

Registration Deadline
Monday, July 29th



Leelanau Conservancy Annual Friends Picnic & Auction

Thursday, August 1st, 5 P.M.
Ruby Ellen Farm
In Bingham Township



The Day's Events

Pre-Picnic field trips beginning at various times
See Field Trips page.

- 5 pm - Social hour and Silent Auction bidding
 - Appetizers made from local products created by area chefs
 - Leelanau wines
 - Kid's Tent with activities for ages 3-12
- 6 pm - Picnic dinner: A local foods menu!
- 7 pm - Heads and Tails for Leelanau Local Doorprize
 - Awards
 - President's Paddle Raise
 - Special 25th Anniversary Presentation

Join us!

25
YEARS

Celebrating our
living legacy



About the 2013 Auction

Thanks to so many of our members, we have a great auction on tap! This year's event offers more opportunities than ever before for friends and family to get together to share great meals, visit wonderful places, and experience the best Leelanau has to offer. Get your group together now to bid on items that you just can't buy anywhere else! Our online auction site (see link on our website: www.leelanauconservancy.org) has a great "email this page to a friend" feature so that assembling your "syndicate" and gathering friends to bid together is easy. Plan now to have fun for a great cause. If you cannot come to the picnic, you may still win auction items by placing a proxy bid online or by calling our office to place your bid (231-256-9665).

Have Fun, Help a Great Cause! Over 120 items, here's just a sampling!

- Day of birding and lunch with Ed and Linda Ketterer
- Birdlover's gift basket
- Morel hunt with Leif Sporck and dinner in your home with chef Abra Berens of Bare Knuckle Farms
- Pennsylvania Amish quilt
- Becky Thatcher Blue Stone Bracelet
- 3 nights for 4-6 at a Manhattan penthouse overlooking the Empire State Building
- One week stay in the Omena Bay summer home of Sally Viskochil
- Lake Michigan salmon fishing with Halley McDonald
- Boat tours on Lake Leelanau and Glen Lake
- Four course dinner and wine overlooking the Manitowish with Ellen Mershon
- Argentina cooking class with tango lessons with Martha Ryan
- Charlie Hall gourmet dinner for 10
- 6-course dinner with local wines for 24 with Epicure Catering
- Pastapalooza cooking class for 6 at Funistrata
- Cider and small plates for 8 at Tandem Cider
- Artwork by many local artists
- Lunch around Leelanau - gift certificates for every month!
- Dinner and beer tasting in the hopyard at New Mission Organics
- House in the Italian Alps for 4 for a week
- Steelcase "Think Chair"
- Carpet cleaning, storage bay for a year, fishing flies
- Handmade handbags, jewelry, pillow, baby items and more!
- Retired M-22 sign
- Zingerman's gift certificate and newlywed pantry starter basket
- Get a conducting lesson, then conduct the Northport Community Band!
- Golf for 4 at the Kingsley Club
- Gannon Creek Garden Bench

Picnic Registration

Advanced registration ends Monday, July 29th
After July 29th, ticket price goes up \$5.

You may register online until July 29th at leelanauconservancy.org, or mail this form so that we receive it no later than July 30th, or register by phone (231) 256-9665. Registration is limited and on a first-come basis. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPEDITE YOUR AUCTION CHECKOUT PLEASE PROVIDE A CREDIT CARD WE MAY KEEP ON FILE.**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (where you will be July 28-Aug.8) _____

Email _____

Please register:

_____ adults & children 12 & over at \$30 each (after July 29th \$35 each)

_____ children under 12 who want to go through the regular food line (\$10)

_____ children under 12 who want to eat in Kid's Tent: PBJ, snacks, & juice. (\$5)

If you would like for your child to participate in the Kid's Tent, please provide a cell phone number _____ for our Tent Supervisor.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the Leelanau Conservancy

Please charge my _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover

Card # _____

Exp date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

_____**TO EXPEDITE MY CHECKOUT, PLEASE USE THIS CREDIT CARD FOR MY AUCTION PURCHASES OR PRESIDENTS PADDLE RAISE**

Cardholder name _____ Phone _____

Signature (required) _____

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION (see pg 3 for detailed descriptions)

attending _____ 3:00 pm Winery Tour on Protected Lands

attending _____ 3:00 pm Clay Cliffs Hike

attending _____ 3:00 pm Ruby Ellen & Surrounding Farms Tour

attending _____ 3:00 pm Meet DeYoung Farmers & Tasting Local Food

attending _____ 3:15 pm Green Fire Movie at MSU Hort Station

attending _____ 3:30 pm Ruby Ellen Farm Wagon Tour

attending _____ 6:00 pm Kid's Farm Scavenger Hunt

Pre-Picnic Field Trips

Explore, learn, get to know your Conservancy Staff and Docents!

3:00pm Winery Tour on Protected Land

Join Yarrow Wolfe, Manager of our Conservation Easement program, for a fun and informative tour of two wineries which are protected with private conservation easements. The L Mawby Vineyards, preserved in 2009 and Crain Hill Vineyards, preserved as part of the old Stanek Cherry Farm in 2003. You will learn about how the land was permanently protected, learn how they became locations for vineyards, and get a private tour by Larry Mawby and Robert Brengman (Crain Hill). Meet at Crain Hill Vineyard on South Center Highway. (30 people max)

3:00pm Ruby Ellen & Surrounding Farms Tour

The Ruby Ellen Farm was the first farmland project of the Leelanau Conservancy. Join the board members of Ruby Ellen Farm Foundation and the Conservancy's Executive Director, Brian Price, for an educational walk around this beautiful property and surrounding protected farms. Meet at the farm/picnic site at 3:00 pm. (60 people max)

3:00pm Meet the DeYoung Farmers and Local Food Tasting

Staffers Jenee Rowe and Tom Nelson, along with our new farmers at the DeYoung Natural Area and neighboring Cherry Bend Farm Market, will welcome you to this multifaceted tour. Learn all about permaculture farming—a fruit centered guild method of growing food. Meet the spirited ducks and chickens that are a part of this operation. Hike our new $\frac{3}{4}$ mile farm trail loop, taste heirloom tomatoes and hear about Conservancy's farm preservation efforts. Meet at the DeYoung Natural Area and park by farm buildings on the west side of Cherry Bend Road. (60 people max)

3:00pm Hike Clay Cliffs

This gorgeous property is sandwiched between Lake Leelanau and Lake Michigan, containing 105 acres of diverse habitat including spectacular clay bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, mature hardwood forests, open fields, unique wetlands, and a variety of birds and wildlife. The Conservancy is in the final stages of acquiring this property

with Leland Township, and is eager to open it to the public as a new Natural Area. Staffers Matt Heiman and Sarah Cook will guide hikers on an exploration of the unique habitat types and features of the property. Expect to do some hill-climbing and light hiking off trail. Meet at Leland Public Schools in the North parking lot near the performing arts center to carpool to the property. (60 people max)

3:15pm Green Fire Movie Showing

The first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold, Green Fire highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the way we think about land and our relationship with it. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. This 73-minute movie will be shown at the MSU Horticultural Research Station, (50 people max) with 20 minute discussion led by Conservancy Director Brian Price to follow. www.greenfiremovie.com

3:30pm Ruby Ellen Wagon Tour

Join the former and present Directors of the NW Michigan Horticultural Research Station, Jim Nugent, Ph.D., and Nikki Rothwell, Ph.D. for an informative and entertaining wagon tour of the beautiful, forever-preserved Ruby Ellen Farm and surrounding area. Jim is a member of the Conservancy's Board of Directors and has decades of experience in fruit farming and the cherry industry. Nikki and her husband, Dan, own and operate Tandem Ciders in Suttons Bay Township. You could not pick a more scenic setting to learn about the science and business of fruit farming in Leelanau. Meet at the farm. This tour is not to be missed! (25 people max)

6:00 pm Kid's Farm Scavenger Hunt

Sign your kids up to hunt for treasures around the farm while you attend the picnic. These short hikes will leave from and return to the Kid's Tent. Remember those brown paper bag scavenger hunts from your childhood? Staffer Jenee Rowe and Docent Ann McInnis will lead kids on a grand farm adventure. (40 kids max)

Know Before You Go...

New This Year!

Personal bidders: Don't want to bother with bidding? Prefer to relax at your table, or can't come to the event at all? We'll provide you with your own personal bidder who will phone or text you during the evening to make sure you get what you want!

Expedited Checkout: Want to head out after our Special Program? Leave a credit card on file to speed up your checkout. If you prefer, you can even go home and pick up your items at our office on Friday.

Heads and Tails

Be in your seat at the start of the program for a fun game and chance to win our fabulous Leelanau Local Doorprize. This was a big hit last year!

President's Paddle Raise

During this fun event our President, Steve Martineau, will ask for a show of paddles to support our land protection efforts. This is a meaningful way for you to demonstrate your love for Leelanau County and inspire others too!

Just for Kids!

Bring the whole family! Fun activities are planned for children ages 3 to 12 in our Kids Tent. Art, crafts, Legos and nature activities, all supervised by staff from the Leelanau Children's Center. Bring a cell phone if you plan to leave your child. There are two meal choices for kids; see registration form.

Thanks, Appetizer Chefs!

Taste a little bit of Leelanau via our talented chefs. See which chefs/restaurants will be present by visiting the Picnic page of our website.

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View the auction online.

Follow the link on our website: www.leelanauconservancy.org

Directions to the Picnic

The picnic site is located at the historic Rex Dobson Ruby Ellen Farm, 5946 South Center Highway (Co. Rd. 633) in Bingham Township. Follow the Leelanau Conservancy signs directing you to the parking area.



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