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Annual Conservation Breakfast Breaks Records

Gov. Inslee Honors Eric Erler with Environmental Excellence Award

Capitol Land Trust's 9th Conservation Breakfast, held February 12, 2013, broke both attendance and fund-raising records for this annual event. Some 500 people gathered to celebrate conservation in southwest Washington, raising more than \$64,700 for Capitol Land Trust's work.

Special guest Governor Jay Inslee surprised Executive Director Eric Erler with an environmental excellence award from the Washington Department of Ecology. Eric was awarded for "exceptional contributions to conservation and protection of shorelines, estuaries, and natural resources in Mason, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties."

Governor Inslee commented that, "Without Eric's dedication, local communities would not have achieved nearly 5,000 acres of lands conserved in Mason, Thurston and Grays Harbor Counties for the benefit of fish and wildlife. Eric embodies Capitol Land Trust's mission of maintaining the coexistence of people, wildlife and the natural habitats that sustain us all."

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Protected Area Along Deschutes River Grows

By Lisa Johnson

Just south of Olympia, there is a special stretch of the Deschutes River that still boasts an intact natural shoreline and forested uplands, providing refuge for a diversity of wildlife. Together with landowners Rich and Sharon Stewart, Capitol Land Trust permanently conserved this unique 44-acre property by placing a conservation easement on it in 1994.

When the neighboring 59-acre undeveloped property came up for sale in late 2011(?) Rich Stewart contacted Capitol Land Trust about the possibility of acquiring it. Thanks to the generosity of the Stewart family and a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Capitol Land Trust was able to acquire this spectacular riverfront property!

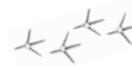
The newly acquired Stewart-Deschutes Preserve is just north of the original Stewart Conservation Easement, and conserves another 1,800 feet of main-stem Deschutes River along its western edge. Unlike much of the South Puget Sound Deschutes watershed, which spans 166 square miles, both the Stewart Easement and the new Preserve remain forested with relatively undisturbed shoreline. The properties' extensive riparian buffer and stable banks provide shade and limit sedimentation entering the river. All of the overhanging vegetation on the river

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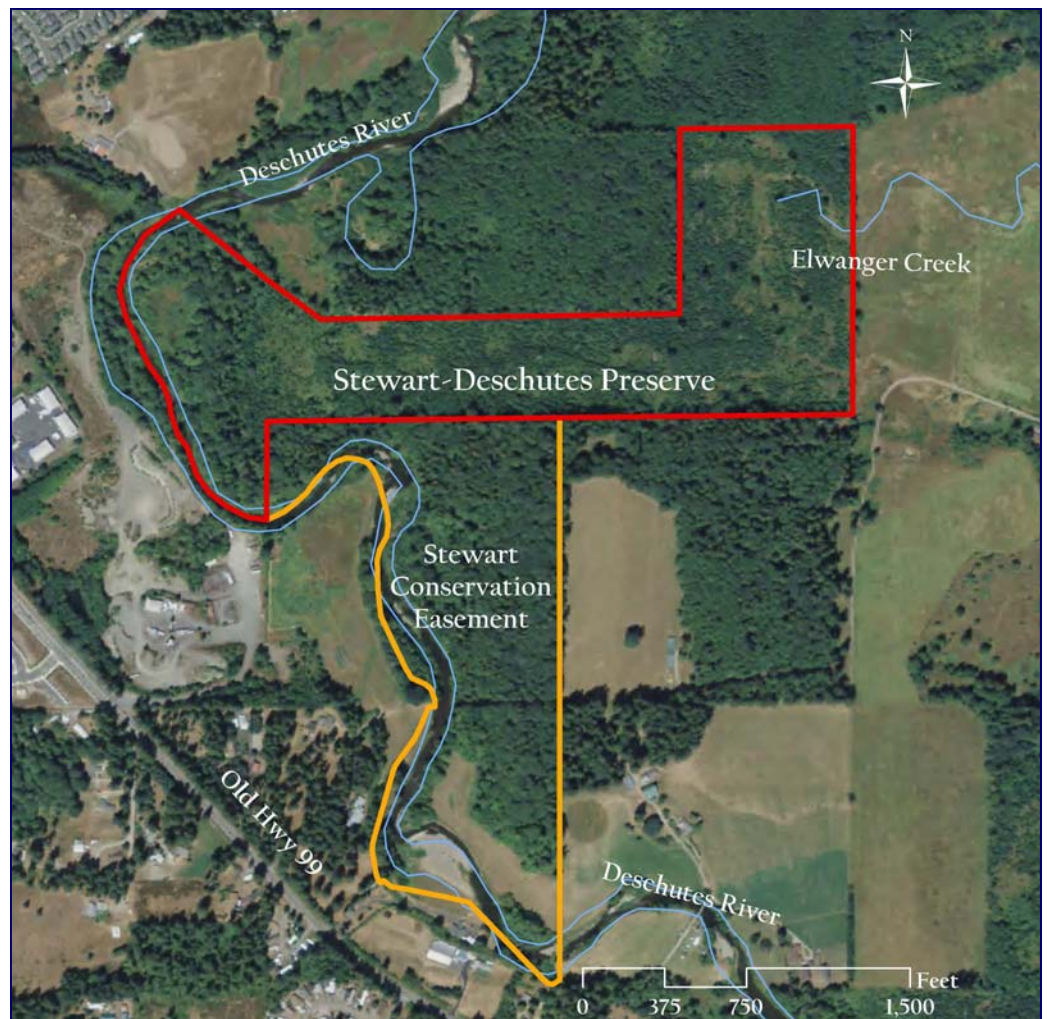
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bank keeps the water cool, drops leaf litter that supports the aquatic food chain, and provides large woody debris that not only slows the flow of the river down, but creates habitat niches. All these things are critical to a healthy watershed with high water quality.

The new Stewart-Deschutes Preserve is not only an important conservation property but is also steeped in local history. Rich Stewart bought “the 44,” as he calls the Stewart Easement, back in 1985. It is next door to the Ockfen farm where Rich spent many carefree days as a child with his Aunt Barb, Uncle Pete and cousin Ken. “My aunt, uncle and cousin were able to earn a living with 22 jersey cows, some chickens and a garden,” says Rich. From his home in Seattle, Rich would take the milk truck down to Olympia to stay at the farm on weekends. “I didn’t like being indoors,” he says. He learned to hunt and fish with his uncle, and camped by the river on summer nights.

The Ockfen farm is still working today, run by Deb and Mel Lowe, who took over management for the Ockfens in 1980. The Stewart-Deschutes Preserve and the Stewart “44” buffer the farm on two sides. Rich would like both people and wildlife to enjoy the quiet, undisturbed beauty. He still visits and frequently walks the trails to see his favorite spots, including a 10-foot diameter cedar snag left from a turn-of-the-century fire.

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Part of the Stewart-Deschutes Preserve is riparian forest containing a broad diversity of trees including Oregon ash, bigleaf maple, western redcedar, Douglas-fir and red alder. The remaining 45 acres is in the river's floodplain, which regularly overflows its banks. Replanted after being logged in 1995, it is primarily Douglas-fir, with western redcedar

Stewart-Deschutes Preserve



Carlin Guthrie

and red alder interspersed throughout. As this new forest matures, it will provide the river with the needed large woody debris, like Rich's cedar, and lessen erosive sediment transport into the river.

Though Tumwater Falls acts as a natural barrier to fish migration, the Deschutes has supported salmon and other anadromous species since a fish ladder was constructed in 1954. Self-sufficient spawning populations of coho and chum salmon, as well as cutthroat and steelhead trout from the Deschutes, constitute a substantial portion of South Puget Sound sport and Indian Treaty fisheries. The wide riparian buffer and off-channel habitat found on the Preserve are essential for spawning and rearing, and for providing refuge for juvenile and adult salmonids during peak river flows.

The property also supports a wide variety of wildlife, including deer, black bear, fox, bobcat, coyote and more. Landbirds such as ruffed grouse, northern flicker, woodpeckers and red-tailed hawk are plentiful.

Thank You Project Partners:

Recreation & Conservation Office, WA State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, Rich & Sharon Stewart, Squaxin Island Tribe, WRIA 13 Lead Entity and ADESA, LLC

Both the Stewart Easement and Preserve are located in an area facing residential and industrial development pressure from all sides, making acquisition and conservation of this ecosystem vital to maintaining water quality of the Deschutes River and the fish and wildlife that depend on it. Rich Stewart and his family's deep connection to this land has been crucial to its preservation, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Rich and his wife now live on a small farm in Mount Vernon where they are "learning how to live a wholesome life." ❧

Lisa Johnson is a family physician and member of Capitol Land Trust.

Receiving a 110% Tax Benefit for Your Donation to Capitol Land Trust

By Matthew Jarvis

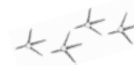
While "giving it 110%" is a tired (and illogical) motivational line, when it comes to the IRS and your donations to Capitol Land Trust, it is possible to receive a tax benefit exceeding the amount of your donation.

Let's say you are planning to make a \$5,000 donation to Capitol Land Trust. If you make this donation with a check, you will generally be allowed to deduct the entire donation on "Schedule A" of your tax return. If instead you donated \$5,000 of Apple stock, for which you had paid \$2,500, not only would you receive a \$5,000 deduction, but you would have avoided reporting \$2,500 of capital gains.

In this example you would have received a 150% tax benefit (\$7,500) for your donation. This strategy works for almost any investment that you have owned for more than 12 months, including real estate and partial business interests. Gifts of investments can be made directly to Capitol Land Trust or be facilitated through a Donor Advised Fund such as those offered by Schwab, Fidelity and several community foundations.

Regardless of its structure, your donation to Capitol Land Trust will directly support conserving essential natural areas and working lands. Please consult a qualified financial planner and/or accountant to learn more about this strategy.

Matthew Jarvis is a partner at Jarvis Financial and actively supports numerous community organizations.



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Capitol Land Trust Conservation Award recipients this year were Jean Takekawa and John Konovsky. Jean is the recently retired Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Manager. She was recognized for her years of service BLAH BLAH Eric insert text here.

Squaxin Island Tribe Environmental Program Manager John Konovsky was honored for his years of service on Capitol Land Trust's board of directors and BLAH BLAH Eric insert text here.

Olympic National Park Public Affairs Officer Barb Maynes rounded out the morning with a fascinating presentation on the Elwha restoration project taking place on the Olympic Peninsula. The largest dam removal project in U.S. history, restoration of the Elwha River has had profound effects on the ecosystem and the myriad of species that live there, including humans. To find out more about the Elwha and what is happening there, please visit www.nps.gov/olym/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm. ☼



Gene Pardee

Special Guest
Governor Jay Inslee



Gene Pardee

Ralph Munro, Eric Erler &
Conservation Award Recipient
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Recipient
Jean Takekawa

Chum Salmon Find a Haven at Allison Springs

By Chris Maynard

Allison Springs, located at the southern end of lower Eld Inlet, is an ideal place for fall spawning chum salmon. This is because the Springs supply a steady flow of fresh water, away from the scouring damage caused by high waters in McLane Creek during winter rainstorms. Chum are our most abundant salmon in the South Sound. Because of Capitol Land Trust's work to restore Allison Springs, the chum are even more prolific.

I became interested in the lower Eld Inlet/Mud Bay area 25 years ago. The WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife used to rear and release juvenile king salmon using Allison Springs water. When the up-to 40-pound adult fish returned, I seemed to be the only one who fished for them below Mud Bay Road. That is, besides an old-timer who occasionally showed up with a stout rod and a large treble hook. At low tide, I would spot a swirl in one of the shallow pools and maneuver through the mud to offer a shrimp, practically placing it in the salmon's mouth. It almost felt illegal and I kept my fishing spot secret. The fish were in silvery good condition and quite tasty. That went away when the City of Olympia took over the water rights for the Springs and fish culture there was abandoned. With the recent restoration, adult chum quickly found and used Allison Springs.

These days in Southern Puget Sound, chum salmon spawn in the fall. Unlike silver, sockeye, steelhead, and king salmon, they don't jump to negotiate falls and log jams but can only swim over obstacles. So here they seek the lower parts of the creeks for suitable gravel to lay their eggs. In the lowest reaches of South Sound creeks, they spawn almost into the muddy salt-water estuaries.

The gravel these fish need does not have to be totally free of muck because the fish clean it out with their tails. But to be successful, they need a certain amount of current. The flowing water both carries away the sediment and brings in oxygen for the eggs that the adult females bury deep in the gravel.

How quickly the pea-sized eggs hatch depends on how warm or cold the winter months are. However, at Allison Springs, the water temperature remains



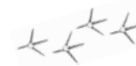
Male Chum Salmon, *Oncorhynchus keta*

Chris Maynard

constant so the timing of the hatch should be the same from year to year. When the tiny fish hatch the yolks are still attached. They spend a little while in the gravel getting used to life until they absorb their yolks. Then they emerge en masse and head directly to the estuaries where salt meets fresh water.

At low tide in March or April, if you walk down below the Mud Bay bridge and look carefully at the water a couple of feet from the shore, you are likely to see thousands of juvenile chum salmon less than an inch long, pointing their noses into the current. They are feeding on tiny creatures that have in turn been nourished by the decomposing bodies of the young chum salmon's parents. Soon they will move further into the bay to begin their lives in the ocean. In three or four years, most of the survivors will return. ☼

Chris Maynard works both as a self-employed artist and for the WA Dept. of Ecology's Water Resource Program. He has a passion for all life, especially fish and birds - which shows in his artwork-with-feathers world.



Capitol Land Trust Applies for Accreditation

By Caitlin Guthrie

Capitol Land Trust is engaged in the application process to secure national accreditation. The accreditation program, run by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands in perpetuity. The Commission is an independent program of the national Land Trust Alliance (LTA).

Accreditation provides public recognition of land trusts that are engaged in the long-term protection of land in the public interest. It increases public awareness of, and confidence in, land trusts and habitat conservation. The accreditation seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation - recognizing organizations for meeting national standards for excellence, upholding the public trust and ensuring that conservation efforts are permanent.

Bonnie Bunning, Capitol Land Trust Board President, sums up our reasons for seeking accreditation as follows: "accreditation is an important step for the Trust, as it will not only help the organization reduce risk by tuning up its processes and standards, but will give assurance to others – members, donors, grantors, and sponsors – that their investment in our organization is a solid one."

Since the accreditation program started in 2007, 201 of the nation's approximately 1,700 land trusts have been accredited. Capitol Land Trust hopes to be next!

To qualify, we have worked many hours over the past several years. We have established and revised over 20 policies, reaffirming that our fiscal, administrative and land stewardship standards meet the highest standards. In our application for accreditation, we must demonstrate how we implement those policies.

The process has strengthened Capitol Land Trust and the recognition of accreditation will be one of the most important accomplishments of the Land Trust over its 26 year history. ☼

Public Notice of Application for Accreditation

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Capitol Land Trust is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Capitol Land Trust complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/tips-and-tools/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit comments on Capitol Land Trust's application, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed, emailed or mailed to:

Land Trust Accreditation Commission
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Please submit comments by June 2, 2013. ☼

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*Caitlin Guthrie is Capitol Land Trust's
Program Excellence Coordinator.*

Board Transitions

FAREWELL to JOHN KONOVSKY



We sadly bid adieu to John Konovsky, a member of our Board of Directors since 2006 and a supporter for much longer. After many years of working on conservation issues in the South Sound, most recently with the Squaxin Island Tribe, John has relocated to British Columbia. John is now developing and implementing plans to conserve important biological and cultural features in the traditional territory of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation which extends from Howe Sound to Boundary Bay and is centered in Burrard Inlet in the greater metropolitan Vancouver area. His partner Don hopes to join John up north within the year. John's significant contributions both to Capitol Land Trust and to land conservation in southwest Washington cannot be understated. He will be greatly missed! ❧

WELCOME to BILL CARLSON

We are delighted to have Bill Carlson as a newly appointed member of the Board of Directors. Bill grew up on Bainbridge Island on the homestead of his great grandfather. Surrounded by forestlands, he became enamored with trees, eventually pursuing a career as a tree physiologist. Bill received a BS in forest management from the University of Washington. He also holds a MS and PhD from The Ohio State University in tree physiology and developmental anatomy. Recently retired, Bill worked in the forest industry for 35 years, the last 30 of which were with Weyerhaeuser. He holds 25 US Patents.

Besides serving on Capitol Land Trust's board of directors, Bill is working to preserve the family farm he grew up on. He is also on the board of Swedish Finn Historical Society, and is a past member of the Bainbridge Island Forestry Commission. Bill is an avid kayaker and hiker. He is a strong supporter of shoreline protection and would like to see more working lands conserved. ❧

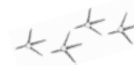


WELCOME to EMMETT DOBEY

Emmett Dobey has been involved with Capitol Land Trust for almost 12 years while working with the City of Olympia and Mason County. Most recently, he was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Board of Directors. Welcome Emmett! Emmett is a transplant to the Pacific Northwest from Oklahoma; moving to the Oregon coast early in his career as a land use planner and natural resource manager.

Emmett holds a BS in Biology and a MS in Environmental Science. His work opportunities have taken him from Oklahoma to Oregon, to the Music City (Nashville Tennessee), to Shelton and Olympia. He currently works for the Washington State Association of Counties. His work experiences have focused on city and rural planning, preparing for climate change, solid waste management, water quality protection, and helping communities become more sustainable. He hikes, bikes, sails, fishes, and is devoted to University of Oklahoma football in the fall. Emmett believes the knowledge he gained during his years working with local governments and his strong interest in sustainability will assist the Land Trust in building the relationships necessary to meet its mission. ❧





Legacy Members Tour Twin Rivers Ranch



By Tom Terry

Each year Capitol Land Trust hosts a special field trip for Legacy Members. Our most recent outing was held last November at Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve. Legacy Members include those who have donated easements or properties to Capitol Land Trust or have included Capitol Land Trust in their estate plans.

The odds were against us from a weather standpoint, but the sixteen Legacy Members that joined staff and Board members at Twin Rivers Ranch last fall were not deterred. The day threatened to be a typical cold and wet Pacific Northwest experience, but as we gathered, the early-morning fog lifted, the clouds opened and sunshine streamed across the marsh, estuary, creeks, surrounding woodlands and fields!

Bald eagles were perched nearby in tall Douglas-firs along Cranberry Creek, watching for spent salmon that had spawned below. Chum salmon (and a few Chinook) were holding in deep pools and then moving upstream to fulfill their life-ending cycle of spawning and renewal.

Eric Erler (Executive Director), John Konovsky (Board Member) and Guy Maguire (Stewardship & Restoration Coordinator) provided Legacy Members with the history and ecological significance of the Ranch. They talked about the many project partners who helped the Trust purchase the Ranch, the generosity and foresight of the Rohde family who wanted their land conserved, and the importance of protecting this unique landscape at the head of Oakland Bay. Members also toured the ongoing restoration projects on the property. A delicious hot lunch topped off the tour. We went home inspired that we were part of such great work.

Our next Legacy Member outing is a tour of the Wynne Farm in beautiful Schneider Creek Valley. The trip takes place Saturday, July 20, 2013. Legacy Mem-

bers will be notified when the planning details are complete. If you have included Capitol Land Trust in your estate plans, please let us know so you can join us on this special outing. ☼

Tom Terry is on Capitol Land Trust's Board of Directors and serves as Board Secretary.

Why I'm a Legacy Member

By Dorothy Gist

I'm hoping to live to 125 and die happily riding my bike off a cliff as my bank account hits \$0. But since that is highly unlikely, I decided to share my estate with my three kids and my two favorite organizations. I chose Capitol Land Trust because it works to protect land and habitat into perpetuity. I appreciate that my savings will be used to maintain beautiful natural areas in this community that I love. I imagine that someday a great, great grandchild may walk CLT land on the shores of Totten Inlet and be charmed by its beauty and be inspired to protect the world she's living in. She may be able to enjoy abundant examples of formerly rare plant and animal life.



Another reason I selected Capitol Land Trust is because I have observed their efficient and effective use of funds - how they use donations to multiply their value by obtaining grants and cooperative agreements with a large number of other organizations. They know how to make my donor dollars reproduce like bunnies.

Capitol Land Trust is named in my will and is listed as a beneficiary of an investment account. It was easy to do. I hope other members will do the same. ☼

Dorothy Gist has been of member of Capitol Land Trust since 1997.

Carnivorous Plant Thrives in Protected Bog

By Guy Maguire

The phrase “bogged down” is a common way of saying something is stuck or hard to move. This phrase originates from the word “bog,” (Irish/Gaelic in origin, meaning soft), a highly distinctive type of wetland. Also known as a muskeg, mire, or quagmire, a bog is characterized by peat, which is a deposit of dead plant material. Bogs are saturated with water, which creates anaerobic (low oxygen) conditions in the soil, limiting plant fertility and slowing the process of decay. These conditions lead to the formation of layer upon layer of peat, sometimes up to 20 feet deep!

Bogs occur all around the world, mostly in the northern hemisphere. Because of the specialized conditions in bogs, they provide habitat for many endemic plant and animal species, and are important for global biodiversity. However, because peat is a valuable source of fuel, peat bogs are mined worldwide to produce energy. Bogs are also commonly removed to provide land for agriculture, and the peat is harvested for use as a gardening supplement.

In southwest Washington, we are lucky to have a few remaining bogs, including the Springer Lake bog, preserved by Capitol Land Trust in 1998. This bog grows out from the edge of the lake, slowly spreading in mats over the water. This type of bog is called a quaking bog, or schwingmoor, meaning “swinging moor” because of the way the ground sways and buckles when you walk on it.

I first visited the bog at Springer Lake Preserve during an annual monitoring visit to the Preserve, and as we walked out on a downed tree to get an up-close view of the bog, we noticed a small red plant growing thickly throughout the spongy turf. Upon closer inspection, we found it to be a species of *Drosera*, or sundew, known for its ability to catch and eat insects. The plant has evolved sticky glands on each paddle-shaped leaf, covered in sweet mucilage, which draws in flies and other insects looking for a meal. Sundew plants can actually “sense” when something is touching them, and will curl to completely enclose the insect as quickly as possible, sometimes in as little as five minutes! Perhaps not lightening speed, but for a plant it’s quite a feat. As it curls, the sundew excretes a cocktail of chemicals that liquefy the insect and release the nutrients to be absorbed by the leaf surface.

Though the global population of *Drosera* species is relatively healthy, various countries and states within the U.S.A. have listed them as endangered or threatened because of the rapid loss of their only habitat: bogs. To learn more about bogs and the unique species like sundew that inhabit them, Capitol Land Trust will be hosting a field trip to the Springer Lake Preserve this June. See page 13 for more details. ☼

Guy Maguire is Capitol Land Trust’s Stewardship & Restoration Coordinator



Drosera rotundifolia



Springer Lake Bog

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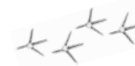
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✿ CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! ✿

You are needed! Capitol Land Trust's Summer Gala is fast approaching and volunteers are what make this annual event fun, successful and even possible! Make this summer a memorable one by helping put on one of the region's signature events! Listed below are just a few of the areas where volunteers are needed. If you don't see something that interests you, let us know and we will work with you to find something that suits you.

✿ AUCTION

Volunteers needed to solicit and collect auction donations, create auction program and bid sheets, manage the set-up of the auction at the event and the distribution of goods once they are purchased.

✿ FOOD & DRINK

Volunteers needed to solicit and collect food and drink donations. This includes a variety of food for appetizers and dessert, as well as coffee, soda, beer and wine. Volunteers also needed to coordinate/create the appetizer menu and table set-up, including food preparation. Volunteers needed to serve dinner, and prep and serve dessert.

✿ MARKETING

Volunteers needed to run the marketing campaign for the Summer Gala. This includes helping design the invitation, ads and posters, working with local media, maximizing social and internet marketing, and exploring new ways to expand event attendance.

✿ LOGISTICS

Volunteers needed to manage equipment rentals, on-site set-up and layout of the event, waste management, registration, ticket collection and more.



Discounted Summer Gala tickets are available to volunteers who commit to donate a minimum of eight hours of time. Free admission to the Gala is reserved for those volunteers working the event. Contact Kathleen Ackley today to learn more and get involved: (360) 943-3012, kathleen@capitollandtrust.org. ❄

Upcoming Events

Earth Day at Oakland Bay Historical Park

Join us in celebrating Earth Day at the new Oakland Bay Historical Park! This family-friendly event features local resource agencies, community groups and citizens coming together to enjoy and learn more about the wondrous natural resources found in Mason County. We will also be celebrating the grand opening of Oakland Bay Historical Park. There will be food and drink from local vendors as well as free demonstrations and field trips. The park will be open from dawn to dusk on Saturdays and Sundays after April 21st.



Terry Liberty

WHAT: Earth Day on Oakland Bay celebrating the grand opening of Oakland Bay Historical Park

WHEN: Sunday April 21, 2013, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

WHERE: Oakland Bay Historical Park, 1570 E Agate Bay Road, Shelton

For more information on Oakland Bay and for a schedule of the day's events, please visit:

http://www.co.mason.wa.us/oakland_bay/. This event is cosponsored by WSU Extension Mason County, Capitol Land Trust and the Mason County Parks and Trails Department. ☼

Capitol Land Trust Annual Meeting

Enjoy appetizers and drinks while exploring the beautiful 28,000 square foot Hands On Children's Museum and its 150 whimsical exhibits! We'll have the museum to ourselves for the evening. Once you've had your fill, we'll be taking you on a visual tour of Capitol Land Trust's 2012 successes, and sharing our current stewardship activities and conservation projects. You'll also elect candidates to the Board of Directors. This is your chance to meet with staff and board, provide valuable input, ask questions and share your thoughts. We hope to see you there!

WHAT: Capitol Land Trust Annual Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday April 23, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Hands On Children's Museum, 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia

RSVP: quita@capitollandtrust.org, (360) 943-3012

Exploring the Unique Flora & Fauna of Bogs

Spend an enjoyable morning with Capitol Land Trust at the Springer Lake Preserve in south Thurston County. Springer Lake is home to a rare quaking or swinging bog. We'll show you some of the unusual plants and animals that call the bog home, such as the carnivorous sundew (*Drosera*) and the rare metallic-colored Beller's ground beetle (*Agonum belleri*). We'll have a bird expert on hand to help identify birds we see along the way.

WHAT: Exploring the Unique Flora & Fauna of Bogs

WHEN: Saturday June 22, 2013, 9:00 AM to Noon

WHERE: Springer Lake Preserve, Olympia

RSVP: guyum@capitollandtrust.org, (360) 943-3012

You'll receive more information about the trip, including driving directions, when you sign up. ☼

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Capitol Land Trust's Annual Summer Gala

Saturday August 10, 2013
4:00 to 8:00 PM
at Helsing Junction Farm



With
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**Lynn
Brunelle**

**Don't miss this annual celebration featuring local food,
drink, live music, farm tours, an auction and more!**

This year's special guest is four-time Emmy Award-winning writer for "Bill Nye the Science Guy," Lynn Brunelle. An editor, illustrator, and award-winning author of over 45 titles, Lynn has created, developed and written projects for Chronicle, Workman, National Geographic, Scholastic, Random House, Penguin, A&E, The Discovery Channel, Disney, ABC TV, NPR, The Annenberg Foundation, World Almanac, Cranium and PBS.

Lynn's educational projects range from Cranium board games and the popular Brainquest series to Pop Bottle Science and "Travels to the Edge with Art Wolfe," a PBS television series. A regular contributor to Martha Stewart Radio and NPR's Science Friday, she is the creator of Table-top Science—videos that make science fun and accessible.

Tickets to this 21-and-over only event will be on sale early July. ☼