

Friends of Glacier Bay (FOGB) is planning the Greg Streveler Symposium: Exploring Connections Through Science, Art, and Community

I. Project Summary

Grant funds will be used to support the planning and execution of, “The Greg Streveler Symposium: Exploring Connections Through Science, Art, and Community”. These funds will cover essential expenses including venue rental, catered luncheon, accommodations for presenters, marketing, and materials for attendees.

The symposium aims to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing by bringing together experts, students, and community members. Through a mix of lectures, panel discussions, and workshops, the event will facilitate meaningful conversations, community collaboration on art and science projects, build networks, and promote new ideas or practices relevant to the Symposium’s focus.

II. Brief Overview of Organization or Entity

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Friends of Glacier Bay (FOGB) is a non-profit organization that is sponsoring the Symposium. FOGB was founded in 1983. Friends of Glacier Bay is dedicated to ecological integrity, opportunities for solitude and appropriate research in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

The purposes of Friends of Glacier Bay are to:

- * Serve as a forum for discussion, education and action on issues affecting Glacier Bay national Park and Preserve.
- * Provide an organized means by which individuals' experience and knowledge of the Park can be retained as an influence on the management and management philosophy of the Park.
- * Work with the National Park Service to ensure that Park management strives to maintain the natural environment in a pristine condition.
- * Support scientific research that provides a better understanding of Park ecosystems and practices sound ethics in order to have the least possible impact on the Glacier Bay landscape.
- * Support the interests of human communities associated with the Park to the extent compatible with Friends of Glacier Bay core purposes.

To facilitate this Symposium, a steering committee of current and former local Gustavus residents has been formed to plan and execute the Symposium. The members of the steering committee include:

Sean Neilson
Kathy Streveler
Meadow Brook
Jaime Womble
Lisa Etherington
Laura Marcus
Sara Doyle
Jessie Soder

The steering committee is a group of dedicated professionals with deep roots in the local community, focused on education, public engagement, and fostering meaningful dialogue. The team's combined experience in organizing conferences, workshops, and community events ensures that the upcoming Symposium will be both well-coordinated and impactful. Members of the organization have strong connections with local schools, civic groups, and small businesses, ensuring the event will reflect the needs and values of the Gustavus community.

The symposium will offer tangible benefits to the local community, bringing together residents, experts, and regional partners to address topics in both the arts and the sciences. These could include topics such as environmental stewardship, natural history, historical scientific research performed in Glacier Bay and Gustavus, and art inspired by nature. Local Gustavus participants will have opportunities to share their insights and interests, ensuring their voices are central to the conversation.

The steering committee has cultivated strong partnerships with, non-profits, and community leaders to ensure the symposium has lasting impact. For example, the Tidelines Institute will potentially contribute resources such as facilities, guest speakers, or educational materials. Several local business owners and municipal leaders have also expressed support, recognizing the event as an opportunity to build stronger networks, spark new collaborations, and attract attention to the area.

In addition to creating a space for dialogue, the symposium will generate immediate economic benefits for the community. Hosting the event will bring visitors to local lodging, restaurants, and shops, boosting the economy in the short term.

Ultimately, this symposium aims to empower the local community by fostering new ideas, building partnerships, and creating pathways for long-term positive growth. With the help of grant funding, FOGB will be able to cover essential costs, making the event affordable and inclusive.

III. Project Description

Problem Statement

Our community faces a gap in accessible STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education, which limits innovation and career development. Some students and residents do not have the opportunity to engage with scientific advancements outside of the classroom, which impacts knowledge and awareness of our own local scientific and natural history. Our community is packed with science professionals, but members of the community do not have a great deal of access to them or their work and local knowledge. This knowledge gap not only hampers individual growth but also curtails our city's ability to foster a community ready for tomorrow's challenges. There is a growing need to inspire youth, support lifelong learning, and build connections between scientific research, artistic endeavors and local scientists and artists, ensuring that our city thrives in an increasingly knowledge-based community.

Community Benefit

The proposed Symposium will serve as a platform for researchers, educators, students, and industry leaders to connect, share, and learn. Attendees will benefit from:

- **Interactive Workshops and Exhibits:**
- **Guest Lectures and Networking Opportunities:** Scientists, artists, educators, and academics will present research, share insights, and foster collaborations with community stakeholders.
- **Economic Benefit:** The symposium will benefit our community by attracting a diverse group of attendees, which boosts local businesses like lodges, air b and bs restaurants, and shops. This influx of visitors not only generates immediate economic benefits but also raises the community's profile as a destination for educational events, potentially fostering future tourism and investment.
- **Giving Gustavus a Voice:** By educating our local community members of the science that occurs within Glacier Bay they will be better equipped to speak knowledgeably when they are asked for comments on future planning/management decisions for Glacier Bay or surrounding lands. Knowledge is power.

This initiative will serve students, educators, local businesses, and residents by promoting scientific research, the arts and a spirit of curiosity. Additionally, it will strengthen community ties by providing an inclusive space for a variety of voices in science and the arts.

Link to City's Goals

1. **Promoting Lifelong Learning:** The event will encourage citizens to engage in science and art at all ages, enriching both personal and professional lives.
2. **Sustainability and Environmental Awareness:** Sessions dedicated to our local natural history will equip residents with a greater appreciation for our past while helping us to make better decisions for our future.
3. **Strengthening Inclusivity:** By collaborating with our school and community groups, we ensure equitable access to high-quality presentations in science and art education.

The Science Symposium will create a culture of curiosity and knowledge-sharing.

Justification for Funding and Timeline

To make this symposium a reality, we request funding to secure venues, invite renowned speakers, and offer free workshops to residents. Now is the ideal time to invest in this initiative because:

- **The Demand for STEAM Initiatives is Growing:** Students and residents are increasingly seeking programs that connect them with future-ready skills and knowledge.
- **Local Partners are Eager to Participate:** From The Tidelines Institute: “Tidelines Institute is proud to support the Greg Streveler Symposium, honoring a man who contributed so much to the life of the community and of our students. This symposium is furthermore fully within our mission to provide meaningful, place-based education for learners of all ages. Tidelines Institute will be contributing to event planning, organization, and logistics, both ahead of time and in the days surrounding the event itself.”

- **We Have a Proven Track Record:** Our team has successfully managed community events in the past, such as the creation of the Gustavus Community Center and the Tidelines Institute-- demonstrating our ability to deliver high-impact projects within budget and on time.

This symposium offers a unique and timely opportunity to address critical educational needs, paving the way for a more connected and knowledgeable community. With your support, we can ensure that this project has a lasting impact on both individuals and the broader city at large.

IV. **Project Goals and Objectives**

An email will be sent out far and wide to a large audience by November 7th with a “Save the Date” message for the July 18-21, 2025 symposium dates. This email will be informative and will provide the public with general details.

A second email will be sent out the same day to potential speakers who will be asked to contribute to the Symposium, either by presenting a poster or by speaking.

The Gustavus Community Center has already been reserved for the July 18-21 weekend. Also, the Annie Mae Lodge has already been reserved for the weekend. The Gateway Gallery in the Gustavus Community Center has already been reserved for the month of July to host an art exhibit that will be presented in conjunction with the Symposium.

Milestone Dates:

Already Achieved:

- A steering committee has been formed and has been meeting on a regular basis for three months.
- The Gustavus Community Center has been reserved.
- The Gateway Gallery at the Gustavus Community Center has been reserved for the month of the Symposium (July 2025)
- The Annie Mae Lodge has been reserved.
- Many scientists who will potentially contribute to the Symposium have been contacted.

By January 1 we expect to have selected speakers who will be presenting at the Symposium.

By February 1, we expect to have received all speakers' general outlines of their presentations.

March 1 through June 1 we will be helping scientists and other contributors with local accommodations and logistic details.

May 1 until the event, we will be promoting the event on social media platforms.

June: Preparing posters, and program material for the event.

See below for a draft Symposium schedule:

2025 Greg Strevler Symposium (GSS): Exploring Connections Through Science, Art & Community

Friday July 18 Welcome and GSS Introduction	Saturday July 19 Inspire Interdisciplinary Connection/Conversation		Sunday July 20 Inspire Interdisciplinary Connection/Conversation	Monday July 21 Scientist Workshop (Invitation only)
<p><i>Jet Pick Up (4:50pm arrival), Drop off at GCC</i></p> <p>GSS Welcome at GCC for Community, Friends/Family, and Scientists (5:30-6:30pm)</p> <p>Displays (Gallery Opening, School Year Display, Natural History Storyboard), drinks*, and garden-themed hors d'oeuvres*)</p> <p>7:00pm Dinner and Remembering Greg at the</p>	<p>Scientists:</p> <p><i>6:30 AM Pick Up, Drop Off Dayboat</i></p> <p>Dayboat or private Allen Marine boat trip up Bay (no-host)</p> <p><i>3:45 PM Pick Up, Drop off at Annie Mae</i></p>	<p>Community:</p> <p>Coffee with Greg at GCC (time?)</p> <p>Greg Inspired Workshops (time?)</p> <p><u>Ideas:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natural History Observation Sketching w/kids (Kathy H.) ▪ Tree ID, Uses, Spoon Carving Workshop (Linnea, Tanner) ▪ Visual Art/Poetry (Sophie) ▪ Fish dissection/prints ▪ Rock ID (?) & wrapping (Kate B.) ▪ Community Garden root cellar tour (Judy and Janene) 	<p>Coffee with Greg at GCC (8:00-9:00am)</p> <p>GSS Keynote talks (3-6?) with a Greg theme at GCC for Community, Friends/Family, and Scientists (9am-12:00pm)</p> <p>Lunch (12:00-1:00pm): Pre-ordered sandwiches for scientists*</p> <p>Scientists Dialogue at GCC (1:00-4:00pm)</p> <p>Interdisciplinary dialogue on critical questions/connections/future directions (World Café Format)</p> <p>Future directions for GSS wrap up</p> <p><i>Drop Off Jet (5:35pm departure) for those making it a shorter visit</i></p> <p>6:00pm Dinner on own/with a group at the Glacier Bay Lodge or somewhere else?</p>	<p>All Scientists: Short morning walk (time?)</p> <p>Invited Scientists Workshop at GCC (time?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Synthesis of Saturday and Sunday discussions. ▪ Outline product development and strategies for implementation ▪ Develop recommendations on future directions for GSS. <p><i>Drop Off Jet (5:35pm departure) for invited scientists and those making it a longer visit</i></p>
	<p>6:30-7:30pm Harvest Potluck at GCC (BYOB) for Community, Friends/Family, and Scientists</p> <p>7:30 -9 Greg Inspired Open Mic at GCC</p>			

Annie Mae (catered) with close friends and family			
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“This symposium honors the life and legacy of Gregory P. Streveler by celebrating the intersection of landscape, natural history, science, art, and humanity. Through shared observations, interdisciplinary knowledge, and thoughtful conversation, we seek to carry on Greg’s spirit of curiosity, his passion for place and his commitment to community.”

V. Budget

Narrative:

The Greg Streveler Symposium will rely on a combination of grant funding, community partnerships, and in-kind contributions to cover costs and ensure the event's success. Key partnerships with the Gustavus School, local businesses like Rusty Recordings and Sean Neilson Media, and a local non-profit, The Tidelines Institute, will provide critical support in the form of, volunteers, promotional outreach, audio and video production and archiving, and logistics. In-kind contributions, such as donated equipment or reduced rates from vendors, will further reduce expenses.

While admission to the event will be free to maximize community participation, revenue may be generated through donations or the sales of promotional items, with all proceeds reinvested into future symposia. Reimbursement-based grant elements will be tracked closely to ensure timely submission of documentation and reports, while upfront payments will be allocated where necessary to avoid delays. This multi-pronged funding approach will ensure the event is both financially sustainable and impactful for the community.

Partial Funding:

Yes, if the proposal were partially funded, the Science Symposium could still achieve several key objectives, though certain elements might need to be scaled back. For example, the core activities, such as guest speakers, workshops, and posters, could be prioritized to ensure a meaningful experience for attendees. We could focus on local speakers and facilitators to reduce costs and rely more heavily on volunteers and in-kind donations to manage logistical needs.

If necessary, some non-essential elements—such as snacks and beverages or printed promotional materials—could be replaced with simpler refreshments and unpaid digital marketing efforts. With partial funding, we would also explore additional sponsorships, vendor partnerships, or community fundraising to close any remaining budget gaps. While a reduced budget might limit the scope of the event, the primary goal of engaging the community in science education could still be achieved by focusing on the most important aspects.

Endowment Grant request
by FOGB for Greg Streveler Symposium

	Days	Amount	Total
3-day rental at GCC:	3	\$ 575.00	\$ 1,725.00
Program/flier publishing		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Coffee/snacks		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Zoom for one year		\$ 159.00	\$ 159.00
Audio support for sessions	3	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,050.00
advertising/promotion		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Annie Mae Facility Rental	3	\$ 320.00	\$ 9600.00
Luncheon		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Video Archival (in-kind donation of \$1500)			
		Total Requested	\$ 6,494.00