



# Leelanau Conservancy

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

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## Conservancy Protects More Land Along the Crystal River

David and Joyce Stockman always thought they would live out their retirement years along the Crystal River, in a house built there by David's grandfather. Instead, complicated health issues and a need to be near family have changed their plans. The couple is moving to Rochester, New York, to be near their three children and many grandchildren.

When they made the decision to move, chief among their concerns was the protection of the wild, untouched six acres next to their home. "We wanted to make sure that the property would never be developed," says David. Thousands of canoeists and kayakers paddle past their half-mile of shoreline each year. Their land is immediately downstream from the 104-acre "Oxbow Property" that just three years ago was permanently protected when the Homestead Resort agreed to sell the land for inclusion in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. In that deal, the Conservancy played a key role in brokering the transaction and as a "bridge buyer" for the major portion of the land.



*The protected land is just a stone's throw from the National Park land we helped to protect (see bright orange parcel)*

When it became imperative that their land would need to be sold, the Stockmans instructed their Realtor, Steve Nether-ton, to approach the Conservancy to determine what might be done. "We think the Conservancy has done fabulous work in this area," says Joyce. The couple learned that they could protect the peninsula through a conservation easement; an agreement

whereby landowners can either sell or donate their development rights. Lands protected by conservation easements remain in private hands—and they stay on the tax rolls.

"The fact that the Stockmans kept the land natural, not



*A half-mile of shoreline that has been enjoyed by generations of river enthusiasts will remain in its natural state forever.*

manicured, and even left dead trees in place, makes this an ecologically rich property," says Matt Heiman, Director of Land Protection. The land's natural features combined with the availability of grant funds made the purchase of the conservation easement possible. Half of the needed funds came from a Clean Michigan Initiative grant; the other half from our Glen Arbor/Crystal River Fund.

"We've long said that the Crystal River is the signature landscape for the village of Glen Arbor and this is one more way to protect the uniqueness of this area," adds Director Brian Price. "The people who really benefit from this transaction are all of us who enjoy the Crystal River and also the many travelers who pass by on M-22."

"We're thrilled that it went this way, and will stay as it is," says David. Five generations of Stockmans have frolicked in the water here, watched wildlife wander past and salmon swim up the river. David notes that his father, an avid pho-

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Where did the summer go? At this time of the year and this time of life it seems that there is never enough time to finish the well-intentioned projects of summer. We find ourselves pulled away to a beautiful bicycle ride or to hike through these places that we all can't get enough of. With fall colors peaking, it is doubly difficult to concentrate on our work. However, your staff and Conservancy board continue to increase their commitment to land protection projects. We do this at a time when our economy is being threatened and our future seems less certain. The financial challenges we face as a nation may impact our ability to do our work.

In spite of these potential challenges, we at the Conservancy continue to focus proactively on the land, water and scenic character of Leelanau County. We know that no matter how much the world may be in flux, one thing holds true: we all share a love for Leelanau and a desire to see it protected.

I'm happy to bring you up to date on our efforts. In the past 18 months, the Conservancy has had the opportunity to protect more of the prime conservation lands in Leelanau County than ever before in our twenty-year history. In 2007 we protected over 1,000 acres, and we expect to do the same again this year. Our land protection staff, led by Director of Land Protection Matt Heiman, has been closing roughly one new conservation easement each week since Labor Day. Among them: an additional 2,000 feet of precious Crystal River frontage has been protected, and we have signed a purchase agreement to protect by conservation easement 278 acres of forested land in the immediate view shed on one of the finest scenic turnouts in the county. These two examples are just a sampling of some of the incredible work that the Conservancy is doing right now.

In addition, we are working diligently on rolling out our new farmland preservation program with farm families, foundations, M.S.U. Extension, The Horticultural Station, 4-H, and others; so look for specifics in January or February 2009. Finally, we are proud to announce that we have been officially accredited by the Land Trust Alliance (see page 9 to read more).

Regardless of the many distractions that we all are experiencing, plus an economic slowdown, your Conservancy continues to be dedicated to protecting this place we all love. With your support, we will continue to preserve land for all those who follow.

Tom Dunfee, President



### Honoring Retiring Board Members

In October we honored four board members, each of whom has served nine years and is retiring from our board. Pictured left to right below: Jack Burton, Larry Mawby, Dick Brant (seated) and Mary Lyons.

Jack, your work on the Stewardship Committee has been very much appreciated. Your help with the M-22 Heritage Route, and with MDoT has been valuable to our work. Your tireless efforts on our behalf, whether it is signing those important membership letters, or helping to set up our picnic, have been appreciated by all of us.

Larry, your creativity, marketing genius and humor have been a gift to our organization. We appreciate your commitment to land protection and your guidance as chair of that committee. We have benefited from your ability to hone our message and to come up with great ideas to improve our events. We are grateful to you for starting the Conservancy Wine program, a substantial source of funds for farmland protection.

Dick, your tireless work to preserve this county's working farms and agricultural heritage is an inspiration to us all. From your service on the Leelanau County Farmland Preserva-



tion Board, your efforts through Rotary to find marketplace solutions to increase the profitability of the cherry industry, to your steadfast presence on every farmland committee we could dream up, your commitment to this cause is admirable.

Mary, we appreciate your leadership in protecting farmland and the Gills Pier area. Your impact on our Outreach Committee led to the hugely-successful Leelanau Preservers program and your opinions and ear for public discourse have been invaluable in guiding our message. Your role as a Docent early on was a key to that program's success, and your work with Stewardship helped to shape the direction we take today.

In October we appointed three new board members: Barbara VonVoigtlander, Greg Lacross and Todd Stachnik. Look for more information and photos of them on our website and in an upcoming newsletter.



### State Park Expansion A Win for Preservation and Ecotourism

The Leelanau State Park is now officially expanded by 51 acres and 1,400 feet of shoreline. The Conservancy transferred the land to the park in September after optioning the property two years ago. "We're thrilled," says Al Ammons, director of the Leelanau State Park. "The Conservancy has been a wonderful partner to work with in keeping this end of the peninsula in its natural state. In a number of instances, if the Leelanau Conservancy had not stepped in with intermediary financing, we would have lost this unique habitat. It is so important to the migratory songbirds and warblers that come through here, birds that are on the decline."

More than birds may one day flock to the tip, Ammons predicts. He sees the area as ripe for ecotourism. "We're in a unique position with our abundant natural resources here," he says. The tip is being targeted by the Audubon Society for listing as one of the Society's "Important Birding Areas." Once that happens, the tip will become a destination for the nation's birders who can be a boon to the local economy.

"Billions of dollars are spent each year on ecotourism, and a lot of that money is spent by birders," says Kay Charter of Omena, co-founder of Saving Birds Thru Habitat. According to Charter, a five-day birding festival in Harlingen, Texas brings in \$5 million to the local community.

Sally Coohon, president of the Northport/Omena Chamber says that "preserving natural areas is important. And anything that draws people through our little rural village is good. Any time you have anyone driving through, they're bound to stop and have lunch or just explore our little village. It's a win win."

The State Park addition and its spectacular shoreline are immediately adjacent to the campground on the Grand Traverse Bay side of Lighthouse Point. The project is one of two



*The Tip of the Peninsula is a birdwatcher's paradise. Our work here has protected habitat along this important flyway for migrating birds.*

important shoreline acquisitions at the tip that the Leelanau Conservancy has accomplished.

What's so special about this locale? The tip is an ideal spot for migrating birds to pause in their long journey. Here, they feed and rest before crossing the big water. Over 100 species have been documented in the area. Wading birds and waterfowl gather on the cobble beach and feed in the wetlands there. Offshore, the open, shrubby land with intermittent pockets of wetland feed and shelter sparrows, indigo buntings and waxwings. Further from shore, beech and maple host wood warblers, woodpeckers, chickadees, jays, cardinals and many other birds that depend on seeds, buds and nesting sites that hardwoods provide.

Ammons says that the campground won't be expanded into the new property, but a six-foot wide trail is planned that would connect it to the existing camping. "We'd like to have as little impact as possible on the land, while also opening it up for people to be able to come and see the thousands of birds that stop here each year," he says, adding that early April through early June are peak times for migration. "Birders could really help area businesses, especially at a time of year when they really need it," he adds.

The new acquisition was funded in part by a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant of \$2,043,000 secured by the Leelanau Conservancy in December 2006. But the funds weren't released until just last week. When the option ran out in August, the state funds were not yet available. The Conservancy  
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"I never wanted to sell it, or to see it changed in any way." Jean Sedlacek

# Sedlacek 76-acre Farmstead Forever Preserved

Jean Sedlacek has great neighbors. She names a half-dozen people who she says "would come running if I called, and be here inside of two minutes." But as much as she enjoys her neighbors, she also prizes the privacy and quiet that comes with living on her own 80 acres.

"I just love it here," says the 73-year-old mother of three, who has lived on this land in Leland Township for 44 years. "It's so peaceful." Indeed. On a late August morning, the only sounds here are the wind rustling in the trees and the bees buzzing in the vegetable garden behind her home.

Jean has taken steps to keep that peace forever intact by permanently protecting her land through the sale of a conservation easement. Like all privately owned land, it remains

This place has been in our family for so long. I never wanted to sell it, or to see it changed in any way." Both she and her late husband, Robert, were raised in Leelanau. She grew up in Empire; her father was a carpenter and the family also had a roadside vegetable stand on M-72. Robert was raised just up the road on another farm she still owns.

Jean says she was unaware of her preservation options until she read a story in the *Leelanau Enterprise* last year about Gary and Christi Bardenhagen preserving their farm near Leland. "I've known them for years and when I read about them, I thought, 'If they can do it, why can't I?'" She called the Conservancy and soon after met with Land Protection Specialist, Matt Heiman.

"I'd never heard of conservation easements before," says Jean. "I thought, 'What a good deal.' What caught my eye was that no one could build any houses here and in the process I could also be compensated for the value of the development rights."

The funds will allow her to help her children, she says. Son Randy, 39, has multiple sclerosis. Jean was able to put an addition onto her home and make other changes to better accommodate his needs. Randy is an avid hunter, and although now wheelchair bound, uses an ATV to access the land and two hunting blinds he maintains there. "This place is his whole life," says Jean. "Our neighbor, Bob VerSnyder, calls this 'Randy Land.'"

Jean's daughter, Pam, lives in an older mobile home on the land. It will be removed and replaced with a modular house so that Pam can still live nearby.

"She is a big help," says Jean, who is recovering from a painful back surgery. Her other son, Ronald, will soon retire from the Air Force and does not live in the area.

All of her children grew up playing in the woods, picking wild blackberries and fishing in Houdek Creek, which runs through her 80 acres. The conservation easement protects about 1,600 feet along both banks of the coldwater stream. The Michigan DNR lists Houdek Creek, which flows into Lake Leelanau, as a "Type I" trout and salmon stream.

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on the tax rolls. But in exchange for restricting her 76 acres from development, she received compensation for the development rights—compensation that she says has "helped our family in immeasurable ways."

"I love the fact that no one can build on this land," she says. "The best part is that I won't ever have to have any houses around me.



*Jean stands in front of a century-old barn with fieldstone foundation that has been in her late husband's family for generations. One-hundred-year old apple trees bear fruit nearby.*



"Mr. Wollenweber is a real conservation hero in our book," Tom Nelson



# Conservancy Doubles Size of Soper Preserve

Perhaps Norman Wollenweber has said it best. The 70-something Northport native who spent nine years in the U.S. Army and a career as a fleet service crew chief for American Airlines says his life has taken him to "every place you can think of."

"You name it and I've been there," says Norman. "And there isn't another place in the country that can hold a candle to Leelanau County. It is the most beautiful county in the United States."

Norman's passion for Leelanau inspired him to protect 38 acres his grandfather homesteaded that also contains the headwaters of Northport Creek. This fall, he sold the land to the Conservancy for half of its market value because it is important to him to see a beloved swamp and surrounding upland forever protected. The acquisition is special for another reason; it doubles the size of the Conservancy's adjacent Soper Preserve, known for its showy lady slippers.

"Mr. Wollenweber is a real conservation hero in our book," says Tom Nelson, who worked on the project. Norman, who lives in Ft. Worth, Texas, will retain a four-acre parcel on the south side of Johnson Road overlooking the preserve. He visits the area every summer, and plans to build a rustic cabin and observatory one day. "I'd like a nice porch and to clear some brush and just sit there and look at all the land and the critters," he says. He says he's happy his view will not include houses that could have been built there.

Norman's memories of growing up on the land include helping his grandfather to tend cattle raised on what was largely pasture land. They also grew grain to feed the cattle and raised chickens, which they sold to Anderson's IGA in Northport.

His father also worked on the farm but had a day job selling "Watkins" products all over Leelanau. In the morning, after chores, he would leave in a van filled with vitamins, mineral blocks for cattle, mops, washrags and other household goods, and peddle his wares.

Norman and his four siblings went to school in Northport and helped on the farm. "We cut and baled hay, planted oats and hunted during the season," he says. The best hunting was in the swamp, which covers about half of the 38 acres recently preserved. As a child, Norman spent so much time here that Grandfather Pater nicknamed him "The Swamper." One favorite memory: watching fireflies congregate in the wetland. "There's



*The 38-acre addition to our Soper Preserve is home to the headwaters of Northport Creek*



about a billion of them that light up the swamp on a summer evening," he says. "It's absolutely fabulous."

When his mother, Violet, was preparing her will, she asked each of her children what part of her 300-acre farm they would like to receive upon her passing.

For Norman, it was an easy decision. "It wasn't the most valuable part of the property, but the swamp is valuable to me," he says. "A lot of people don't know that the drinking water for Northport originates in that swamp. What's more valuable than water?"

As for the Conservancy's plans for the Preserve, Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe says the next step is a "floristic study" and an update of the management plan "to find the best location for passive recreation trails and to consider the possibility of linking the trails to Northport through neighboring village property." Hunting will not be permitted on this preserve.

"Tom (Nelson) was great to work with," says Norman. "It was an interesting process and knowing that the swamp is going to be forever preserved makes me very happy."

"I give Mr. Wollenweber all the credit for his foresight and willingness to partner with us to protect this property," says Tom Nelson. "He understood that doing so will protect the water quality in this branch of Northport Creek, ensure that a diversity of wildlife and plants will have a permanent home and preserve the rural heritage in this area to be enjoyed by generations to come. We anticipate that this expansion of our existing Soper Preserve will be yet another draw for visitors to this wonderful area. I can't think of a better way to spend a day than to go exploring in this wild landscape and then spend a few hours visiting downtown Northport."



### DeYoung Farmstead Buildings Repaired



Before and after: The hard working crew from Biggs Construction lends a generous hand at DeYoung Natural Area, replacing the roof on this historic structure.

### Partnering for DeYoung Farmstead's Future EMU Grad Students Ponder "Adaptive Reuse"

The DeYoung Natural Area is located on the doorstep of Traverse City, with 145 acres of diverse terrain and nearly a mile of Cedar Lake frontage. The buildings of DeYoung illustrate the independent, creative and hardworking spirit that is so much a part of our region's heritage.

Through a partnership between the Leelanau Conservancy and Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Program, a graduate level course in Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings is underway at DeYoung. Our goals?

- 1) complete a high-quality "historic structures assessment" to prepare for and inform future work
- 2) engage the community in a discussion about the future uses of farmstead buildings as community assets.

The "historic structures assessment" will examine the existing condition of the farmstead buildings and guide volunteer efforts in preparing the buildings for greater public access. Once the report is complete, the Conservancy will invite students, the community, and interested non-profits to a meeting to discuss potential uses for the structures.

Our hope is to move toward a future at DeYoung that may provide meaningful public access to Traverse City's history. This work is funded through a generous grant from the



*We took great pains to restore the porch on the historic farmhouse at DeYoung, getting the details right, under the expert direction of Ken Richmond.*

Oleson Foundation. Special thanks to Professor Ted Ligibel, Jeff Weatherford, Sue Muenzer, Shannon Ward, Fountain Point, Elmwood Township and Richmond Architects.

Thanks to Bob Biggs and his crew for their expert work on replacing the house porch and for donating the labor to re-roof the waterwheel building. We're also grateful to Ken Richmond, Tom Comstock, Bob Doughty, and Bill Love for guiding our work on the DeYoung buildings.





## Six Weeks for the Final 6 %!

**W**e are in the homestretch for DeYoung, with just \$122,777 remaining to reach our \$2 million fundraising goal and secure the property forever.

In the last newsletter, we announced a new challenge grant from the Carls Foundation. We're pleased to report that we have captured 60% of those challenge funds, but we **MUST** secure the balance by December 31 when the offer expires. Please help spread the news: your \$1 gift today means \$2 for DeYoung tomorrow!

Great thanks to our long-time friends at the Edmund and Virginia Ball Foundation, who awarded a second, generous grant of \$25,000 to the project in September. (As you might remember, the Ball Foundation helped launch our very first matching challenge for DeYoung way back in 2006!) Thanks also to Jeff & Sue Corbin and several other Conservancy friends who jumped in with both feet to double the value of their gifts during this challenge period.

This project has engaged so many people with donations of time and treasure, both big and small. DeYoung is **YOUR** resource—and we are so grateful for your help in getting where we are today. We can't wait to celebrate with you at the finish line!



*Help us finish this great project. Your donations to the DeYoung Natural Area will be doubled by the Carls Foundation until December 31, 2008.*

### YOUR DOLLARS WELL INVESTED

In 2008, matching grants and carefully negotiated bargain sales helped every dollar donated protect over **FIVE DOLLARS** worth of land - **PERMANENTLY!** Now that's a great investment in the future of Leelanau!



### LEAVE A LEGACY

**W**e would be honored to have you as a member of our Heritage Society, which includes Conservancy supporters who have chosen to contribute to the Leelanau Conservancy through wills, charitable remainder or lead trusts, gifts of insurance, retirement plans or other estate planning arrangements. Many of you have already named the Conservancy as a beneficiary in one way or another. If you have done so and not yet informed us, please let us know: we would like to list you as a member of our Heritage Society to recognize your commitment and because your actions may help to inspire others. If you have questions about the Heritage Society or would like to learn more about your options, call Director of Charitable Giving, Anne Shoup (256-9665) or email [ashoup@theconservancy.com](mailto:ashoup@theconservancy.com).



Farming in Leelanau is a good life. And it's one worth living, for me, my children and future generations of my family." William Casier, Sr.

### Sedlacek farm, continued

"The land has enormous conservation value," says Heiman. "We're grateful to Jean for working with us on common goals." Heiman says the land has "an unusually broad range of habitats for a property of this size." Among them: a diverse native hardwood forest with trees of many age classes and a multi-storied canopy. Downed logs and standing dead trees host a variety of birds and insects. Much of the preserved area is high quality wetlands. Because it is in the Lake Leelanau Watershed, the Conservancy was able to access Clean Michigan Initiative grant funds from the Michigan DEQ to help with the project.

"There is every kind of creature you can think of living in these woods," says Jean. "I'm glad for the animals, that they will always have a home here, too."

### Casier Farm in Empire Township - Signed, Sealed & Delivered!

It's one of those marathon projects that makes you smile when it's all said and done. The cherries and maple syrup will seem that much more tasty now that the project has finally reached its conclusion. Late this summer, the partnership between the Casier Family, the Conservancy and the federal government closed. It all started back in 2002 when the Conservancy first explored a way to permanently preserve this 158-acre family farm. The final agreement allows the family to live on the farm and ensures these lands overlooking the stunning Empire Valley and Lake Michigan will remain available for farming from now on, thanks to the patience and perseverance of the Casier Family.

"Without our family farm's preservation project, it would be near impossible for our farm to be passed from father to sons. Given that the average age of county farmers is near 55, we know that many farms will be changing hands in the near future. This preservation program will be an invaluable tool towards keeping this land in agriculture," says Bill Casier Jr.



### Lighthouse State Park Addition, continued

turned to the Conservation Fund for help—a national nonprofit land and water conservation organization. It provided a bridge loan for the purchase through its Land Trust Loan Program.

"We're glad we could help the Leelanau Conservancy meet the needs of both the landowners and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and protect such an important piece of property," says Reggie Hall, program manager for The Conservation Fund's Land Trust Loan Program. "Our loan program exists for projects like this, and we're thrilled to be a part of local conservation in the great state of Michigan."

With this transaction, the Conservancy has now protected 625 acres in the Cathead Bay to Lighthouse Point area. "Between these two projects, we have secured \$3 million in state funds, and raised \$900,000 in local matching funds from private donors who care deeply about the tip of the peninsula," says Conservancy Director Brian Price. "The public will benefit tremendously by having this unique feature of our beautiful peninsula forever preserved."

### Crystal River, continued



tographer, spent hours taking pictures of the lady slippers and other natural wonders found on this property. David and Joyce say they are proud to be leaving the land as David's grandfather found it in the 1930s.

The Stockman home and surrounding lot is not part of the easement. It remains unrestricted and is being sold, along with the conserved land, to a new owner who must adhere to the terms of the conservation easement.

David's daughter, Sheri Adam, says she is glad her parents will be near her and her siblings. "But the move is bittersweet for all of us," she says. "Five generations have enjoyed this wonderful place. But we all live 10 hours away, and it's just not practical for us to hold on to it. If we can't be here to enjoy it, the next best thing is knowing that it will stay this way forever."



"We are a stronger organization today having gone through accreditation"  
Brian Price



## Happenings



### Leelanau Conservancy Earns National Recognition

We're pleased to tell you that we recently were accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, and are proud to be one of the first land trusts in the country to receive this coveted designation.

"Accredited land trusts meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever," says Commission Executive Director Tammara Van Ryn. "The accreditation seal lets the public know that the accredited land trust has undergone an extensive, external review of the governance and management of its organization and the systems and policies it uses to protect land."

"Accredited status demonstrates our commitment to permanent land conservation," says Brian Price, Executive Director. "We are a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program." Thirty-seven land trusts (out of some 1,700) were awarded accreditation at a special ceremony held at the LTA's annual rally in Pittsburgh.

*"Our fundamental reason for donating a conservation easement on our property was to maintain its viewscape for everyone to enjoy....forever! The Conservancy's new accreditation status is just another layer of insurance that our goals will be met... bravo!!!"*—Vik and Susan Theiss: donated a conservation easement on a 71-acre hillside near Glen Arbor.



*"It was a great leap of faith, entrusting my Conservancy with what is now the Teichner Nature Preserve on Lime Lake, land that has been precious to me all my life. My gifts have been all about TRUST, and by becoming one of the first land trusts in the country to be accredited, the Conservancy has declared emphatically that it*

*is committed to the full meaning of the word."*—Martha Teichner: donated her family land to the Leelanau Conservancy. Later, she helped to secure a neighbor's land donation and also contributed to the purchase of a third parcel, doubling the size of the Teichner Preserve on Lime Lake.



*"The accreditation award is a further confirmation of our own judgment in trusting the Leelanau Conservancy to protect our land and its purposes forever. It is an assurance of the stability and high standards of the Conservancy to effectively function in perpetuity."*—Dick and Posy Shuster:

preserved nearly 1,000 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline and 23 acres at the very tip of the Leelanau Peninsula through donated conservation easements.

### Martha Teichner Speaks at LTA National Rally

Martha Teichner made the following speech at the Land Trust Alliance Rally in September, 2008. Many of us who heard the speech live were brought to tears by her story and the passion she has for the land she protected on Lime Lake. You can hear the speech and download a video of it at LTA's website ([www.lta.org](http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally/rally-in-review/rally-2008-speeches)). The direct link is: <http://www.landtrustalliance.org/learning/rally/rally-in-review/rally-2008-speeches>.

The full text of the speech also appears on our website. Just go to the Natural Areas section and click on Teichner Preserve ([www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com).) What follows is the first few paragraphs of Martha's speech.

*I'm going to tell you a story, mine as it happens, about some woods on a lake in Northern Michigan and a land trust. It's a story about memory and love and loss, of rediscovery, suspense, and finally a joy that seems to me like sunlight.*

*Really, aren't they all like that??? The success stories behind the 1.2 million acres land trusts in this country.*

*It was the wildness of the land my parents learned to love when they found themselves in Northern Michigan after World War II... Newly married, they bought the only home they would ever own together, an old white house my mother spotted on a narrow gravel road, boarded up and neglected, with no indoor plumbing, unwanted by the elderly Chicagoans who had inherited it many years before.*

*It had been built just after the Civil War by a man named, Fisher, a so-called "lumber baron," one of those hardy entrepreneurs who ...*



I to r; Susan Price, Yarrow Wolfe, Martha Teichner, Brian Price at the National LTA Rally



## 2008 - 2009 Winter/Spring Hike Schedule

**Important Note:** We are pleased to offer this schedule of hikes and programs, led by our knowledgeable volunteer docents. 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. All hikes are free unless noted. Call 231-256-9665 to register and for questions. Directions (both written or via our Google mapping feature) can be found on our website. To learn about the docent leading your hike visit our website and read about their background, interests and teaching style. For directions, feel free to call us, or visit our website. There are written directions and also a Google mapping feature at [www.theconservancy.com](http://www.theconservancy.com). Click on Upcoming Events and Hikes section of the website, and then on Directions to Natural Areas link.

### December

**Saturday, December 27 1 pm**  
***A Holiday Hike at the Chippewa Run Natural Area***

Join docents David Harris and Lou Ricord for a hike around the Chippewa Natural Area in Empire. The first signs of winter should be upon us and this will be a wonderful way to get out and discover all that this incredible parcel has to offer. Hikers are welcome to wear either snowshoes or boots.

### January

**Saturday, January 3 10 am**  
***Begin 2009 at the Houdek Dunes Natural Area***

Discover what happens in winter at the Houdek Dunes Natural Area on this 2-hour venture. Many forms of wildlife make their winter habitat at Houdek and this will be the perfect opportunity to explore all it has to offer. Docents Jack Schultz, Judy Smart and Sharon Oriel will lead you on this snowshoe or snow boot hike.



**Saturday, January 17 1 pm**  
***The Depths of Winter at DeYoung***

Join docents David Amos and Lou Ricord for a snowshoe hike at the 145-acre DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake. You'll traverse the winding quarter-mile Cedar Lake Trail that will take you through a magical old cedar forest and out to the lake. You must provide your own snowshoes; snow boots are also appropriate.

### February

**Saturday, February 7 1 pm**  
***The Incredible Houdek Dunes Natural Area***

Both snowshoes and boots are appropriate gear for this eventful winter hike around the Houdek Dunes Natural Area. These 330 acres are waiting to be discovered as you hike with docents Judy Hoeffler and Ann Mason.

**Saturday, February 14 1 pm**  
***A Sweetheart of a Hike at Chip Run***

Surprise your special Valentine with a snowshoe hike around this natural area in Empire. Docents Sharon Oriel and David Harris will lead this hike through one of the most diverse Conservancy natural areas. Venture over the stream, past the old orchard and through the pine plantation. Winter boots also appropriate if you do not have snowshoes.

**Sunday, February 15 2 pm**  
***Wildlife Tracking at Kehl Lake***

Explore winter with a hike to discover clues to a myriad of wildlife activities that occur daily at the Kehl Lake Natural Area. Docents Ann McNinis, Ed Arnfield and Marsha Buehler are ready to help you find and identify animal tracks left by the various critters that live at Kehl Lake. Both snowshoes and winter boots are welcome.



### April

**Saturday, April 18 8 am**  
***Early Morning Birding Hike at Chippewa Run***

Spring is in the air! And so are the birds heading home to Leelanau County. Join docents Alice VanZooeren, David Harris and Lou Ricord for an amazing hike through the Chippewa Run Natural Area in Empire. This time of the year finds many species of birds migrating north from the warmer climates. Our experienced docents will be able to help you identify many of our fine flying friends both by sight and sound. If you're eager to learn and love the outdoors, this hike is for you!





***Saturday, April 25 10 am  
Earth Day Celebration at Houdek  
Dunes***

This hike is dedicated to the beauty of the Earth and wonderful features of the Houdek Dunes Natural Area. Join docents Ann McInnis, Marsha Buehler and Ed Arnfield as they lead you through the trails of this incredible 330-acre area.



Can't get to one of our scheduled hikes? If you have a family weekend planned or have a large group that would like to go on a hike with one of our docents, please call! We're happy to try and arrange something just for you depending on the availability of our wonderful docents. Call Gayle at 231-256-9665 or email [gayle@theconservancy.com](mailto:gayle@theconservancy.com)

## Water Quality and Stream Monitoring

By Fred Neidhardt

For nearly two decades the Conservancy has been monitoring the health of streams that feed the lakes in and around Leelanau County. We evaluate 20 streams either annually or on a three-year cycle.

We measure the flow rate of the stream, water temperature, and phosphorus. The flow rate is determined using a calibrated meter to record the velocity of flow at 20 to 25 measured intervals across each stream. A software program converts these measurements into total volume flow, in cubic feet of water per second. One volunteer stands in the stream and positions the meter at the desired distance across the stream, while a second volunteer records data gathered by the meter. Air and water temperature are easily read from an electronic thermometer. Water samples are gathered and sent to the Great Lakes Environmental Center laboratory in Traverse City, where the concentration of total phosphorus is determined.



*Tim Keilty and Lily Downing before heading out onto Lake Leelanau to gather water samples*

These parameters allow conclusions to be drawn about the level of ground water in the area, the general nature of the stream's surface environment, and the level of contamination by the limiting nutrient for algal growth in streams in this part of the country: phosphate. Examining these data over the course of years allows detection of local and general changes in the environment that could be detrimental to water quality.



*Volunteer Rob Shirkey measures stream flow*

Each year seven streams are chosen to be monitored. Each stream is measured in May, July, September and November. Two teams of paired observers are responsible for 3 to 4 streams, and measurements are completed in 3-4 hours. As a result, the amount of work is not burdensome, beautiful streams are visited throughout the county, and good companionship is enjoyed. Thanks to Ray Canale, Fred Neidhardt, Rob Shirkey (pictured), Mark Kupferer, Tim Keilty, Wayne Swallow and Walt Nielsen. This summer Lily Downing spent time helping Tim Keilty with water sampling on inland lakes (pictured.) We're grateful to Jeff Green for entering the Leelanau lakes and stream data from the field notebooks into our Water Quality database.



## Welcome, New Sustainers!

"We have been vacationing in Leelanau County for the 40 years of our marriage. Our love affair with the Up North mystique began with annual visits to our childhood friend who "married into" a cottage on Little Traverse Lake. We parlayed our Au-

gust trip to Leelanau with time visiting Eric's parents on the other side of the big lake in Door County, Wisconsin. As kids grew and careers wound down, we found an opportunity to become property owners in the "Land of Delight," so we now spend five months in the county each year. Because we have such fond and lasting memories of this place from 40 years ago, we want to do our little part to preserve the essence of those memories. We salute the neighbors who established the Conservancy, and we are proud to be a part of the important mission."

Annette and Eric Munson,  
Suttons Bay

We now have nearly 500 individuals/families who 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. We welcome our newest Sustainers:

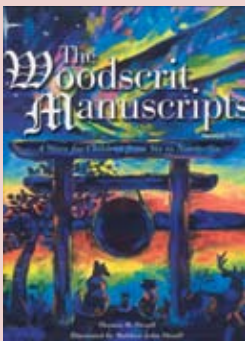
Patricia J. Berry  
Robert and Karlen Fellows  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackman  
Jim and Natalie Kuras  
Eric and Annette Munson  
Tom Sawyer & Kate Sawyer Vilter  
Andris Zoltners



## Gifts That Give Back!

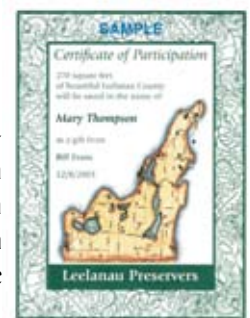
The holidays are just around the corner, and we have a new web page that features "Gifts that Give Back." One such item is a lovely children's book about Leelanau written by a longtime-Conservancy supporter, Thomas Shoaff, and illustrated by his son, Matthew. There are many people like Thomas and businesses who pledge a portion of sale proceeds to the Leelanau Conservancy. We're pleased to feature these sorts of offerings along with our own Conservancy logo merchandise.

<http://www.theconservancy.com/gifts.html>



## Leelanau Preservers A Gift That Lasts Forever

When you give a gift through the Leelanau Conservancy Preservers program, you can preserve land in a child's name, and instill in them at an early age that they have a stake in what Leelanau is to become. You can also give a gift to friends or family who live far away, but have Leelanau in their hearts. Or, preserve land in your own name. As a result of your contribution, your gift recipient becomes a "Leelanau Preserver." We send a beautiful card acknowledging your gift and keep track of the total acres that have been preserved in your gift recipient's name. When Preservers reach the 1/10 acre milestone (\$500) a beautiful personalized, hand-made tile is mounted on our Preservers Circle in the Leland Village Green. Learn more about Leelanau Preservers on our website: <http://www.theconservancy.com/leelanaupreserve.html>





"We know of very few organizations that accomplish so much, year after year" Gail and Bart Ingraham



## Giving Back

### Fate Brought Us to Leelanau...

When Bart and Gail Ingraham returned from the Peace Corps in 1974, they began a lengthy job hunt. Their search began in Denver, led to Bart's hometown of Rockford, and on to an interview at Timber



Shores Resort in Northport. They ultimately accepted jobs in Traverse City. "Renting the upstairs of one of the beautiful Sixth Street houses lasted about six

months," Gail writes. "We had no place to do all of our hobbies, and we were tired of boxes."

Having been a "city girl," Gail loved Bart's old family home: a country farmhouse. So when their Realtor took them to a 100-year old farmhouse on two acres in Leelanau County, "I told him I would take it before we drove into the driveway!" They decided not to move again and threw away their boxes.

A love story with Leelanau County was well underway: "The more we got to see and know about Leelanau, we realized how blessed we were to have been led here," Gail writes. "The lakes, the forests, the orchards and farms, the cross-country skiing out your back door, the open space, the charming villages with no big box stores or chain restaurants, the proximity of so many varied and quality cultural opportunities, the night sky dark enough to see millions of stars, the climate, the peace and quiet... Leelanau wins hands down. We travel quite a bit, and have never found a

place we would rather be."

Over time, the Ingraham's two acres became Bellwether Gardens, with a perennial and shrub nursery, many display gardens, and a garden shop. They have been making "Black Gold" compost, and designing and planting gardens for 24 years now.

"As our farmhouse in the country was surrounded by housing developments, we got scared that this could happen to the whole county," explains Gail. "We were thrilled to learn about the Conservancy and its mission. We joined immediately, and started volunteering."

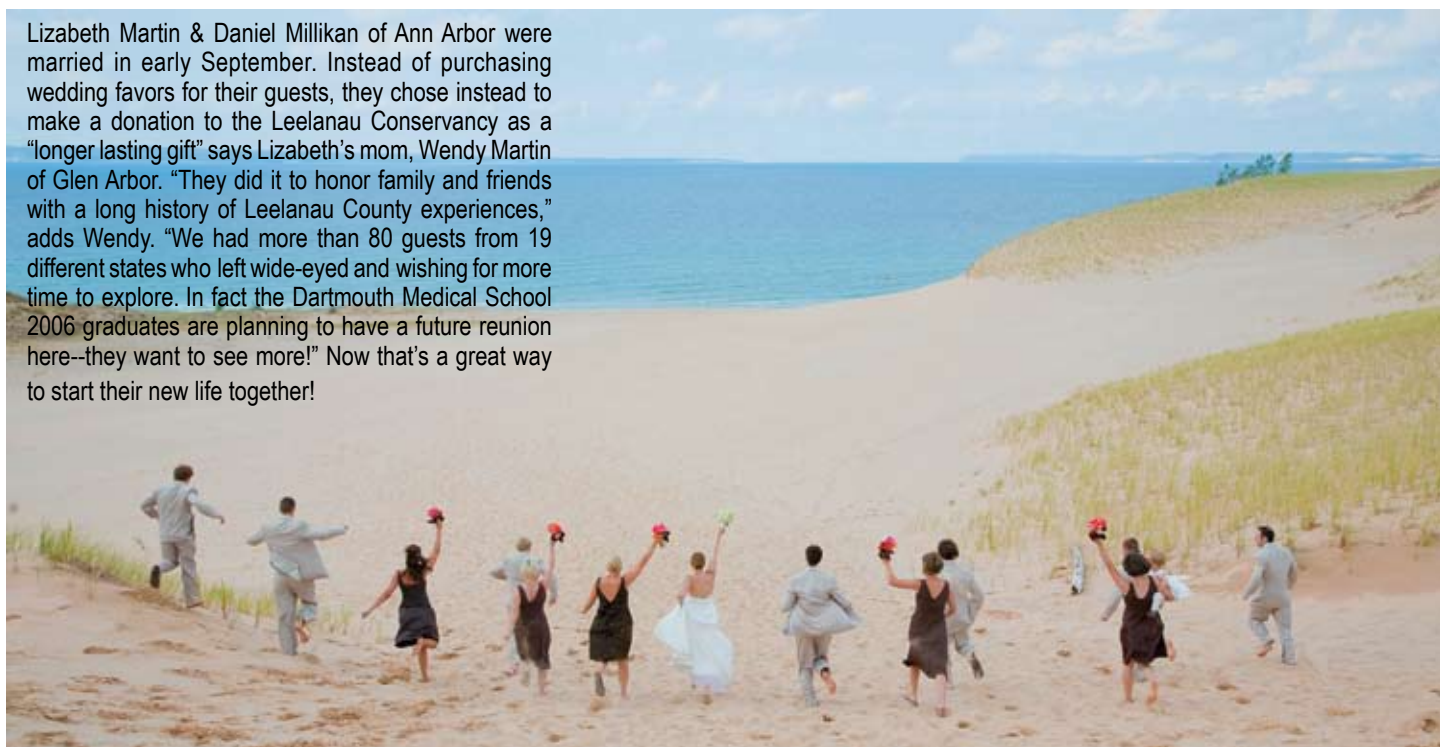
"Over the years," she continues, "we have been amazed at the effectiveness of the Leelanau Conservancy. We know of very few organizations that accomplish so much year after year. All of the above made it easy for us to include the Leelanau Conservancy in our estate planning. Since we don't have children, we chose to share our assets with those who will keep on working to protect the things we love most." Thank you, Gail and Bart!

### Exercise Your Willpower...

Where there's a will, there's a way to make a bequest to the Leelanau Conservancy. To learn more, contact Anne Shoup, Director of Charitable Giving at [ashoup@theconservancy.com](mailto:ashoup@theconservancy.com) or 231-256-9665.



Lizabeth Martin & Daniel Millikan of Ann Arbor were married in early September. Instead of purchasing wedding favors for their guests, they chose instead to make a donation to the Leelanau Conservancy as a "longer lasting gift" says Lizabeth's mom, Wendy Martin of Glen Arbor. "They did it to honor family and friends with a long history of Leelanau County experiences," adds Wendy. "We had more than 80 guests from 19 different states who left wide-eyed and wishing for more time to explore. In fact the Dartmouth Medical School 2006 graduates are planning to have a future reunion here--they want to see more!" Now that's a great way to start their new life together!





## Annual Picnic and Auction a Great Success

It was another wonderful gathering of more than 800 Conservancy friends. Some \$110,000 was raised to support the work of the Leelanau Conservancy. Thanks to dozens of donors, including Mario Batali, who once again donated his special dinner for 12. Attendees were quite taken with the Picnic site, Roger and Coco Newton's beautiful 100-acre farm near Suttons Bay, which was preserved forever late last year.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed or bid on auction items. Thanks also go out to our many volunteers and chefs, including our dedicated Auction Committee which met all year to pull off this fantastic event. (See photo). Thanks also to underwriters who defray our costs so that all or most of the proceeds can benefit the Conservancy. Merrill Lynch, as our Local Foods Champion, provided key support. We appreciate the sponsor support also from AMBS Investment Counsel, LLC, Bahle's, Venture Properties, Oryana, Cottage Book Shop, Cherry Capital Foods, Huntington Bank, Gallagher's Farm Market and Bakery, Northport Highlands, Sterling Law Office, Leelanau Communications and The Leelanau Enterprise. Thanks also to Leelanau chefs, vintners and beverage people who made our meal memorable—we are grateful! For a complete list, see page 17!

Patty Shea received our Volunteer of the Year Award, for her tireless work as co-chair of the Wildflower Rescue Committee for nearly two decades. Patty and her group rescue wildflowers from building sites and sell them at the annual Village Green Plant Sale. In the process, they ensure the proliferation of wildflowers throughout Leelanau and the proceeds of the sale benefit the Conservancy.

Our Business Partner of the Year was the Leelanau Conservation District, which has been our partner in many conservation-related projects over the years. The organization has been instrumental in working with us to reach out to the farming community to help create new tools to protect family farms.







Dear Friends,

October marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1988 gala opening celebration of the Leelanau Conservancy. Our first Honorary Chairman, Harlan H. Hatcher, former President of the University of Michigan and internationally active environmentalist, spoke to that small, enthusiastic gathering about the critical importance of preserving unique land, water quality, wildlife habitat, and open spaces on Earth.

At that time, there were seven board members. Ed, myself, Carl and Pat Headland, and Jacquie Verdier did all the office work and fund raising. Brian Price was a \$7/hour part-time employee. Harlan Hatcher's global perspective, wisdom, and support, encouraged our taking on seemingly-impossible projects that at times required a huge leap of faith that our supporters would come through with the wealth, wisdom, and work needed in order to make them happen. Since that time, our past and present board members, staff, and member/donors have never once faltered in providing what was needed.

Twenty years later, 800-plus people attended our August 2008 Annual Picnic on the site of one of our newest conservation easements, the Newton Farm. My knees simply turned to jelly as I was handed the microphone to welcome everyone, for I was absolutely overwhelmed and humbled by the sudden thought that every single person present was there because he or she chose to be a steward of the precious gift of the natural resources that surround us in our beloved Leelanau County.

Do you know that 315 of our 1988 members have remained loyal donors throughout all 20 years? That is truly remarkable! Currently, we have 10 times that many donors to various funds, including general memberships; and, over 500 Sustainers pledge to contribute \$500 or more each year to our Operating Fund. We now have 20 board members, ten full time staff, 2 part time Staff, and dozens of dedicated volunteers who serve on committees, act as docents, and help us in countless ways.

This September 19th, the Leelanau Conservancy was among the first 37 land trusts in the USA who were given ac-



*The early years: co-founders Ed and Bobbie Collins at one of the first Conservancy events.*

creditation status by the National Land Trust Alliance. While we have always adhered to NLT's Standards and Practices, this designation confirms our commitment to excellence and the highest standards in doing business.

The next 20 years will bring us new challenges as we continue our mission. In the current climate of financial uncertainty, our fund raising efforts will be one of those challenges. We all need to pull in our belts and make tough decisions about how to support our favorite causes. In the days after 9/11 we heard from so many of you that you turned to the natural world for solace and came to the realization that healing came through nature. Ed and I feel passionately that "giving back" to that which sustains the soul and is a gift to future generations is our own priority. We trust that you, too, feel the same way and will continue to support the Leelanau Conservancy as generously as you are able.

Each and every one of you should be proud of what you have done, and continue to do, to make "The Difference" in what is possible to preserve forever our unique corner of the world—the miles of shoreline, the acres of dune land, farmland and woodland, the wetlands, the water quality, the scenic views. We send you our most humble thanks and immense gratitude.

*Bobbie & Ed Collins, Founders*



*Co-Founder Bobbie Collins speaks to 800 Conservancy friends at our Annual Picnic. Board member & co-auctioneer Larry Mawby looks on.*



## Learning and Loving the Land

We're taking part in a great new program called "Conservation Stewards." The program is modeled after MSU Extension's Master Gardener program, and attracts people who are interested in the outdoors, ecology and learning about what they can do to help care for our region's land and water. It starts with 40 hours of education and, like the Master Gardener program, requires that participants log 40 hours of volunteering to receive certification. MSU Extension is the facilitator, and we are one of a number of local partners.



*Long time docent Jack Schultz shares his vast knowledge of trees*

Docent Jack Schultz and Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe led an enthused group in a field session on tree identification and forest ecology at our Belanger Creek Preserve. We explored the ecosystem and learned about aspen clones, why maple trees dominate northern hardwood forests, threats to these habitats, and what we can do to take better care of them. "Each time we expand our network of

people and organizations interested in caring for our environment, we make Leelanau better for those who come after us," says Jenee Rowe. Thanks to Tom Callison of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for their help.

We hope that participants will join our core group of stewardship volunteers who are always needed to maintain trails, remove invasive species and more. Great news: the first session filled quickly. We hope to offer training again next fall. Stay tuned.

## Trail Steward Thanks

Thanks to our Trail Stewards, who keep watch over and help maintain our natural areas and preserves. You are helping us care for the gems of Leelanau!!! Warren Watkins, John Bull, Jim Gilbo, Barbara Nelson-Jameson, Erika and Dennis Ferguson, Ann Mason, Ed Reinert, Mike Lamont, Matt Posner and Mary Taylor.

Our Trail Steward program began this year. We still need Trail Stewards for the Kehl Lake Natural Area, Finton Natural Area, Belanger Creek Preserve and Soper Preserve. If you can help, contact Trail Steward Volunteer Coordinator and Conservancy Board Member Mary Taylor at [ImageArts1@aol.com](mailto:ImageArts1@aol.com) or call 256-9856.

## Propagating Native Shrubs

In early summer, we collected 500 cuttings from native shrubs on the DeYoung Natural Area. Our aim was to test different methods of propagation on 10 targeted wetland shrub species in order to find which plants respond best to each method. It is important that we find ways to preserve our local plant heritage by finding creative ways to propagate local genetic strains of Michigan native plants. Our hope is to use these plants to restore Conservancy properties that are plagued by invasive species. Next spring we plan to plant the 500 young shrubs on properties like DeYoung Natural Area and the Narrows Natural Area for Earth Day with local community groups, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and local schools. We thank Tom and Kate Brodhagen, owners of Greystone Gardens in Empire, and board member and NMC biology professor Greg LaCross.



*Native high bush cranberry seedlings take root for future restoration work.*

## Saving Cedars and Other Tasks

Thanks to Erika Ferguson who rescued 20 lovely native cedar seedlings and nurtured them through the summer until their roots had grown strong. Conservancy staff and volunteer, Becky Hill, planted them at the end of an old two-track on the Jeff Lamont Preserve.

Thanks to Docent Lou Ricord for making a new Chippewa Run Brochure. Look for it in the kiosk and online. Lou is also the webmaster for the Why Leelanau website.

Also thanks to Jim Thomas for clearing invasive species from a section of the 30 acre addition to Kehl Lake Natural Area. Our plan is to create better open meadow habitat for migrating birds.

## Snowplow Help—Thanks and Needs

We can't thank the following people enough for keeping our natural areas plowed so that winter visitors can enjoy our natural areas in all their snowy majesty. We're grateful to Rick Cross for help at Kehl Lake Natural Area; Warren Watkins, Scott Koeze and Craig Miller at Houdek Dunes; and Gene Meeuwenberg at DeYoung Natural Area.

Snowplowers are needed at Whaleback Natural Area near Leland and Chippewa Run Natural Area in Empire. If you can help, please call Jenee Rowe (231-256-9665) or email: [jrowe@theconservancy.com](mailto:jrowe@theconservancy.com).





## Volunteering Matters

### Thank You, Picnic Helpers!

We are grateful to everyone for their time and talent! We hope you know that the hours you put in and the effort you expend make the Leelanau Conservancy what it is today: a thriving, vital, successful organization. Your many hands make light work for us. If we have neglected to mention your name here, please know that we are no less thankful for your help! (Our wonderful mailing crew was listed in our summer newsletter, and continues to help us with our fall mailings. Thank you!)

#### Beer and Wine

45 North  
Bel Lago  
Jack Burton  
Chateau Fontaine  
Good Harbor Vineyards  
Great Lakes Tea and Spice  
Happy Hour  
L. Mawby Vineyards  
Leelanau Brewing Company  
Leelanau Cellars  
Leelanau Organic  
Shady Lane  
Silver Tree Deli

#### Food and Supply Donors

American Waste  
Al & Margo Ammons  
Bakker's Acres  
Covered Wagon  
J. Bardenhagen Farm  
G. Bardenhagen Farm  
Cherry Capital Foods  
Marty Easling  
Gallagher's Farm Market  
Green Safe Products  
Hansens  
Anne Hoyt  
Ugly Tomato

#### Entertainment

Lenny McNeil

#### General Volunteers

Jackie Amos  
Nancy & Emily Ashken  
Kyle Carr  
Tom and Gretchen Dunfee  
Lily Downing  
John and Gina Erb  
Marianne Eyer  
Cara and Dave Cassard

Larry and Donna Dodd  
Jeff & Susan Green  
Dan Harkness  
Molly Harrison  
Peter Heidrich  
John Hoeffler  
Ryland Kenyon  
Anne Kinzie  
Leelanau Sheriff's Dept.  
Mary Lyons  
Gene and Karen Martineau  
Steve and Deb Martineau  
Northport Point Teens  
Peninsula Excavating  
Matt Posner  
Mary & Povolo  
Kathy and Lou Ricord  
Betsy Schmidt  
Jack Seaman  
Frank Siepker  
Mary Taylor  
Sally Viskochil  
Warren Watkins  
Tracy Watson

#### Picnic Hike Volunteers

Kay Charter  
David Hill  
Judy Hoeffler  
Nancy Kotting  
Greg LaCross  
Doug Matthies  
Ann McInnis  
Bobbie Poor  
Pam Schmidt

#### Photo Display

Jeff Corbin  
Woodbine

#### Kids Tent

Jeff and Sue Corbin  
Sally Casey  
Tom and Mary Nixon  
Connie Thompson  
Heather and Chad Jordan  
Norma Powers  
Sylvia Keely  
Cass and Jim Miller  
Evy Sussman

#### Auction Committee (see photo below)

Marsha Buehler  
Nancy and Berkley Duck  
Gina Erb  
Judy Frederick  
Chris Halbert  
Molly Harrison  
Frank and Mary Ann Krebs  
Larry Mawby  
Bill and Dorothy Mudget  
Christina Pfeufer  
Kathy Ricord  
Leslie Schmid  
Andrea & Alison Spohn  
Kathy Rymal  
Leif Sporck  
Laura Swire  
Ann Watkins

#### Costumes

Jonathan Ashken  
Annette Deibel  
Gina Erb  
Sam and Dave Fought

Herb and Ann Nichols  
Andrea and Mike Muladore  
Judy and John Smart  
Andrea & Alison Spohn

#### Appetizer Chefs and Servers

Good Harbor Grill  
The Bluebird  
TLC Tomatoes  
Sissons  
Don and Ann Gregory  
Bakker's Acres  
Hansens  
Epicure Catering  
Stone House Bread  
Moonyeen Fitch  
Val Schuette  
Lou and Diana Aug  
Nancy Miller  
Ann Watkins  
Courtney Miller  
Sharon and Pat Oriel  
David and Marcia Harris

#### Other Summer Volunteers

##### Event Hosting

Shawn Ricker & Steven Cacossa  
Ed & Elaine Ricker  
Don & Ann Gregory  
Pat & Sharon Oriel

##### Weeding

Liz Zimmerman





## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

(Received between 7/14/2008 and 11/10/2008)

### In Honor of

*Vanessa Campbell*  
Ms. Cathryn M. Carter

*Kaye-Geier Friends & Family*  
Anna Kaye and David Geier

*Cynthia Starr*  
Ms. Beverly M. Ghesquiere

*Vik and Susan Theiss*  
Mr. and Mrs. Colin P. Vogt

*Traverse City Youth Corps*  
Mr. and Mrs. James Hoogterp

### Happy Birthday!

*Jeanne and Ray Beights*  
Mr. and Dr. Stephen R. Beights

*Rita Dana*  
Herb and Ann Nichols

*Treva DeJong - 70th*  
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Banks  
Drs. Ann and Conrad Mason

*Jonathon Feld*  
Jonathan Feld and Shelley Longmuir

*Olivia Fellows - 10th*  
Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

*Leslie Fowler*  
Mrs. Kari M. Jarmuz

*Ann Mason*  
Rhys VanDemark & Kathi McGookey

*Ann McInnis*  
Mr. and Mrs. John F. McInnis

*Heather Miller*  
Herb and Ann Nichols

*Robert Risbridger*  
Ms. Emily Risbridger

*Ethel Wills*  
Drs. Paul and Monica Murphy

*Steve Wyatt*  
Wendy J. Wyatt

### Happy Anniversary

*Larry and Donna Dodd - 40th*  
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gilbo

*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Eichstadt - 53rd*  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Oetinger

*John and Janice Fisher - 68th*  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Oetinger

*Dr. and Mrs. John Harris - 50th*  
Mrs. Jeannette R. Hodgson

*David and Janice Kleiner - 50th*  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gotsch

*Kristin Zimmerman & Christopher Green*  
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Zimmerman

### Wedding Wishes

*Marriage of: Janet Kelman & David Rein*  
Lori Adelson and Matt Breyer  
Mrs. Estelle Babitch  
Ms. Sharon Barksdale  
Ms. Teddy Bofman  
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hershman  
Susan Klimist and Martha Zingo  
Ms. Donna C. Moore  
Elissa Ray and Tom Borton  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Rein

*Marriage of Liz Martin and Dan Millikan*  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin

*Marriage of Chris and Shannon Torres*  
Jim Ristine & Mardi Black

### In Memory of

*Donald L. Bailey*  
Ms. Beverly M. Sporck

*Kenneth W. Bailey*  
Ms. Beverly M. Sporck

*Doc and Sally Beam*  
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Davey

*Frederick W. Bloom*  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Klein  
Dr. and Mrs. R.A. Westphal  
Birchwood Shores Preservation Assn

*Jeanne B. Buettner*  
Christie L. and Bruce T. Alton

*Jayne Bull*  
Herb and Ann Nichols  
Sally Viskochil

*Richard Cain*  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Stowe

*Nettie and William Chumak*  
Ms. Sandra J. Chumack

*Anne Cleaver*  
Ms. Mary Lee Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Atkinson  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Bogley  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Bowen  
Mr. Roy B. Church  
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Elder  
Ms. Sarah L. George  
Paula S. Leinbach  
Mrs. Mary E. Lyons  
Herb and Ann Nichols  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Oetinger  
Lissa and Dan Petersen  
Robert and Ellen Pisor  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Ristine  
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shannahan  
Mr. John Shannahan, IV  
Mrs. Sally Viskochil  
Dr. and Mrs. William W. Wells  
Women's Hiking Group

*Madeleine Deters*  
Phil and Kathy Scherer

*Mary Ann Detzer Hilty*  
Mr. Richard D. Detzer

*Marsha Hunter*  
Jack Hunter  
Justin and Deanne Hunter

*Elizabeth Dose*  
Ms. Sara Altherr  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Garthe  
Ms. Gretchen K. Gaunt  
Ms. Jane A. Gaunt  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. McElroy  
Craig A. and Nancy T. Miller  
Susan and Brian Price  
Mrs. Mary Ann Sarosi  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Tefertiller, Jr.

*David Dykema*  
City of Lansing, Public Service Dept.  
Chuck and Susan Armour  
Scot and Rose Laing

*Dick Elliott*  
Mrs. Cathleen C. Fisher

*Charles and Kathryn Ferrero*  
Ms. Gwendolyn Strong

*E. Dawson Fisher*  
Keith and Susan Appenzeller  
Detroit Athletic Club Blackballers  
Fred and Phyllis Drulard  
Mr. Robert L. Drulard  
Ms. Renee M. Fish  
Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Hafner  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hanpeter  
Jaycee Alumni  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kennedy  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. MacLaren  
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Manns  
June and Jim McClune  
Mrs. Judith Moroff  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reed  
Ms. Leslie S. Sanford  
Laurence Vallee & Jayne Rose Vallee  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Vallee  
Alfred and Margaret Wittwer  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Woodburn  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Younke

*Nelle Frisch*  
Ms. Leigh Baker  
Mr. Arlen Haruthunian  
Ms. Peg Kershenbaum  
Tom Wood

*Steve and Polly Gardner*  
Mr. and Mrs. David T. Gardner

*Lee Grasinski*  
Ms. Sharon K. Nelson

*Holly Graves*  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Trifilio

*Billy Grogan*  
Phil and Kathy Scherer

*George Grosvenor*  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Trifilio

*Florence Hoyt*  
Sally Viskochil

*Rich Huenefeld*  
Ms. Susan B. Powell

*Domenic G. Iezzoni, MD*  
Mrs. Barbara A. Rosencrans





## Memorials

### *Victor S. Johnson*

Judith A. Brown & David Ward

### *Richard Jones*

Ed and Susanne E. Rose Kraynak

### *Sheila Keeble*

Ms. Sally L. Bidlingmeyer  
Mr. and Mrs. Vinson L. Bidlingmeyer  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Borden  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Burr  
Mr. and Mrs. David D. Hunter  
Mrs. Anne G. Kinzie  
Mr. Franklin B. Mead, III  
Mrs. Sarah F. Roloson  
Phil and Kathy Scherer  
Mrs. Joan L. Workum

### *Virginia Kilbourn*

Ms. Mischell Hutto  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Iglehart  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Jordan, Jr.  
Ms. Nancy Keyser

### *Brian J. Kilinski*

Ms. Sandra K. Kilinski

### *George Knight*

Karen L. Chase & David Bellizi

### *Holton and Mildred Knisely*

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jachalke

### *Jeff Lamont*

Ms. Juliette G. Adams  
Mr. Stanley E. Adams  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Aiello  
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