

# Vacations of a Different Stripe:

## Escapes that Give and Receive



- Non-Traditional Vacations
- Opportunities to Give Back
- “Voluntourism”
- Use your professional interests & skills
- Worldwide locations
- Match services
- House/Pet Sitting
- Low cost options
- Travel cautions

Vacations are important opportunities to rejuvenate. Many people use vacations to experience new lands, learn about other cultures and make new friends. Today there’s a growing interest in alternative vacations ranging from extended house sitting to “voluntourism” and many other options. Sometimes these rewarding experiences are in far off lands while other times they are in our own back yard. Hear about the possibilities and the resources available to connect.

<b>April 16, 2018 – 12:10 p.m.</b> Pierce County Annex Main Meeting Rm. 2401 S. 35 <sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma	<b>April 24, 2018 – 12:10 p.m.</b> County City Building 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Rm. 930 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma
<b>April 16, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.</b> Lakewood Branch Library 6300 Wildaire Rd., Lakewood	<b>April 24, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.</b> Summit Branch Library 5107 112 <sup>th</sup> Street E, Tacoma
<b>April 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.</b> University Place Branch Library 3609 Market Place W., UP	<b>April 28, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.</b> Pierce County Sound View Building 3602 Pacific Ave., Tacoma

Free; No RSVP; Information only  
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### Workshop Explores New Ways to “Get Away from it All”

There’s nothing more rejuvenating than a great vacation. Time away from the day-in and day-out refreshes the senses and stimulates the mind. While traditional vacations remain popular, ecotourism, voluntourism and housesitting options are gaining rapidly in appeal.

Younger adults – perhaps fresh out of high school or college – have taken advantage of “Gap Years,” either packaged or self-made options. Gap years have included serving in the Peace Corps or Vista, volunteer adventures, Road Scholar programs or just travelling on the cheap in new and challenging locations. Today older adults are making similar moves in new and creative ways.

“Vacations of a Different Stripe” is intended to provide an introduction to some of the services and programs and do-it-yourself options for non-traditional vacation experiences. These travel experiences are designed for seniors, singles, couples and families. This presentation will whet your appetite for travel and inspire you with alternatives around the world.

“Many people today are looking for more than a traditional, resort-based vacation,” said Aaron Van Valkenburg, Manager of Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources. “Some alternatives involve physical labor, skills or professional experience while others are much more “relaxing.” Spending a few days, a week or more volunteering, working in cities or in the countryside, here in the U.S. or in far off lands, can yield unimaginable benefits.”

“Vacations of a Different Stripe” will be presented six times in April.

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These presentations are offered by the Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center. They are informational only and participants will receive a variety of travel resources. The workshops are free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. For more information about the presentation, call (253) 798-4600.

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