVEY FEEDBACK**

Although there was no formal survey for this event, audience members shared their thoughts with us during and following the event. Many attendees expressed deep gratitude to the chairs and panelists for sharing their knowledge. They remarked on how powerful this event was. Several non-indigenous peoples reported leaving with new knowledge to become better allies.

Following the event, we asked the email list serve what they would like to see from the CGN in the future. Eleven people responded. Several of them indicated they would like more webinars and to keep the community connected. Potential topics for future events were identified, including the weaving of knowledge systems, identifying the changes needed from regulatory bodies to support clam garden work, and discussing how participating in clam gardening has transformed people’s minds and souls. Folks also asked for more educational resources and opportunities to get involved which were discussed at the next webinar.

EVENT 7:

Teaching Clam Gardens

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EVENT 7

In collaboration with
Coast Salish Nations

TEACHING CLAM GARDENS

MAR 4, 2022**1pm - 3pm**

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DATE**March 4th, 2022, 1 pm – 3 pm****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this seventh event, titled “Teaching Clam Gardens,” was to **explore clam gardens as places of learning**. Sam Barr, from the Samish Indian Nation, graciously opened the event. Following a lovely introduction from our host, Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine, Nicole Smith spoke to clam gardens as a beautiful **entry point to many topics and different ways of knowing**. She also shared examples of clam garden resources that educators can explore with their students. In the following presentation, Dr. Marco Hatch, a WWU professor from the Samish Indian Nation, spoke about his experiences engaging Indigenous students in marine research through clam gardens and other forms of Indigenous resource management.

Next, Sienna Reid, an up-and-coming scientist from the Tlingit Nation of Sitka, Alaska, spoke about the pride and value of applying scientific skills to support community goals. A takeaway from Marco’s and Sienna’s presentations was that **engaging Indigenous students in applied science is a form of Nation building**. The final presentation was from Sam Barr, who spoke about his experiences as co-director of The Coast Salish Youth Stewardship Corps and the myriad of land ownership contexts they must navigate to practice cultural, and environmental conservation.

A rich discussion about supporting **Indigenous students in post-secondary education** followed these presentations, where we heard from many panelists and audience members, developing a strong sense of community. Sam Barr closed the event in a good way.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Sam Barr
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
“Clam Gardens in the Classroom” show and tell by Nicole Smith
“Engagement of Indigenous Students through the lens of Indigenous Resource Management”
 Presentation by: Marco Hatch and Sienna Reid
“Coast Salish Youth Stewardship Corps”
 Presentation by: Sam Barr
 Discussion with the audience
 Closing by: Sam Barr

ATTENDANCE: 78**SURVEY FEEDBACK**

There was no formal survey from the event, however, many attendees did share their reflections with us. Many reported that the event felt special due to the closeness they felt during the discussion and through sharing of information in the chat. Audience members expressed their gratitude for the presenters who shared their perspectives. Following the event, many folks contacted us for the list of educational resources that Nicole Smith compiled.

EVENT 8:

Re-Envisioning the Clam Garden Network

**EVENT 8**Hosted by
Participant Discussion

RE-ENVISIONING THE CLAM GARDEN NETWORK

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DATE**March 25, 2022, 10 am-noon****SUMMARY**

The final event, titled “Re-envisioning the Clam Garden Network,” was held to **collaboratively envision what The Clam Garden Network can offer and achieve moving forward**. First, Dr. Marco Hatch opened the event in a good way. Then, to broaden our imaginations, Brenda Asuncion (Hui Mālama Loko I’a Coordinator) taught us about the possibilities that networks such as the Clam Garden Network can present for Indigenous-led mariculture practices by **sharing examples from the Nation of Hawaii**.

Following this, Dr. Dana Lepofsky gave a short presentation about the **evolution of the Clam Garden Network** to anchor us in the history of the network. For the remainder of the event, our excellent chair, Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine led a group discussion. She started with the following question: **“What role do you see clam gardens playing in the future?”** The major themes of the conversation were: healing, connection, cultural revitalization, climate action, and networking.

Secondly, Skye asked: **“What work/services would you like to see The Clam Garden Network offer?”** Again, many ideas were shared, including in-person gatherings, teaching, youth engagement, and supporting Indigenous-led stewardship. Through these discussions, the group created a unique sharing space that shifted power dynamics and encouraged participation. There was excitement amongst the group to think about the next steps for the network.

Finally, Dr. Marco Hatch closed the event, reminding us of the important work we can do between the tides.

SPEAKER’S NOTES

Opening by: Marco Hatch
 Chair: Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine
“Network Weaving for Self-Determination: Reclaiming Stewardship of Hawaiian Lands and Waters” presentation by: Brenda Asuncion
“The Evolution of the Clam Garden Network” presentation by: Dr. Dana Lepofsky
 Discussion with Audience
 Closing by: Marco Hatch
 Informal teatime discussion

ATTENDANCE: 50**SURVEY FEEDBACK**

Many audience members stayed for the teatime discussion and shared their thoughts on the future of the network. They also gave thanks to Hwsyun’un Skye Augustine, our incredible chair throughout the series. As folks were sharing, it was clear that we were united with a feeling of gratitude for the Clam Garden Network community, inspiration to make positive change, and hope for the future.

