

# Procession of the Species Parade!

Earth Day parade in Hood River passes by Columbia Art Center--



Procession of the Species: Started in 1995 by a group of Olympia residents, the Procession originally commemorated the 25th anniversary of Earth Day and to support Congressional renewal of the Endangered Species.

The event has three ground rules: no live pets, no motorized vehicles, and no written words. Participants use a wide range of artistic approaches and mostly donated or scavenged materials to express appreciation for the natural world:

costumes, banners, floats, puppets, drumming, community bands, and more. Procession organizers: the Ecology



Institute, Columbia Center for the Arts, and Columbia Gorge Earth Center will be hosting two costume making sessions on April 10th and 17th at the Columbia Center for the Arts, from 3pm-8pm. There will also be a costume making booth at the Earth Day event April 18th. The Procession of the Species Parade will start at 1:30 and will loop through downtown Hood River. Come join the fun and let your fantasy costume come to life!

