



# Leelanau Conservancy

*Conserving the Land, Water and  
Scenic Character of Leelanau County*

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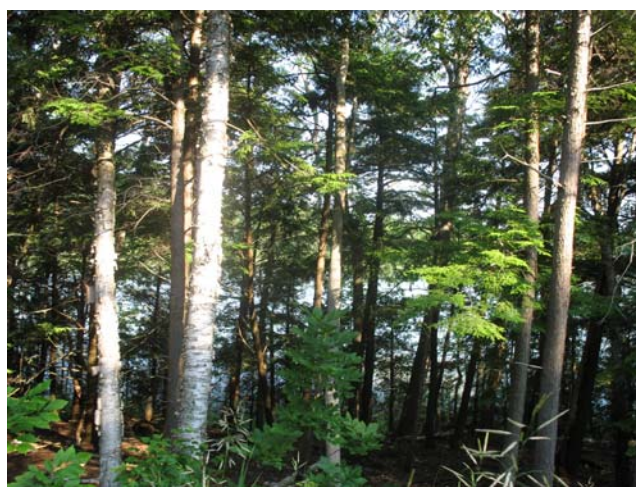
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## **PRESERVING A SENSE OF PLACE.... DUCK LAKE CORNER FOREVER PROTECTED**

The place known today as Duck Lake Corner has forever been preserved through purchase of a conservation easement.\* This junction, where M-22 and M-204 converge and Duck Lake shimmers through the trees beyond, is one of those, "phew, we're almost there" kind of places. Thousands of cars stop and go at this T-shaped intersection each day—particularly in summer. For weary travelers coming north on vacation, just one more turn means they're getting ever closer to beloved destinations like Leland or Glen Arbor.

It's also a locale that is prime for a gas station or convenience store. That won't happen, thanks to owner Kay Osborne, who recently acquired full interest in the land after her mother's passing. It has long been Kay's dream to keep this landmark property along the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route looking the same as it has since her mother vacationed there as a child. We had identified this area as a special place to protect over 10 years ago, but for one reason or another, plans were never finalized.

Then last year, Kay invited us to revisit the idea of permanently protecting some of the land with a conservation easement. The Conservancy was thrilled to have the opportunity

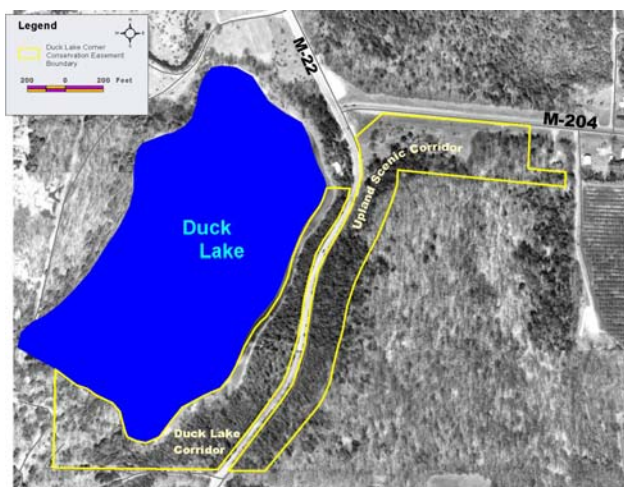


to work with her. The easement covers 23 acres and two distinct areas. (see map) The Upland Scenic Highway Corridor takes in 12 acres along M-22 (200 feet deep) and M-204 (300 feet deep). The easement protects the highway from any future development.

The land that borders Duck Lake is about 11 acres of mostly wetland with some dry pockets of white cedar and red maple forest. Permanent protection of this portion of the property will ensure that 2,300 feet of Duck Lake's 5,100 feet of shoreline will remain a sanctuary for several species of frogs, turtles and waterfowl nesting along the shore. This unique lake on the fringe of the Lake Leelanau watershed drains into Lake Michigan and receives its water from a seep flowing from the forested hillside to the east.

Protecting the forested land along the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route and sensitive Duck Lake shoreline was a win-win for the community and for Kay's dream of preserving the sense of place here. If you would like to contribute to this and future projects to protect more of this critical intersection, contact Development Director Anne Shoup to learn more about our Duck Lake Corner Preservation Fund.

\*See box on What is a Conservation Easement on page 11.





## President's Message

### GIFTS THAT LAST

Warren Buffett recently announced his intention to begin giving away 85% of his wealth, currently estimated at \$44 billion. The majority of this gift was made to The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This generosity will have a worldwide impact for years to come.



Here at home, Conservancy supporters embrace this same giving spirit. A similarly unique gift recently made a powerful impact on the Leelanau Conservancy. A woman who lived near Cedar Lake and enjoyed fishing near the DeYoung Property – we'll call her "Jane" – quietly decided to name the Leelanau Conservancy in her will, gifting her home and 20% of her estate. While the final valuation of the estate is not yet complete, this incredibly generous bequest has brought us near the halfway point of our private fundraising for the DeYoung project, providing significant new momentum. Equally important, the gift represents much-needed matching funds to qualify for future grant requests.

Jane was not Warren Buffett. She was our neighbor—yours and ours. Like Buffett, who expressed a deep trust in the vision and stewardship of the Gates Foundation, Jane valued the Leelanau Conservancy's mission. She watched our work for years before deciding to give what she could to ensure the organization's future. We only wish we could have known of her intention sooner, to thank her and share with her the tremendous impact she has had on our work.

Year after year, Leelanau Conservancy donors contribute generously to a variety of significant projects. In turn, we at the Conservancy will always work hard to inform you and other supporters about how your gifts have been put to work for the immediate benefit of the County and the region. Your support is absolutely critical to the work we do each and every day. Thank you.

As land values escalate, however, our work will become much more costly. And with the addition of each new Natural Area, Preserve and conservation easement, our obligation grows to ensure that we have the resources to be good stewards... forever. One important key to the Conservancy's future success and long-term financial stability is "Planned Giving," or gifts given through bequests, wills, trusts and other instruments. Gifts like Jane's. By including the Leelanau Conservancy in your estate plan, you too can create a legacy and sustain the Conservancy's mission beyond your lifetime.

We invite you to consider the Conservancy's long-term

future in your long-term plans. If it feels right to you, please join the 55 individuals and couples who have informed us of their intention to name the Conservancy as a beneficiary of a planned gift. We want to thank you now for preserving the amazing land, water and scenic character of a future Leelanau County that none of us may ever see—but that we will have worked together to preserve for future generations.

Craig A. Miller,  
President

Richard O. Ristine  
Honorary Chairman

### **CARLS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$75,000 GRANT TO LIGHTHOUSE WEST PROJECT**

On May 30 the final piece of the funding puzzle for Lighthouse West was nudged into place when the Carls Foundation notified the Conservancy that we had been awarded a \$75,000 grant. The grant, when combined with other project funds, will allow us to pay off our land contract on the property, forever preserving a critical parcel at the very tip of the peninsula. Lighthouse West includes 640 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline and 42 acres of forested land which is critical resting habitat for migrating neotropical birds.

"Because of its geographic position, its terrain and habitats, and its relationship to the Leelanau State Park, Lighthouse West has been at the very top of our list of priority acquisitions," explains Tom Nelson, Conservancy Land Protection Specialist. "We went out on a limb to get this property under a land contract when it became available for that reason."

The Carls Foundation Grant will be combined with \$960,000 awarded from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and over \$575,000 in privately donated funds to make up the entire purchase price for the property. Final surveys and documentation are under way, and the project should be closed by late summer.



### **IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE**

Lime Lake was the setting for a celebration last month. CBS newswoman Martha Teichner came to Leelanau to visit the expanded Teichner Preserve—the lands of her childhood home and a place that she has helped to preserve.

We began the day at the Lime Lake home of Mona and Marshall Meyer who had generously offered to take Martha out on their pontoon boat to view the Teichner Preserve shoreline. Next, we headed to the property for an amazing, celebratory hike through a very special place. Martha beamed as we walked through woods filled with wildflowers and her childhood memories. A great variety of birds sang out, as if to welcome her home.

Also in attendance were co-guests of honor, Jean Raymond, wife of the late Glenn T. Raymond, and her son Eric and daughter-in-law Cindy. The Raymonds recently gave the Conservancy nearly 8 acres between the original lands of the 20-acre Teichner Preserve and the new 12-acre acquisition. On the day of the visit, the group stood around chatting and when Martha made a comment about how fate had brought about the preservation of this property, Jean spoke up. "It wasn't fate—it was love," Jean



*Eric and Cindy Raymond, Jean Raymond and Martha Teichner*

insisted. "Love can do great things. It was the love between Martha's mom and dad and their love for Martha and for Lime Lake that made this place very special to her. Martha's motive is love of this land, and if we had one motive, it is our love of this land too. It's what Glenn would have wanted, because he loved it too, and we're thrilled we could help!"

### **CONSERVANCY TO PARTNER WITH SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP ON 45<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL PARK**

The Leelanau Conservancy will pitch in to help make a new 47-acre park near Suttons Bay a reality. Suttons Bay Township officials have been working to acquire the land near Setterbo Road on M-22 north of Suttons Bay and have received \$419,000 in state and federal highway funds to do just that. The proposed park is situated along the "Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route" and takes in 435 feet of frontage on West Grand Traverse Bay.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel project qualified for Michigan Department of Transportation monies because it will maintain the scenic view of Grand Traverse Bays and allow for future road improvements to enhance this view and re-establish the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Roadside Park. Suttons Bay Township's goal is to create a 4-acre waterfront roadside park on M-22 with an adjacent "natural area" just across the highway. Walking trails, scenic overlooks and interpretive signage are on tap.

The MDOT grant along with township funds earmarked for the project still leaves a \$140,000 shortfall.

When township officials approached the Conservancy and asked if we would help fundraise half of the shortfall, we said of course!

"The partnership between the Conservancy, Suttons Bay Township and the Heritage Route Committee goes way back," says Barbara Nelson-Jameson, a Conservancy board member who also serves the on Suttons Bay Township's Parks and Recreation Committee as well as a Heritage Route sub-committee. "The Conservancy has been a behind-the-scenes leader since the mid-90s, laying the groundwork for getting M-22 designated as a Heritage Route. It also secured the funding to write the management plan for the Route and because of its early work we are now just starting to see some of the projects come to fruition like the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Park."

Other states, she adds, have used transportation dollars to protect lands along scenic byways, but this is the first project in Michigan of its kind.





### THE DEYOUNG NATURAL AREA: WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN!

If you've driven past the DeYoung Farm on Cherry Bend Road lately, we hope you have noticed all the work going on there. The old hay barn sports a new door and its classic metal roof is no longer flapping in the breeze. The aging mustard-colored farmhouse has a new roof. Piles of rotting wood have been hauled away and the grass and gardens around the house and barn have been spruced up. What's behind all this effort? It's the beginnings of a new Natural Area for the Leelanau Conservancy—as of May 30, this spectacular 145-acre property with nearly a mile of shoreline on Cedar Lake in Elmwood Township now belongs to us.

We signed an option on this land late in 2005. Because of the many people who have stepped forward since then to support the project, our Board of Directors gave us the authority to take out a substantial loan and

to ensure our success. Because of the diverse nature of this property—from its historical structures to its ecological and scenic value to its potential as a working farm—people from all over Leelanau and Traverse have stepped up to lend a hand.

#### A GENEROUS CHALLENGE - DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!

We are happy to announce an exciting \$50,000 challenge grant from the the Ed and Virginia Ball Foundation. Every dollar that is donated to DeYoung from this day forward will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Ed and Virginia were long time Sustainers and tremendous supporters of many of our projects. We're grateful to the Foundation for this challenge grant, which means that if you send a donation in soon, it will be doubled!

#### A COMMUNITY GETS INVOLVED

Our Docents have been leading hikes every other week since springtime. Hundreds of people have walked this property with these super volunteers. Those who come learn what makes this land so special and how the entire community will benefit.

Barb Brokaw and her husband, Norm, (see picture below, sitting in front row on far right) hiked the property in May with staffers Jenee Rowe and Carolyn Faught. The Brokaws were among the first to donate to the project when we signed our option and went public with the news. The couple also enlisted family and friends to support the effort. On the hike, Norm was taken with the historic structures and breadth of the land. As he walked along with Carolyn, he talked about ways to get potential donors out to see the property.

Sadly, Norm passed away suddenly in June. Since then, many people have donated to the DeYoung project in his memory. Barb had designated the Conservancy as a recipient of the memorials and said, "Walking the property with LC staff who were so enthused about the property made the experience



purchase the land. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the papers were signed, and we're moving ahead to create a Natural Area that can be enjoyed by the entire community and future generations.

#### CHALLENGES AHEAD

We're pleased with our progress, but there is still much to be done to raise the funds necessary to pay off our loan. Our total project cost is two million dollars. Of that amount, our goal is to raise one million in private donations. We are happy to report that we are very close to achieving half of that goal. To date, we have received 181 gifts!

Our goal was met in large part due to a generous bequest from someone who lived near the property and was very excited about us preserving the land. We have also received over \$240,000 in individual donations. "Our momentum is building, and it feels great," says Director Brian Price.

So are the numbers of people who have gotten involved



*DeYoung hikers led by Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe pause for a photo in the cool cedar forest at the shore of Cedar Lake.*



very special. I was impressed with the variety of habitats, each one having its own unique characteristic. The cedar grove provided wonderful peace and solitude, the fragrance of cedars, and access to the lake. It is such a treasure to have this valuable piece of property preserved and fairly close to populated areas of Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties."

Dozens of people have volunteered their help with everything from rehabbing the buildings (see pg 10) to serving on two committees we formed last December—one for planning and one for fundraising. Architect Ken Richmond is guiding us on historic preservation of the house and barns. Neighboring farmer Bob Sierra, who owns Leelanau Produce, has been an incredible resource, doing everything from mowing and trimming to ready the property for our Picnic to helping Stewardship Director Jenée Rowe find her way around the farm. "Bob has been the perfect neighbor," says Jenée. "He's introduced me to everyone in the area, and he has been an onsite ambassador for us since the day we signed the option."

Traverse Area Association of Realtors Director Judith Lindenau came to our first fundraising meeting and has been at every one since. She drives past the property every day and was eager to get involved. Judith has donated the Realtor boxes that hold brochures along the TART Trail and lent us the TAAR board room for meetings. In addition to donating generously herself, like other committee members, Judith signed letters to friends and acquaintances, asking them to do the same. To top it off, she's rounded up a dozen or so fellow TC Celtic musicians to play at our Annual Picnic on August 3.

Committee member Jim Gilbo walks the TART trail every day with his dog. Jim keeps our brochure boxes full, which helps to keep donations rolling in. A number of committee members have hosted gatherings in their home so that friends and neighbors can learn more about the project. Among them: Bob and Carol Goff, Russ and Pam Kirt, Dave and Sharon Lund. Ed and Sharon Rutkowski and Mark and Lori Luegers will host gatherings in July. "We were pleased to host a neighborhood meeting," said Russ Kirt. "The DeYoung property is a premier conservation and natural history education site."

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

We have met with several other non-profit groups, and are beginning to form partnerships. Among them: TART trails, Elmwood Township, MSU Extension, Pathfinder School, and LIAA's "Listening to the River" program. We will continue to explore ways we can partner with other non-profits to utilize this special place.

We are excited about the future and all that can happen at the new DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake—a locale we view as a gateway to Leelanau County. We look forward to working with the entire

community to make DeYoung a place that the public can enjoy for generations to come.

To read more, visit our website: [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com)

### TED DEYOUNG VISITS WITH CONSERVANCY STAFF

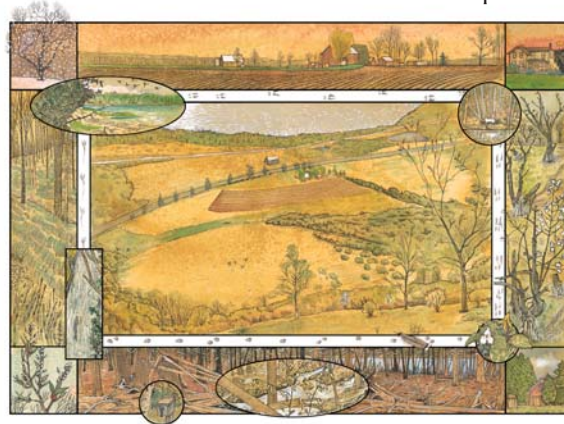


*l-r: Conservancy land protection specialist Matt Heiman, Ted DeYoung, Conservancy Director Brian Price and John Scott, DeYoung's attorney.*

Ted DeYoung was in town for the closing and shared many details about the history of the property and his family. He said that his experience in working with the Leelanau Conservancy has been outstanding. "I think the Conservancy is a straight arrow," said Ted DeYoung. "I'll admit I was a bit skeptical at first, but not anymore."

### GLENN WOLFF'S FOREVER DEYOUNG

Traverse City artist Glenn Wolff has worked his visual magic on an artistic rendering of the DeYoung property. This work was commissioned by board member Sally Viskochil and will be auctioned off at the Conservancy's Annual Picnic on August 3. This original watercolor is one of over 100 items and experiences that can be bid on online now ([www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com)) or at the event. The retail value of the original framed watercolor is \$2,500; bids will start at \$1,000. Proceeds from the painting will benefit the DeYoung Natural Area. In addition, a limited edition 18 x 24 fine art reproduction giclee signed by



the artist will be given to people who donate \$1000 or more to the DeYoung project. A signed 11 x 17 limited edition poster will be given to those who donate \$500 to \$999.





### FARMLAND UPDATE KEEP LEELANAU GROWING...BEAUTIFULLY

What's this? "Keep Leelanau Growing...Beautifully" is the theme the group Save Leelanau Farmland has chosen to promote a proposal coming before Leelanau County voters on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006. On that day, Leelanau County voters will have the opportunity to support a farmland preservation levy (0.5 mill for 15 years).

Below are some facts about farmland taken from the Agricultural Fact Book (see page 7). We think these are compelling reasons to support this ballot proposal.

#### REVENUE:

**Fact:** Working farms brought nearly \$35 million to the Leelanau economy in 2005. Processing and distribution of Leelanau's agricultural products added another estimated \$16 million. (U.S. Dept. of Commerce)

**Fact:** Tourism, closely tied to agriculture by the unique pastoral beauty of Leelanau's farmland, brings an estimated \$80 million in revenue annually. (MSU Travel, Tourism & Recreation Resource Center)

#### JOBS:

Leelanau's working farms account for 1,200 full-time and part-time jobs annually. (U.S. Dept of Ag. Statistics)

#### TAX BASE:

**Fact:** The 0.5 mill/15-year farmland preservation proposal on November's ballot has a median cost per parcel based on the lower Taxable Value (not SEV of Assessed Value) of approximately \$29 annually (Save Leelanau Farmland, Inc.)

#### LAND BASE:

**Fact:** Leelanau lost nearly 20% of its active farmland in the decade following 1990. Of the county's 218,000 acres of land, less than 42,000 acres were actively farmed in 2000. (Land Information Access Assn.)

**Fact:** Due to a lack of local funding, Leelanau County's Farmland Preservation Program has been unable to protect a single acre of farmland since being established in 2002. (Leelanau County Farmland Preservation Board)

**Fact:** A survey of Leelanau farmers in 2002 demonstrated that more than 60% of the County's 400+ farmers would consider enrolling in a voluntary farmland preservation program to permanently protect their working farms; over



75% said something must be done to slow the conversion of Leelanau farmland to non-agricultural uses. (Leelanau Agricultural Alliance)

#### THREATS TO FARMING:

**Fact:** Most county farmers are nearing retirement age—the average age of farmers here is 56. These farmers must soon decide whether or not to sell their farms. (Leelanau County Farmland Preservation Board)

**Fact:** Development pressure drives up land prices and accelerates the pace of farmland conversion to non-farming uses. Conversion of farmland fragments traditional agricultural districts and undermines the critical mass of working farms necessary for a healthy farm economy. (Leelanau Agricultural Alliance)

For all of these reasons, the Conservancy urges our supporters to get informed about the farmland preservation proposal our County Commissioners recently approved for the November ballot. The group, Save Leelanau Farmland!, is spearheading this effort. As a "ballot question committee," their sole purpose is to win support for this measure on Election Day. They're telling us that they've found if voters can get the facts, most will be supportive. But reaching the public in an intense election year is an uphill battle. We hope that *you* will consider helping them move this worthy—and timely—effort forward. Visit their website at [www.saveleelanaufarmland.com](http://www.saveleelanaufarmland.com) or call 231-256-0230.



### TO CONSERVE AND...INFORM!

Here at the Conservancy, protecting the Leelanau landscapes you love is only one part of what we do. We also expend a pretty sizeable chunk of our time and efforts to raise public awareness about conservation. Here's what we've done lately:

#### AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST SEMINAR ON MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

The invited public heard AFT Midwest Director, Scott Everett, explain how Michigan has lost 1.5 million acres of farmland to development since 1982 and that last year alone we lost 7 acres per hour, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Everett explained that saving farmland is a smart move for the tax base too, because farmland needs little in the way of public services, so it slows rising tax rates associated with rural sprawl.

#### AGRICULTURAL FACT BOOK

If you want to know more about the economic impact of farms and farmland on Leelanau County, visit our website and check out the Agricultural Fact Book, produced with the help of Rotary Charities. We developed these materials with the Land Information Access Association (LIAA). The goal: to provide a thorough, public information resource on the character, economics and economic impact of agriculture in Leelanau County. A team of professionals from LIAA compiled this information from a broad range of sources.

To read the entire report, visit our website: [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com) or the LIAA website.

#### STEPHEN SMALL SEMINARS ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>

The tax attorney who drafted the IRS regulations on private conservation techniques like conservation easements, Stephen Small, held two seminars—one for landowners and one for legal, financial and real estate professionals who work with them. He answered the gamut of questions about preserving family lands, such as questions about the legal and tax consequences, estate planning and the benefits of these private conservation techniques. "If you care about

your land, you must do something. If you don't plan, the land will be gone," says Small. Want to know more? Contact us at the Conservancy! One of our Land Protection Specialists will be glad to explore the possibilities with you.

#### WES JACKSON, THE LAND INSTITUTE ON JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>



*Wes Jackson visits the Newton Farm on Jelinek Rd., a 93-acre Conservancy farmland preservation project*

For 30 years, Wes Jackson has been a pioneer in working to develop perennial crops and farming techniques that mimic natural ecosystems. By commencing an ambitious 30-year plan of selective breeding (not genetic modification), the Land Institute is developing perennial grain crops like wheat and corn that will grow without planting each year, and require less fertilizer, and less energy consumption to produce food. A true visionary, Wes Jackson has been hailed by many, including most recently by *Smithsonian* and *Life* Magazines as one of the most important individuals of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His presentation, "The Necessity to Save Farmland: Beyond Aesthetics and Nostalgia," showed us that farmland preservation is a critical component for the future of our food and our survival. We recorded this important presentation and hope to make it available to the public soon.







### VOLUNTEERS TACKLE INVASIVE SPECIES AT NARROWS/ KEHL LAKE

#### Lake Leelanau Narrows

It is amazing what a group of caring citizens can do. Volunteer Stewardship Network members, Docents and community members prevented hundreds of invading non-native scotch pines trees from taking over a field at the Narrows Natural Area near Lake Leelanau. The group's goal: to clear a 100-foot by 50-foot area—but this passionate hardworking group removed Scotch pine from more than a half acre!!! The Conservancy appreciates the 37 volunteer hours logged at this work bee. It would have taken staff nearly a week to complete what this group accomplished in only three hours. With your help, we have made room for the beautiful balsam fir trees to flourish and the native prairie grasses and flowers to be restored. Thank you!



Showing off their tools at the Narrows Natural Area Work Bee. Back Left: Jim Vachow, Janet Whetsel, Mary Scott, Chuck Whetsel, John Scott, Jay Swink. Front left: Lisa Myers, Gene Fontaine, David Harris, Kennedy Sandoval, Daniel Shillinger.

#### Kehl Lake

Volunteers came out on a blisteringly hot June day and repaired 200 feet of wooden boardwalk leading to the observation deck. They also tackled the invasive canary reed grass patch. Our group cut about 4,800 square feet of the canary reed grass from the marsh and covered the area with thick black plastic. If you walk to the observation deck at Kehl Lake, you may still see the black plastic in the marsh. The plastic smothers the invasive species and kill its roots. This is the first in a three-year project to remove this ecological nuisance from this sensitive and important birding area. Want to help out with this sort of work? We can always use the help! Join the Volunteer Stewardship Network by contacting Stewardship Director, Jenee Rowe, 256-9665; [jrowe@theconservancy.com](mailto:jrowe@theconservancy.com).



Left to Right: Chuck Whetsel, Peter Povolo, Casey Stanton, Kennedy Sandoval, John Scott, Jim Vachow, Tom Angus. Not pictured, Annie Schoellers and Sharon Oriel who used wheelbarrows, backpacks and a sled to carry our tools and materials in three-quarters of a mile to the work site. Thanks for all your help—we couldn't do it without you!

### WISH LIST

If you have any of the following items sitting around your house, unused, please consider donating it to the Conservancy! It's a win-win situation! We save precious dollars and obtain the tools we need to do our jobs more effectively, and you reduce the clutter in your home or garage, while receiving a tax deduction for the gift!

Watering can  
Working riding lawn mower for the  
DeYoung trails- not older than 10 years please.  
New pair of loppers  
8-inch serrated edge hedge trimmers  
Orchard pruning saw

Digital camera, 3 megapixels or greater  
Patio furniture for our outdoor deck  
Artists easels to display work at auction  
8 ½ by 11 acrylic picture holders  
Coat tree  
Desk lamps (2)

Light weight but sturdy folding tables  
or card tables  
Golf carts  
4-wheeled metal garden cart  
Nearly new cordless power tools—drill,  
saw, sander





## STORIES OF STEWARDING THE LAND THROUGH RESTORATION

by Stewardship Director, Jenée Rowe

The heat of early morning signals that today the soils in the meadows are heating up. Walking through the various meadows the Conservancy has helped protect, you can almost hear the seeds germinating and the new native plants taking root. This is an event to celebrate because these seeds have been planted with craft, hope and community support to resemble the classic meadow ecosystem.

The prefix “re” has two meanings: “back” or “new, again.” Maybe restoration is not moving backward at all, but forward, to a different trajectory. Restoration may not be the attempt to revisit or re-create some mythical past or condition. More likely, it is the making of a new scenario—one more functional than a field, a parking lot, a sea of spotted knapweed.

This spring, two landowners who have protected their land with conservation easements are starting restoration projects. They are a part of what local author Stephanie Mills calls, “the society of restorations.” They have entered in collaborations with various community members and an outstanding government program.

### ALL FOR THE BOBOLINKS

“When my husband and I purchased the land that would become Charter Sanctuary more than 13 years ago, I hoped more than anything else to host nesting Bobolinks—one of my favorite birds. They are marathon migrants, traveling from Leelanau to the Argentine grasslands and back every year. They are beautiful, and their song is an exquisite, tinkling melody. Because the meadow portion of our property had been planted in rye seed the year before we took ownership, there were no Bobolinks that first summer. When they showed up the second year, I was ecstatic. We were delighted when their numbers grew over the following years.



Then came spotted knapweed, an invasive alien, which sends a chemical from its roots that kills off competing plants – in this case the grasses and forbs needed by nesting upland birds. The consequence was a decline in our nesting Bobolinks.

This year we have entered into Michigan DNR’s Landowner Incentive Program (info right).

We qualified for this program, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, because we also host Grasshopper Sparrows on our Sanctuary. The LIP program is underwriting the cost of chemically destroying all knapweed as well as paying for the planting of native grasses and forbs in its place. It is being done for the benefit of the sparrows, which are on the Threatened Species List. Although we’re pleased to support these handsome little birds, we are even happier to see our upland meadow improved for our nesting Bobolinks. We are deeply grateful for this program, without which we would have had to watch in sadness as our Bobolink population gradually vanished.

-Kay Charter, Charter Sanctuary and Saving Birds Through Habitat

### PROVIDING A BIT OF REFUGE

“The goal on our 40-acre conservation easement is to increase wildlife diversity by restoring high quality habitats. First we must remove invasive plants like spotted knapweed in the prairie portion that have displaced the native sources of food and cover with which birds and other animals have co-evolved. Now we are planting native (pre-settlement) grasses and forbs.

Future goals will be to do the same in the wetland and woodland portion of our land. Our easement is part of a wildlife corridor and adjacent to Leelanau State Park. We are also part of a major migratory flyway for birds. We want to be a refuge for the many species of declining wildlife.

Restoration is daunting work but we’ve had help from the Northport Point summer kids program, Conservancy volunteers and Suttons Bay High School students. We’ve also had help from various government programs (see below). We’re excited that future generations may have an opportunity to view a large diversity of wildlife in Leelanau.

-Ann & Doug McInnis, Northport.



Doug McInnis with tree saplings



Birders at Charter Sanctuary

Want to make a difference on your property? For information of the Landowners Incentive Program contact Brian Piccolo, [piccolob@michigan.gov](mailto:piccolob@michigan.gov), Wildlife Habitat Biologist, (989) 275-5151 ext. 2030. This program is for landowners with large holdings or those who host threatened or endangered species.



### DeYoung Natural Area Update, continued from page 5

#### DEYOUNG RESTORATION BEGINS

Stewardship has begun on the DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake. As you drive down Cherry Bend Road, we hope you have noticed all the recent activity around the DeYoung farmstead and the lower hay barn. This spring, the Conservancy replaced the roof of the farmhouse in an effort to stabilize the building while the historical assessment takes place under the leadership of Architect and Historic Preservation Specialist, Ken Richmond.



*The Barn Clean-up Crew made a huge mark. Back row: Bob Sierra and his tractor and wagon, Peter Povolo, Charlie Bumb, Jence Rowe, Jay Swink, Jim Gilbo, Nancy Dougherty, Rick Seefelt, Steve Stanton, Casey Stanton and the dog Jake.*

Volunteers were among the first inside the lower hay barn. Elmwood residents, Conservancy members and folks from the Volunteer Stewardship Network showed up in great numbers on June 9 to help begin the restoration work. The group logged an impressive 38 volunteer hours pruning and trimming around the farmhouse and removing piles of lumber from around the barn as well as removing rotted

lumber from inside one of the hay wells. This group worked hard and we thank them all!!!! Check out our website for action packed photos of the day at [http://theconservancy.com/DeYoung\\_Workbee.html](http://theconservancy.com/DeYoung_Workbee.html)

Next up: lower hay barn restoration. The 1887 timber-frame barn with its faded red paint and prominent position on the big curve on Cherry Bend Road, has received a caring touch. Workers assisted by our two Stewardship interns replaced



*Pathfinder 8th graders sketched and wrote about the DeYoung farmstead this spring. Their creations will be on display at our Picnic on August 3rd.*



the large front barn doors.

The new doors still sport the old hardware. In addition, we replaced missing metal sections of roof

and secured it with screws. Metal siding once seen from the T.A.R.T trail was replaced with white pine provided by PDM Lumber, a local Bingham Twp. business.

Now that the barn is stabilized, the full historical assessment will take place over the rest of this summer and next.

To see the inside of this fantastic agricultural relic, sign up for a hike at our Picnic on August 3 (see back page). All of our hikes will end at the restored barn, and we will open the doors and let the August sunshine highlight a glimpse into the legacy of farming in Leelanau County.

### OLESON FAMILY FOUNDATION \$35,000 STEWARDSHIP GRANT

Thanks to the generosity of the Oleson Family Foundation, work can begin that will make the Cedar Lake side of the DeYoung Natural Area accessible to the public—so you can enjoy it whether we're there to lead a hike or not! Our aim: to create a seamless interface of the DeYoung Natural Area and the Leelanau Trail. Here's what we hope to accomplish by the end of 2007:

- Route, clear and construct a half-mile lakeshore trail loop with 1,000 feet of boardwalk and a lakeshore fishing/viewing platform as well as a quarter-mile, mature cedar forest trail loop—both accessible from the Leelanau Trail and Cherry Bend Road.
- Install bike racks, fencing and signs so that bikers on the TART trail can stop and enjoy a stop at DeYoung.
- Construct a small parking area and info kiosk jointly with TART behind the historic hay barn and improve access from Cherry Bend Road.
- Provide other amenities for DeYoung visitors and TART trail users.



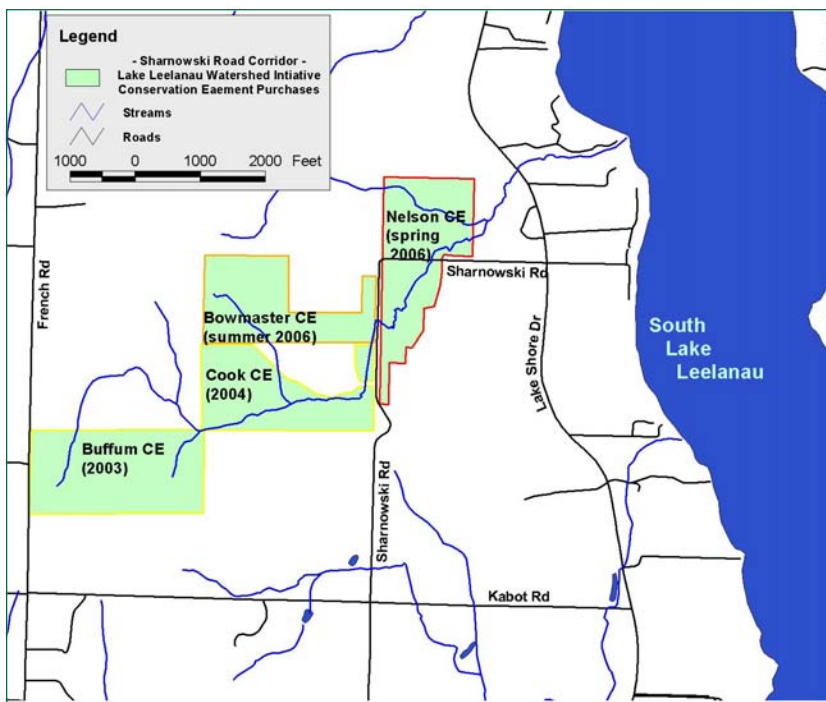


### LAKE LEELANAU WATERSHED INITIATIVE UPDATE-

Two years ago we began something called the Lake Leelanau Watershed Initiative (LLWI). In a nutshell: working to ensure the health of Lake Leelanau by protecting the surrounding land and encouraging good stewardship. We had the help of some generous state grants, which we enhanced through private fundraising and have been able to protect critical areas of the lake through purchase of conservation easements.\*

The success of the LLWI is due in large part to caring landowners wishing to see their lands preserved for future generations. Prior to the start of the LLWI in 2004, we held 13 conservation easements in the Lake Leelanau watershed. With Michigan DEQ Clean Michigan Initiative grant funds we received in 2004, we have purchased 6 conservation easements. These six projects protect two miles of streams and 275 acres of wetlands and forests critical to protecting high water quality.

These successful projects have created excitement and interest from other landowners. Most recently, the Conservancy purchased a 60-acre easement from Travis and Chai Hung Nelson along Sharnowski Road. This latest project adds to a growing area already protected by other landowners. Together, the lands provide a large area of wildlife habitat and water quality protection in Centerville Township.



#### WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

- A legal agreement to protect the natural qualities of your land by restricting development.
- Flexible—you negotiate the terms of your Conservation Easement with our Land Protection Specialist.
- Land stays in private ownership. Many people mistakenly think that when they place a conservation easement on their property, it becomes open to the public. NOT TRUE! Conservation easement donors retain the right to keep their land private.
- Can result in an income tax deduction and reduced property and estate taxes.

Like nearly all of our conservation easements, public access is not permitted and the landowner retains all property rights which were not specifically restricted in the conservation easement.

The Nelson's goal of managing a portion of their property for wildlife habitat was a great fit for Clean Michigan Initiative grant funds. The wetlands and adjacent forested hills interwoven by several small streams and spring seeps create a matrix of diverse habitats. Under the direction of a wildlife management plan approved by the Conservancy, it is still possible to actively manage properties under conservation easement, providing adequate steps are taken to protect sensitive habitats and prevent exotic species introduction.

The cumulative benefits derived from several adjacent conservation easements along a stream valley are far greater than the sum of each conservation easement individually. The ability of larger animals such as whitetail deer, coyote, black bear and bobcat to wander hundreds of acres of contiguous wetland, forest and stream is vital to sustaining healthy populations. As land becomes more fragmented and developed over time, corridor projects such as these are even more important in providing a sanctuary for wildlife.

\* See sidebar at left for more info on conservation easements.



## 2006 SUMMER AND FALL HIKE AND EVENT SCHEDULE

**Important Note:** We are pleased to offer this schedule of hikes and programs, led by our knowledgeable volunteer Docents and staff. Do dress according to weather. So that we may provide the best experience possible and be fully prepared, we require (and appreciate!) advanced registration. Most hikes last around two hours unless otherwise noted. Please call: 231-256-9665 to register and if you have further questions about directions.

### July

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am**  
**Explore the DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake**

Join Docents Pam Schmidt and Ann Mason on a tour of this new 145-acre Natural Area. Learn about the history of the land and its natural features, along with what plans are unfolding for this spectacular piece of land in Elmwood Township. You'll end up down at the lakeshore in a magical, century-old cedar forest. Please note: this is a fairly rigorous hike that will involve some bush-whacking, traversing uneven and rugged terrain and navigating some short, steep slopes. The hike lasts about 2 hours.

**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am**  
**The World Awaits at the Top of Whaleback**

Join Conservancy Docents Ann Mason & Tom Dunfee for a rigorous hike through lush green forests to the top of Whaleback. At the top you will have the opportunity to see some of the Conservancy's bluff restoration project and the effects it will have on this beautiful Natural Area. You will also view Pyramid Point, the Manitou Islands and Lake Michigan for miles and miles.



**Friday, July 28 4-7 pm**  
**Tour de TART**

This is an event sponsored by TART where bicyclers ride from Traverse City to Suttons Bay for dinner, and are transported back to town afterwards. If you participate in this event, you'll go right through our DeYoung Natural Area property. Stop off at our water station to pick up information or to get your questions answered about this wonderful project. Volunteers will be on hand at the DeYoung water tent from 4 pm until the last rider passes, and will also be able to answer questions about DeYoung at the conclusion of the ride in Suttons Bay. All riders must check-in between 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m at the Tour starting point: the parking lot between Brick Wheels (736 E. 8th) and McLain Cycle

(750 E. 8th). Families with young children are encouraged to check-in and begin the ride no later than 5:00 p.m. For more info on Tour de TART: [www.traversetrails.org](http://www.traversetrails.org)

### August



**Thursday, August 3 5 pm**  
**Annual Friends Picnic and Silent Auction**  
*The event of the summer!*

Refer to the flier you received, see the back page of this newsletter, or visit our website ([www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com)) to view all that's going on, from pre-picnic field trips that begin at 2pm to a local foods extravaganza to a Silent and Live Auction with over 100 great offerings!

**Tuesday, August 8 10 am**  
**Explore the Geology of the Crystal River**

This is a great opportunity to join our Executive, Director Brian Price, for a guided tour of the Crystal River property now owned by the National Park that the Conservancy helped to protect. Brian will talk about the geology and globally unique habitat found along the river. Do wear appropriate clothing; you may get feet wet or muddy. The hike will begin on County Rd. 675 (Dunns Farm Rd.) about 3/8's of a mile from M-22 where you will see the river on your left.

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 3 pm**  
**Explore the DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake**

Join Docents Tom Dunfee and David Harris. See July 26 description of this hike.

**Thursday, August 10 9am-4pm**  
**Family Cottages: Succession Planning and Historic Preservation**

Learn about the help available to families who want to pass on treasured cottages to future generations. Cost is \$50 per person. The seminar is being held by the Leelanau Historical Society Museum and will be held in the Old Art Building in Leland. Call the Society to register: 256-7475.

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am**  
**Dog Days at Houdek Dunes**

Join Docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler and take your doggie for a summer walk at Houdek Dunes to show him/her the great outdoors—but from the end of a 6 foot leash. You and your canine friend will explore the wonderful wildlife communities in this amazing Natural Area. Bring a doggie bag...just in case. Must be well-mannered (the dog that is!)

**Friday, August 18 5:30 – 9 pm**  
**Friday Night Live**

Look for us as we share a booth with the folks from the "Listening to the River" project at Downtown Traverse City's Friday Night Live. Here, you can learn about our DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake and how it fits into this multi-disciplinary education project that aims to engage students in the scientific exploration and digital documentation of their local watershed. Listening to the River is funded by the National Science Foundation. [www.ListeningToTheRiver.org](http://www.ListeningToTheRiver.org).

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 10 am-noon, 1-3 pm**  
**Kehl Lake Work Bee**

Help care for this land—tasks and jobs abound. Meet in the Kehl Lake parking area. If you want to stay for both sessions, bring a sack lunch. We'll continue the work volunteers began earlier this summer: mainly, to build our new trail! Please call Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe with questions and to sign up to help: [jrowe@theconservancy.com](mailto:jrowe@theconservancy.com). 256-9665.

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-9 pm**  
**Friday Night Live**  
See August 18<sup>th</sup> entry for description





### SUMMER/FALL 2006 HIKES/EVENTS

#### Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> 3 pm Explore the DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake

Hike led by Docent Ann McInnis. See July 26 description of this hike.



#### Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> 10 am Biodiversity of Kehl Lake:

What is biodiversity and why is it important? Observe, first-hand, the fascinating and complex diversity of life that can exist in an old-growth forest ecosystem. Contrast that with the adjoining, slowly recovering, formerly farmed homestead site as it returns to a hardwood forest. View the Conservancy's restoration project of eliminating some of the invasive species from the lake's shore as well as from the meadow. Your Docents for this interesting adventure are Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler.



## September

#### Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am A Serendipity Stroll at Kehl Lake

A warm late summer morning. The smooth-as-glass surface of Kehl Lake. The winding trails through the woods. It all adds up to a beautiful serendipity stroll of the remarkable Kehl Lake Natural Area. Join Docent Bobbie Poor as you discover the hidden treasures of this Natural Area.

#### Thursday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am The Changing Wildlife Communities of Houdek Dunes

Observe the changing succession of different plant species as they slowly re-colonize the dunes and, in doing so, create a diversity of wildlife communities with associated animal species. Discover adaptations which living things have acquired to survive on hot, arid and windy dune environments. Docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler will lead the way.

## October

#### Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am The Tall Plants of Whaleback

While viewing Leelanau's spectacular colors discover how trees work and why they are shutting down their food production factories. How can trees and their dropped leaves be important to forests and their critters? What preparations are animals making for the cold season ahead? Discover the answer to these and more from exploring different wild-life communities while ascending the Whaleback moraine for a spectacular view of Lake Michigan. Docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler will lead the way.

#### Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Leaves and Breezes of the Houdek Dunes Natural Area

Enjoy the peak of color season during a refreshing hike at the Houdek Dunes Natural Area north of Leland. Docent Tom Dunfee will lead you through this precious and unique natural area. Please dress according to the weather.



### DIRECTIONS TO NATURAL AREAS

#### HOUDEK DUNES NATURAL AREA

There are two loops here totalling 1.25 miles that traverse gentle, but sandy terrain. Steep steps lead you from the parking area to the trailhead. Beginning in Leland, drive north along M-22 approximately 5 miles to County Road 626. Proceed another  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile north along M-22. A sign on the west (left) side of the road marks the entrance to the parking area. PLEASE NOTE: The sign is located parallel to M-22 so it can be hard to spot.

#### DEYOUNG NATURAL AREA

Unless otherwise specified, DeYoung hikes last about two hours and are fairly rigorous. Some bushwhacking, negotiating uneven terrain and traversing short but steep slopes is in order.

**FROM TRAVERSE CITY:** From intersection of M-72 and M-22 in Traverse City (Tom's West Bay) go north on M-22 1.2 miles, turn left onto Cherry Bend Rd. Go 2.0 miles down Cherry Bend Rd., and look for the big lower hay barn on your right. Pull into the parking area by the barn.

**FROM LEEANAU COUNTY:** From CR 641 and Cherry Bend Rd. intersection, go towards Traverse City on Cherry Bend Rd. about 2.1 miles, look for big lower hay barn on your left. Pull into the parking area next to the barn. If you want to see the property from the TART trail or meet us for a scheduled hike, park at the TART lot on Cherry Bend Rd. next to the CB Animal Hospital—it's less than a mile out to the farm on the Trail where you will see the lower hay barn where the group will gather to begin the hike.

#### KEHL LAKE NATURAL AREA

The Kehl Lake Trail is approximately a 1 mile loop that meanders along the lake and through the forest. Although this hike is relatively easy, hiking shoes are necessary. Beginning from the junction of M-22 and M-201 (south of Northport), take M-201 through Northport. At 1.5 miles, M-201 ends and CR 640 begins as you follow the curve to the right. Follow 640 for 1 mile to Snyder Road and turn left. Follow Snyder Road for 1.5 miles to the parking area on the left. Kehl Lake is shown as Leg Lake on some maps.

#### WHALEBACK NATURAL AREA

The Whaleback trail is well-groomed and easy to follow, however, the trail quickly gains in elevation which can be rigorous at times. Wear shoes suitable to hiking. Beginning from the junction of M-22 and M-204 (3 mi S. of Leland), take M-22 north approx. 1 mile. A sign on the west (left) side of M-22 marks the entrance to the parking area. Continue straight for a few hundred feet on the gravel road entrance to the parking area. PLEASE NOTE: If you approach from the North, the sign is difficult to spot, so look carefully as you approach 3 miles south of Leland.

For a complete look at all our Natural Areas and Preserves, refer to our Natural Areas Guide or our website: [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com)



## A TRIO OF TERRIFIC INTERNS

Our three summer interns, who started working in May, have done much to lighten our load. We are grateful for their youthful energy, strong backs, willing attitude and fresh perspectives. Read on to learn more about this terrific trio:

### CASEY STANTON

Hello! I have lived in Suttons Bay with my folks since 1998, moving from Farmington Hills. Even though I was afraid that a small town might be a burden, I have found that because of the small schools and close-knit communities, I have been able to do things otherwise impossible in Suburbia. I am a junior at MSU, majoring in Environmental Policy with a minor in Political Science. I work at a plant pathology lab on campus where I do similar field work and grow different pathogens in the lab. I am also the house magician at The Homestead and Garland Golf Resort on weekends. When not working, I can usually be found out in the middle of the lake on a sailboat with good friends and some good Southern rock.

We have accomplished a lot of stewardship projects already in the first 6 weeks. Peter and I have widened trails at Kehl Lake, cleaned up Chippewa Run in Empire, and overhauled the new DeYoung barn. When the weather isn't cooperating, I work on the website and other office work. I am excited to be helping to preserve Leelanau's land and love being outside, working hard. I'll see you at the Picnic, where I'll be parking cars!

### PETER POVOLO

Howdy. I am working as a stewardship intern under Jenee Rowe. I have lived almost all of my life in Leelanau County and post-high school, have come to realize how lucky I have been. What we have here in Leelanau is a true treasure that should be preserved. Since graduating from Leland in 2004, I spent 1 ½ years at Lake Superior State University, a semester at NMC, and will transfer to Northern Michigan University in the fall. I am pursuing a major in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management. I have always loved the outdoors and try to take my passion to the field and show others how wonderful it is. I am an avid fisherman as well as an all-around outdoor enthusiast.

Working at the Conservancy is truly a great experience. I will spend the rest of my time here restoring the Kehl Lake Natural Area as well as the newly purchased DeYoung Natural Area. So far it has been a blast, and I have learned a lot about conservation practices. It has been a really good experience, and I look forward to what lies ahead.



*Our 2006 summer interns: Casey Stanton, Tracy Watson and Peter Polovo*

### TRACY WATSON

Hi! I am working in the communications area of the Leelanau Conservancy. I am a native of Leelanau, having grown up in the Glen Arbor area and graduated from Glen Lake. I will be a junior next fall at Grand Valley and am seeking a B.S. in Communications with a certificate in non-profit work. I love devoting my energies and learning experiences toward the mission of the Conservancy. My great-great-great grandparents, Frederick and Frederica Dechow, homesteaded the Port Oneida region in the early 1850's and my family has been in the area ever since. I realize the importance of preserving our beautiful county's natural and historical assets for generations to come.

As an intern at the Conservancy, I hope to gain experience in the non-profit world, and strengthen my communication skills, as well as coordinating projects and doing graphic design work. I am organizing our booth events, contacting volunteers, helping with our donor parties and our Annual Picnic.

I love this area, and am blessed to call it home. The comfort of being bound to a place that is as special as this is indescribable. My love for the outdoors is reflected in the time that I have spent exploring the county's nooks and crannies.





## NEW DOCENTS BECOME AMBASSADORS TO NATURAL AREAS

Our Conservancy Docent program is a critical component to our success. Because our Docents lead dozens of hikes each year, visitors come away from our Natural Areas and Preserves awed and inspired by these special places. Docents are ambassadors for the Conservancy that share their extensive knowledge about the plants and animals with hikers of all ages. They tell the stories of these places in a way that fascinates and engages, bringing visitors closer to our organization.



This spring six new Docents came on board. The group spent 40 hours training with our staff and veteran Docents. "It's a huge commitment," says veteran Docent Tom Dunfee, a Conservancy Board member who also heads up our Docent program. "This new group brings a host of new talents to our program. Many of them have a lot of naturalist experience already and will continue

to enhance our Natural Area programs and specialty hikes." They are David Harris, Ceil Kadrovach, Ann Mason, Pam Schmidt, Dick Fidler and Lisa Myers. You can learn more about each of them as well as longtime Docents Tom Dunfee, Alice VanZooeren, Jack Schultz, Mary Lyons, Marsha Buehler, Bobbie Poor, Ann McInnis and John Bull by visiting our website: [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com).

Pictured is Dick Fidler, after leading a hike for our Sustainers at our new DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake. Dick lives in Traverse City and has jumped in to lead many hikes at DeYoung. "Dick lived for years in a house right across from the DeYoung property," says Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe. "He has spent a lot of time exploring this land with his family and knew so much already when we met. Dick has an extensive biological background, and because he was a school teacher, he's good at leading groups and answering questions. We're really lucky to have him and all the other new docents. We couldn't do it without them!"



**ANOTHER WILD SUCCESS:  
13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

Longtime Conservancy volunteer and Sustainer Treva DeJong brought her granddaughter Isabel Binder, 2 ½, to this year's Village Green Plant Sale. The sale, held Memorial Day Weekend, is put on annually by our Wildflower Rescue Committee. This group rescues wildflowers from development sights in the spring and fall, pots the transplants, and sells them to raise funds to maintain the Conservancy's Village Green. This year \$26,500 was raised and hundreds of plants were sold. Best of all, native wildflower proliferation in Leelanau County lives on. Thanks to the hardworking WRC volunteers under the co-direction of plant rescuers extraordinaire, Patty Shea and Joanie Woods.



### **WWW.IGIVE.COM: SUPPORT THE LEELANAU CONSERVANCY AS YOU SHOP!**

Shop at any of the 650 popular online stores at [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) and a percentage of everything you buy can be directed to the Leelanau Conservancy. Using iGive.com doesn't cost the shopper or the charity anything extra, and the buying power of hundreds of thousands of shoppers often means that the shopper actually spends less.

Participating stores include Lands' End, Fossil, JC Penney, Dell, OfficeMax, The Wall Street Journal, Avon, TimeLife.com, Barnes & Noble, T-Mobile, 1-800-Flowers and more... Depending on the store, up to 26% of each purchase will be directed to the Conservancy.

Since 1997, iGive.com has raised over \$2,027,351.99 for all its registered causes; \$374,927.95 last year alone. Help benefit a cause close to home, and to your heart, as you shop!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This list reflects the individuals/families that have joined between March 7 and July 3, 2006. It may also include returning or lapsed members. Those who donated to a project fund like DeYoung are also included because project donors become automatic members for one year. Thanks to all of you!

Hazelnuts Kids.com  
Benjamin & Phyllis Bowmaster  
Family Fund  
Ms. Gloria Albrecht  
Mike Allemang  
Ms. Melissa Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beaudry  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Bruce  
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burke  
Michael Burnett  
Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper  
Mr. Michael Dailey  
Shawn, Tricia & Cecilia Denton  
Sharon and Richard Fidler  
Mr. Thomas C. Gentile, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Gerndt  
Mr. Josh Green  
Mr. Steve Hammond  
Ms. Gail Hastings  
Julie Hay  
Mary Elizabeth Holt

Alison Horton & Kathy Kaczynski  
Mrs. Susan Howard  
Ms. Debbie Ingersoll  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jachalke  
Steven Lee and Julie Tarr  
Thomas and Diane Leugers  
David Lobbig and Jane Neidhardt  
Mike and Kathy Lubig  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Maher  
Richard G. Marr & Barbara Coats  
Mr. and Mrs. John Mattson  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. McGraw  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Miller  
Mr. and Mrs. Burton Mills  
Jerry and Arlene Moore  
Ms. Dody Muratzki  
Ms. Lisa Myers  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery S. Peterson  
Mr. Don Priebe  
Mr. and Mrs. James Redmond  
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ross  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rozum  
Jim and Jayne Schafer

Mrs. Dolores J. Scheidel  
Ms. Brita Siepker  
Frank and Terry Siepker  
Ms. Merrill H. Smith  
Dick and Pat Solem  
Ms. Emily Stankus  
Todd and Robin Sterner  
Mrs. Lisa Tardani  
Mr. David Teitsma  
Ms. Loretta K. Thiry  
Mr. Timothy Wade  
Ms. Elizabeth Waless  
Ms. Ann Warren  
Thomas and Sandra Wertime  
Ms. Denise L. Whipple  
Mr. and Mrs. Don G. Wilcox  
Mike and Ruthanne Wilson  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Wolfe  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Zoyhowski  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph von Walthausen

## HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

"If you are one of the generous - but anonymous - individuals who have named the Leelanau Conservancy in your will or created an estate plan with the Conservancy as a beneficiary, we would love to thank you by making you a member of THE LEELANAU CONSERVANCY HERITAGE SOCIETY.

If you would like more information about including the Conservancy in your financial plans and becoming a member of the HERITAGE SOCIETY, please call our Development Director, Anne Shoup to learn more: 231-256-9665.



## WELCOME NEW SUSTAINERS!

We now have 422 individuals/families that make an annual pledge of \$500 or more to support the operations of the Conservancy, giving us the consistency we need to insure we meet our long-term goals for protecting this very beautiful place. Sustainers are special people with special events held in their honor. To learn more about joining the Sustainer's Circle, call Gayle at 256-9665 or email her at [gayle@theconservancy.com](mailto:gayle@theconservancy.com). Thanks to all our loyal Sustainers. Your support is critical to our ongoing success.

Barbara Abbott and Larry Hauser  
Jim and Michele Allen  
Bruce and Caryl Barton  
Guy and Meg Brossy  
Jere and Gail Brown  
Donna and Peter Burr  
Melissa Chenault  
Keith and Paige Curtis  
Jeffrey and Leslie Fowler  
David Giles  
David and Marcia Harris  
Rick and Beth Hoover  
John and Renee Losh  
Al and Sue Manson

Frederick Neidhardt  
Brian and Susan Price  
Bob and Bonny Risbridger  
Kati Rooney and Jim Hennessey  
Terry and Donna Stanton  
Hugh and Eileen Starks  
George and Linda Strietmann  
Bill and Mary Valpey  
Harvey and Judy Van Dam  
Charles and Carolyn Wallace  
Daniel and Nan Witten  
Joan Workum  
Steve and Linda Young



New Sustainers Harvey and Judy Van Dam





## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

### Gifts In Honor of:

**ADAM ALLINGTON AND  
GINGER HAGAN**

Ms. Sara Epstein

**THEIR GRANDCHILDREN**

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Arvo

**ANDREW BRANT**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Brant

**TRACY BRANT**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Brant

**WILLOW DETZER BRASHER**

Mr. Richard D. Detzer

**MARSHA BUEHLER**

Edward & Caroline G. Oberndorf

**CORY CONNOLLY**

Mrs. Mary E. Lyons

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**JOSH AND MARISSA GREEN**

Mr. Josh Green

**ED AND JOAN HANPETER**

Mr. William Biedenstein

**ARIEL KAPLOWITZ**

Ms. Janet Navarro

**SHELLY SWEETHEART AND  
KISHA MOON BEAR**

Mr. Richard D. Detzer

**JUDIE LEECE**

David and Kathy Leece

**DR. JERRY HARRISON  
LEELANAU VETERINARY CARE**

Mr. and Mrs. Kent N. Holton

**BOB AND MARY LYONS**

Mr. and Mrs. Kent N. Holton  
Dr. and Mrs. David A. Lyons

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**BILL AND MARY MARTIN**

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**RYAN MCELRATH**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Rodman

**SAM AND BEN MILLER**

Mr. and Mrs. Jon M. Sebaly

**SONJA LIN NELSON**

Mr. John A. Nelson

**LOU RICORD**

Nationwide

**DICK AND KAREN RISTINE**

Jim Ristine & Mardi Black

**THE ROEMER FAMILY**

Mr. William Biedenstein

**ANNA, MICHAEL & MATTHEW  
SEBALY**

Mr. and Mrs. Jon M. Sebaly

**ANNE AND DAVID SHANE**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Korb

**THEIR CHILDREN &  
GRANDCHILDREN**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilson

### Happy Mother's Day!

**LOUISE THOMAS**

Ms. Mimi Mullin  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Harley Wheeler

**JOANIE WOODS**

Stephanie and Mark Duckmann

### Happy Father's Day!

**DOUG MCINNIS**

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McInnis

### Happy Birthday!

**DR. GREGORY S. BROWN**

Dr. and Mrs. Ernie P. Balcueva

**BILL BURMEISTER - 75TH**

Dr. and Mrs. Ernie P. Balcueva

**AUSTIN FELLOWS - 10TH**

Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

**BEN FELLOWS - 15TH**

Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

**MARY LYONS**

Kent and Becky Holton

**LOUISE THOMAS - 94TH**

Ms. Mimi Mullin

**TOM AND TAMMY WELSH**

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Naoum

### Happy Anniversary!

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### "What a Hoot!"



Conservancy Kids Derek (6) and Reeve (3) VanDemark show off finger puppets earned after a day of hiking three of our Natural Areas with grandparents (and Sustainers) Ann and Conrad Mason.

A little background on the Conservancy Kids program: all children who are given Leelanau Preserver gifts also receive a fun packet to take out to our Natural Areas. If the kids visit three Natural Areas and match cute nature stickers to intriguing questions in their book, they can come to our office and claim a woodland creature finger puppet. "We looked at the questions along the trail, and came home and talked about them again and the kids put the stickers on then," says Ann. A few days later they stopped into our office to pick up their puppets and pose for this picture.

Derek chose a skunk and Reeve an owl. "All the way home in the car it was "pew, pew, pew, hoot, hoot, hoot!" laughs Ann, who told us she and Conrad took the children to Whaleback, Houdek Dunes and the Village Green in Leland—all in the same day.

"I didn't think we could do it all in one day, but they had a good time and never complained," she adds. "In fact after the second hike Derek said, 'Is there another walk we can take?' The best part was watching them run down the trail at Whaleback—their energy is incredible! Derek really like seeing Lake Michigan and the view from the top of Whaleback. It's a great program!"

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## Don't miss our Annual Friends Picnic Thursday, August 3 The DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake



**2-5pm** Pre-Picnic Field Trips. Choose from 9 fun and informative options ranging from a rigorous 3-hour hike of the DeYoung property to a tamer one-hour historical perspective of the farmstead to a kids nature exploration at DeYoung. Check out all the trips online at [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com)

### 5 pm The Main Event Begins!

- Social hour
- Silent Auction bidding: check out more than 100 auction items online
- Music by TC Celtic
- Leelanau Wine
- Appetizers utilizing local produce created by seven area chefs/caterers. Taste the local foods difference!
- Kids Tent with activities for children 3-12

**6 pm** Picnic Dinner catered by Chef's Pride. More local foods on tap!

**7 pm** Short program with Volunteer and Business Partner of the Year Awards

**7:20pm** Live Auction, with three fabulous items

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