



Leelanau Conservancy

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

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Lighthouse West: Important shoreline Protected at the Tip of the Peninsula!

With an internal bearing on the distant horizon to guide them each spring and fall, many of our feathered neighbors set out over water, with no way to stop and rest once under wing. The success of such a flight of faith depends greatly on the availability of a place to stop and recover on the other end of the vast expanse of Lake Michigan. The



The challenge is on: Please help us to protect 640 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline near Leelanau State Park.

geographical location combined with healthy available habitat found at the tip of the peninsula makes such an adventure possible for thousands of birds twice a year. Each spring they leave their wintering grounds and head north, flying along Lake Michigan's eastern coast, often venturing as far north as the Arctic Circle to breed. Upon reaching the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula they rest and wait for the right weather patterns to help carry them over the treacherous waters northward. Each fall they reverse this course, this time relying on the tip of the peninsula as a vital landing spot with enough diverse and intact habitats to help replenish depleted fat reserves fueling their trek to the south.

It is with a very similar passion and internal drive that

has brought the Conservancy to undertake our own 'flight of faith' from this very same point of land. In June the Conservancy closed on the first part of a 5-year land contract to purchase the Lighthouse West property, encompassing some of the last remaining undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline at the tip of the peninsula. The 42-acre parcel includes 640 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. Escalating prices of lake front property in the last decade have limited our ability to protect even the most vital areas. Yet, despite the challenges, we are committed to finding a way to achieve our goal of protecting the unique ecological and scenic qualities of this very special place.

Much like the stormy skies over Lake Michigan confronting birds as they follow their instinctual migratory cues to the unseen shore, the fundraising challenge before us must be taken on with resolute determination to achieve the goal. The total needed to protect this property is \$1.8 million. One half of the purchase price is expected to come from the state's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, which was established to protect just this type of critical shoreline. Our ability to successfully complete the project depends to a great degree on the support of concerned individuals and organizations able to provide for our 'successful landing.' It is the strength of our supporters that allows the Leelanau Conservancy to undertake this journey over challenging waters. With your continued support we will be able to preserve the vital habitat needed to ensure the successful return of these avian adventurers each spring and fall. You can view a map of Conservancy projects and other protected land at the tip of peninsula on page 3.

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President's Message

Land and water are the very foundation of our civilized existence. The Conservancy focuses this broad principle on our special part of the world, the Leelanau Peninsula.

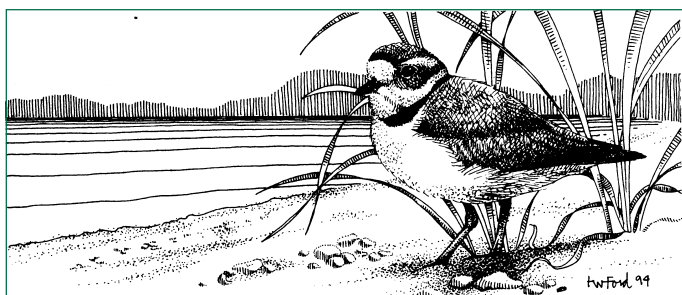
The Conservancy strives to protect all of the interlocking elements of our Natural Areas: rare coastal tracts, scenic farmlands, and forest reserves. Our wetlands, lakes and streams connect in intricate ways to all of the aspects of our landscape.

Our organization, thanks in great part to you, our donors, has had great success to date protecting these natural treasures. Our new "Natural Area Guide" catalogs our accomplishments over our laudable 16-year history. Our most recent acquisition—the "Lighthouse West" property—represents a major accomplishment. This special tract includes 640 feet of rare Lake Michigan frontage and 42 acres of adjacent land. (See cover story as well as Kay Charter's fascinating piece on why this land is so critical to our migratory bird population opposite this letter)

We have many other significant objectives. Though our work will never be complete, we must move steadily and quickly to raise funds and generate opportunities to protect the land and waters that are of such great value to all of us in Leelanau County.

Our friends and members have been generous to our mission. Nevertheless, we must enhance our efforts to raise substantial dollars from the community at large, government and foundations, and from everyone who believes in what we do and the importance of our future successes.

Craig A. Miller, President



The Leelanau Conservancy's new Lighthouse West Preserve protects an undeveloped expanse of shoreline which provides much-needed nesting habitat for Michigan's endangered piping plover

The Gift of Life for Migrating Birds

by Kay Charter

Each spring, a host of warblers, tanagers, orioles and other colorful jewels of the sky find their way into Leelanau County. Most of these birds have over-wintered in the tropics; some are returning from as far south as the Argentine Grasslands. Their journey will take the majority of them northward into the Upper Peninsula and Canada. Some will travel all the way to the Arctic tundra before stopping to nest. In spite of the fact that most of these amazing creatures make the daunting flight over the Gulf of Mexico twice each year, land birds are reluctant to set out across large bodies of water. As they follow the celestial and magnetic clues that guide them, they hug the land in their incredible flights and are thus funneled up into our peninsula, delaying their lake crossing until it can no longer be avoided.

They come in waves, these courageous little travelers. If



Neo-tropical migrant scarlet tanager nests at Lighthouse West

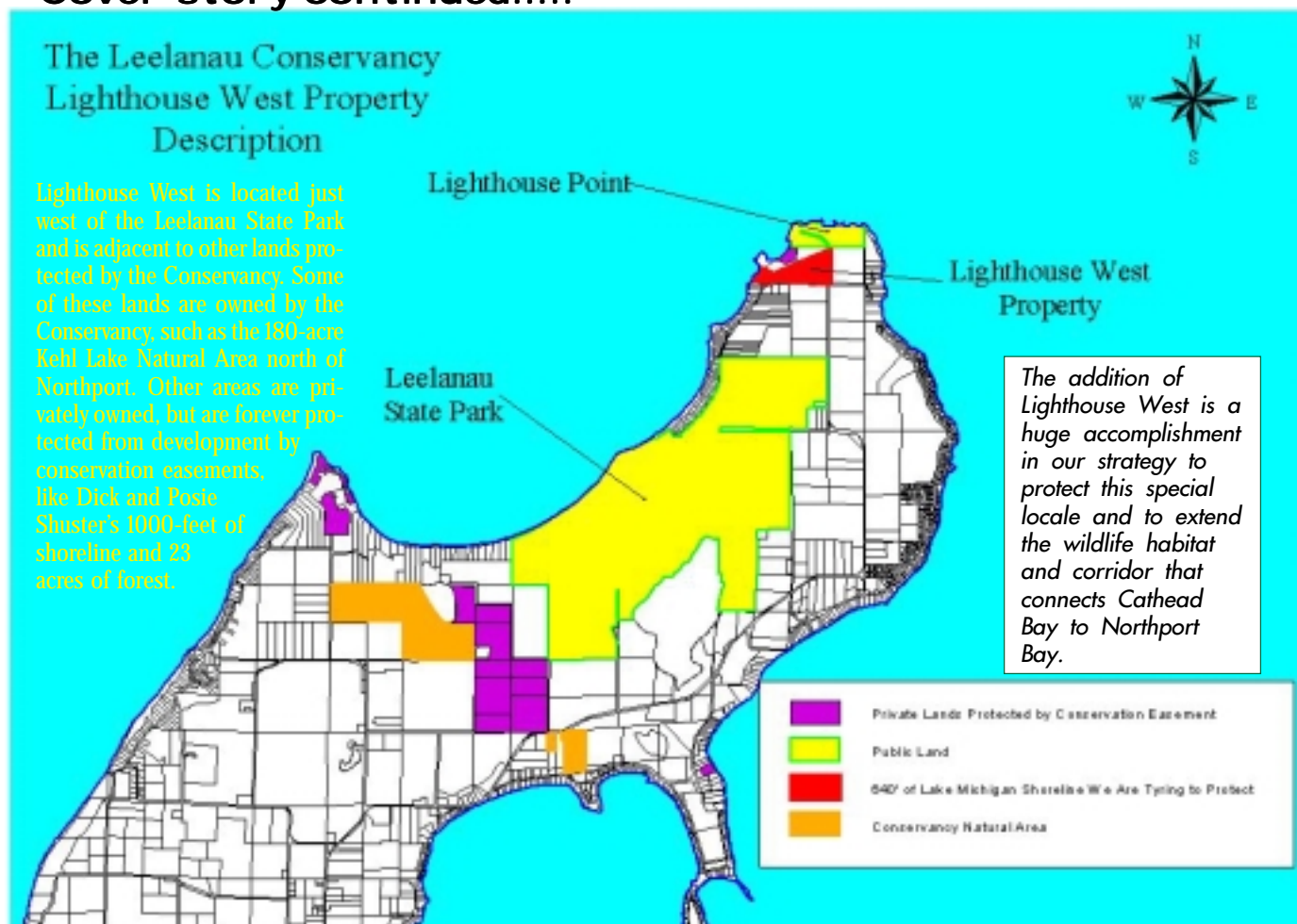
the weather isn't right for them to fly over the lake, they pile up at the tip of the peninsula. Joining them may be shorebirds, waders and raptors - each species seeking the right habitat in which to forage and wait. Songbirds tuck into native vegetation which hosts the insects that sus-

tain them, shorebirds pluck invertebrates from sandy beaches, waders wander shallow waters in search of crayfish and minnows while hawks kettle up on currents overhead eyeing the ground for movement of mole or mouse. If foul weather hangs on, the birds linger in wait for a warm southerly breeze, which will help push them across Lake Michigan.

This phenomenon occurs in north-south peninsulas across the continent. In too many of those places, development has robbed these migrants of essential stopover sites, which lessens their chances of arriving on their breeding territories in prime condition for the stresses of reproduction. Here in Leelanau, migrating birds already are assured of State Park property and the adjacent Conservancy easements on Dick and Posie Shuster's magnificent land and shoreline. But during long periods of poor weather, which often plagues our county, these lands are insufficient for the growing numbers of arriving avifauna. Now our migrants have been awarded a gift that will continue to sustain them whenever they must wait out lengthy storms and continued inauspicious winds. With the addition of the Lighthouse West Property to Conservancy holdings, our migrating birds will continue to find the resources this land has always provided.



Cover story continued.....



Sol on Swamp: 80 More Acres Protected

"This just feels like the right thing to do," is what Anthony and Susan Ansong said when they sold 80 acres of prime wetland habitat within the Solon Swamp to the Conservancy in late May.

Mr. Ansong approached the Conservancy this spring about the property south of Lake Leelanau, which is all but surrounded by state forest. The land is primarily white cedar wetland with mature white pines intermittently towering above the tightly packed cedar and spruce stands.

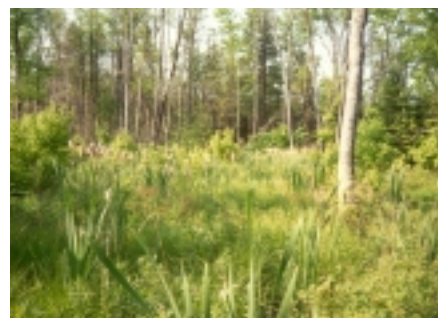
An appreciation for the unique plants and animals that require wetland habitats to survive motivated the sellers to work with the Conservancy. Mr. Ansong was considering an offer to buy the land from a group of private landowners that wanted to fence it off and split it into four 10-acre tracts. He says he was concerned about the effect on wildlife movement and hunting success. He and his wife had always felt they would like to see it open to the public to enjoy its bounty of natural wonders, but could not afford to 'give it away.'

The Ansonges felt that in order to keep the property's

ecological features from being compromised by division and fencing they would need to sell to the State or to the Conservancy.

Since the State is in a 'holding pattern' on purchasing additional lands, the Ansonges looked to the Conservancy. Discussions with Land Protection Specialist Matt Heiman led to a decision to sell the land to us for less than the private market would bring them.

The Conservancy hopes to sell the property to the State of Michigan for inclusion in the Pere Marquette State forest when state funds become available. In the meantime this special place will remain open to the public for hunting, fishing and enjoyment of the plants and animals that call it home.





We're Halfway There! Hutchinson Closing Happens, But Fundraising Continues...

In late spring, we closed on the Hutchinson property located just north of the Conservancy-owned Leugers Preserve at the Narrows. Anyone who has crossed the bridge at the Narrows in Lake Leelanau has seen the beautiful wetlands in this area. The property's ecological value and undeveloped shoreline is precisely what motivated the Conservancy to act on the purchase of this land.

Our interest in this property goes back more than a decade. In 1991, the Conservancy wrote a proposal for State funding called the Lake Leelanau Wetlands Initiative to purchase conservation easements from owners of large wetlands along Lake Leelanau. From this proposal, a conservation easement protected about half of the property. The Conservancy has now purchased the entire parcel which includes 45 acres and over 640 feet of shoreline on the Narrows.

Most of the Hutchinson property consists of cedar swamp and emergent wetlands and is home to a variety of unique wetland plants and wildlife. With this purchase, Conservancy protected land at the Narrows has tripled and has allowed us to continue to work toward our vision of protecting sensitive and critical shoreline wetlands within the 139-square-mile Lake Leelanau watershed.

Efforts to secure funding for this important addition to the preserve at the Narrows have been moving along nicely. As the first project under the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant program (see article below), \$130,000 of this \$723,000



Present for the closing to add the 45 acre Hutchinson parcel to the Narrows preserve: Back row: Craig Miller, Conservancy President, Land Protection Specialist, Matt Heiman; Phil Hutchinson, Jane Hutchinson. Front Row: Hazel Porter and Don Hutchinson.

grant will be used to purchase a conservation easement on a portion of the property that was not protected before. Also, we applied for and received a \$34,000 grant under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). To date, 103 donors have contributed or pledged \$76,700. While we have made great progress, we still need to raise additional funds to complete the project. It will take nearly \$100,000 in additional donations to pay off our loans on the Hutchinson property. If you've been intending to help to preserve the Narrows area, please send your donation today. Or, you can donate online: www.theconservancy.com

Lake Leelanau Watershed Initiative

The \$723,000 Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant awarded to assist the Leelanau Conservancy to protect the Lake Leelanau watershed has spawned an exciting new effort. This effort, called The Lake Leelanau Watershed Initiative, will focus on key wetlands and ridgelines within the watershed whose protection is critical to maintaining its health. Working with willing landowners, the Conservancy hopes to combine donations, bargain sales and purchases of conservation easements to reach its overall goals: The protection of wetlands and viewsheds; the encouragement of sustainable farms; community open space; healthy villages, and the protection of the rural character of this beautiful watershed.

A committed group of individuals and organizations, including the Lake Leelanau Lake Association and the Leelanau Conservation District, are working to promote the protection of the watershed and to raise the funds necessary to match the CMI grant, enabling current and future protection efforts.

"This is an exciting opportunity because every dollar

donated will be matched by the CMI grant," says Mary Taylor, Conservancy Board Member and President of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. "If we are successful in preserving key lands surrounding the lake, the lake can remain healthy for future generations."

Help Protect the Lake You Love!

- Donate now to the Lake Leelanau Watershed Fund
- Help sign letters to friends and neighbors
- Host a gathering and invite us to come explain the project
- Call Land Protection Specialist Matt Heiman if you think your land would qualify for this program. (231-256-9665)

Other ideas? email cfaught@theconservancy.com



Grant Will Help Fund "Cutting Edge" Study

The Conservancy's Leelanau Watershed Council (LWC) is one of only 10 recipients of Clean Michigan Initiative – Clean Water Fund monies from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Emerging Issues program. This \$50,790 grant will support the LWC's continuing efforts to identify changes in water quality following zebra mussel introduction throughout the region.



Zebra mussels can smother freshwater clams.

The project is called "Microcystin Production and Fate in Zebra Mussel Infested, Oligotrophic Lakes." Dr. Tim Keilty and Conservancy Stewardship Director Meg Woller submitted the grant and are spearheading the work, which represents the next step in zebra mussel studies begun by the LWC in 2001. Past work has utilized a combination of water chemistry data from Leelanau County lakes (Cedar, Glen, Leelanau, Lime and Little Traverse) since 1989 and underwater photography. The photos help quantify the relationship of zebra mussels and blue-green algae blooms.

The focus of the project is a toxin called microcystin. The toxin can be produced by certain species of blue-green algae (promoted by zebra mussels) in water and in the foam that sits on the surface and can wash ashore. The project will also study the potential toxin accumulation in lake sediment and animal tissue. The purpose of the project is to determine the threat of microcystin to the aquatic environment and lake users.

Norm Gauthier, an experienced SCUBA diver, will help collect samples of sediment and aquatic insects from lake bottoms. In addition, whole water and foam sampling will be concentrated in August and September, or when the blue-green algal blooms occur. All samples will be sent to MSU's Environmental Microbiology Laboratory for analyses.

This study is cutting-edge work in the field of ecology and includes collaboration from Bowling Green State University, Michigan State University, Water Studies Institute (Northwestern Michigan College) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This work is being supplemented with additional underwater video of Cedar, Glen and Lime lakes (also funded by the MDEQ).

Herring Gull Eggs: Environmental Indicators

At the Leelanau Conservancy we try to promote wildlife viewing at our Natural Areas and on our hikes and events, but wildlife can function as more than just a means to enjoy the outdoors. Wildlife can serve as a "first alert" tool to detect changes in the environment and potential for adverse health effects from environmental contamination.

The Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has implemented a water quality-monitoring program and two wildlife species are helping the research effort. Bald eagle blood testing is one part of the program and collecting and analyzing herring gull eggs is the other. The bald eagle project began in 1999. Herring gull egg analysis followed in 2002. Both are in collaboration with scientists from Clemson Univ.

The MDEQ relies on partners throughout the state to help collect gull eggs. One sampling point is Gull Island, a Conservancy-owned property just off shore from Northport. Historically, biologists from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (SBDNL) have collected the eggs on Gull Island. This year they asked for our help, knowing that Natasha Lapinski, our Land Protection and Development Coordinator, is a biologist with an emphasis in ornithology.

In early May, Natasha and two staff from SBDNL sped over in a boat courtesy of Northport Bay Boatyard. There, they

counted and recorded egg activity in 100 nests, measured 17 eggs and collected 13 to be sent off to Lansing for analysis. There, MDEQ biologists will test the eggs for contaminants like mercury, PCBs and chlorinated pesticides.

Many such contaminants occur in the Great Lakes ecosystems at unsafe concentrations to humans, but may not be quantifiable in water using cost- or time- effective techniques. Concentrations of these types of contaminants in wildlife tissues may be measured and assessed more easily. Because fish-eating wildlife and people share a common aquatic food web as well as similar complex physiologies, wildlife can help scientists assess the risks to humans.

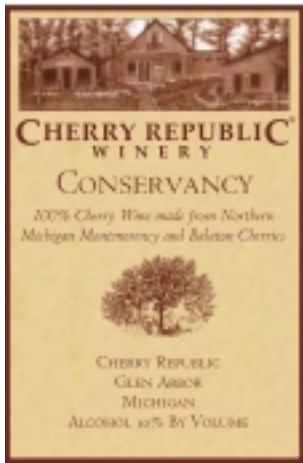
We're happy to help the State in achieving its water quality goals. This project reflects the goals of our own Watershed Council, and we hope to incorporate it into the Council's programming for 2005 and years to come.



Development Coordinator Natasha Lapinski counting herring gull eggs.



Conservancy Wine No. Four!



Four years ago board member and vintner Larry Mawby had a great idea when he created a wine called Conservancy and used it to raise both awareness of our mission and funds for farmland preservation. Bel Lago and Black Star Wineries followed suit. All of them are donating a portion of the proceeds to our Farmland Fund. This year Cherry Republic, new to the wine business, has become the fourth with the debut of its Conservancy Cherry Wine. It will donate \$1 from every bottle sold.

The wine is made from local Montmorency and Balaton cherries, left longer on the tree “til the fruit is extra ripe,” says Jason Homa, retail manager for Cherry Republic. But the wine is not as sweet as other cherry wines you may have tasted, adds Homa. “Actually, we call it an off-dry wine, just slightly sweet,” he says. “It’s very much a drinkable dinner wine.” It retails for \$13.50 and you’ll find it at Cherry Republic in Glen Arbor. You can also mail order it if you live in Michigan: www.cherryrepublic.com.

A Must See

Don’t miss the Leelanau Historical Museum’s “For the Land’s Sake,” an exhibit featuring the beautiful Leelanau landscape paintings by Stephen Duren.



This is a wonderful opportunity to see 28 paintings all in one place that depict Duren’s exquisite view of our countryside. For all who love the beauty of Leelanau, this show will only serve to intensify your feelings about protecting what we have here.

Leelanau Conservancy Sustainers Jim and Marie Preston and David and Sally Viskochil helped to plan and underwrite this event. Says Jim Preston, who with his wife, Marie, have loaned a large part of the collection: “I am moved by Leelanau’s lands and want to help protect them. I hope this exhibit and catalog helps to raise awareness in the community for what the Leelanau Conservancy is trying to preserve.” The exhibit runs through August 1.

Farm! and Update: Break Out the Wine(ry)!

Cherries, lavender and wine make a pretty spectacular combination—when they are growing side by side, that is. Who could have foreseen such a creative mix back in 2000 when the Conservancy first began working to preserve the Stanek Brothers’ 500+ acres of prime orchard land in the heart of Leelanau County’s agricultural corridor along County Road 633. But we knew the result was bound to be something good. Through a collaboration with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the generous support of our members, and the interests of local conservation-minded business people like Jane Frasier and Robert and Edward Brengman, the Conservancy has ensured that this historic farmland will be protected forever.

When we last reported the progress on the Stanek Farmland Preservation Project last spring, Jane Frasier had just purchased half of the remaining 90 acres of the property’s conserved farmland for a lavender farm. Then along came Robert and Edward Brengman of Traverse City—two brothers who were looking for a good spot for their own Crane Hill Vineyards. “When the Brengmans first contacted the Conservancy last February, we sensed right away that these were the kind of people we wanted for those last 45 acres of farmland,” said Tom Nelson, one of the Conservancy’s Land Protection Specialists. “During



our very first phone conversation, Robert told me that if it were a matter of purchasing Conservancy property or land from somebody else, they’d rather the proceeds from the sale be used to fund future farmland projects. The Brengmans have had their hearts in the right place from the start when it comes to preserving farmland in Leelanau.”

Crane Hill Vineyards will feature locally grown wines and a tasting and sales facility that befits this extraordinary landscape. “We’re really excited about the visual experience in having the alternative value-added agriculture of Crane Hill Vineyards next door to Leelanau Lavender along the Route 633 corridor,” exclaimed Jane Frasier. “What a tremendous asset in helping to maintain the farming industry and rural character of Leelanau County.”



Kate Williams - Our Summer Intern

Hello! I grew up in Leelanau County, graduated from Suttons Bay High School and will earn a B.A. in Communications and Management from Albion College next May. As an intern, I am looking forward to my summer here at the Conservancy so I can broaden my skills in coordinating and advertising events, as well as getting better acquainted with the staff and county. My responsibilities here include coordinating our booth volunteers, putting together materials for our donor parties, Silent Auction and Picnic in August and other office duties. My family and I are very environmentally conscious and I know my work here will be highly rewarding. I hope to gain new knowledge for my future career, as well as contribute to the efforts to conserve Leelanau County.



Continuing Education...

Our Docents give an enormous amount of their time to educate those who visit our Natural Areas. This spring, they invested even more time to increase their own knowledge of the natural world in order to pass that on to our members and others who attend the hikes they lead. Among the topics:



- Tracking wildlife from a Native American perspective led by tracker, storyteller and peacemaker Paul Raphael.
- Insects, moths and butterflies with bug expert Duke Elsner, MSU Extension Agent. His slideshow and personal collection showcased hundreds of different moths and butterflies in all life stages.
- Ferns of Leelanau County by Dr. Dan Palmer, fern expert, who showed docents many types of ferns on his property.
- Master Gardener Janet Dickerson led a wildflower workshop.
- A geology tour of Leelanau County including a tour of the newly acquired Lighthouse West property near the tip, was led by Executive Director, Brian Price. Brian holds a degree in geology and has interesting insights about the way this county was formed.

We will begin a new session of Docent Training early next spring. Being a Conservancy Docent is a time-intensive volunteer job. If you think you are interested in joining this special group, please call Gayle (256-9665).

Farm and Preservation— Where Are We Now?

Those with an interest in protecting farming and rural character may remember that, over the last two years, the Leelanau Ag Alliance (LAA) formulated a plan for farmland preservation, which was adapted by the Leelanau County Farmland Preservation Board (FLPB). This plan was tailored to the needs and wishes expressed by farmers and citizens in Leelanau County. The top priority for farmland protection was the creation of a local source of revenue to be used to purchase development rights (PDR) from willing and eligible farmers. Public funds for PDR could be used as match to obtain state and federal dollars to provide farmers with some income to offset their escalating costs, while at the same time protecting farms as agricultural land for the long-term. Later in 2003, the FLPB recommended a property tax millage to help fund a PDR program, but the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners did not act upon this recommendation. Subsequently, the FLPB has been looking at alternatives to fund PDR.

Conservancy staff participate in an advisory capacity on the FLPB. While working to establish a farmland preservation program at the county level, the Conservancy has continued to save farmland through several demonstration projects over the years. These projects, however, are limited in number due to the necessity of raising private donations in lieu of local public funding—donations that must constitute the matching funds for available federal dollars. Nevertheless, the Conservancy's Board of Directors has established a position that supports Leelanau County's agricultural heritage through farmland preservation, including a countywide millage for PDR. But by law, we are not, and cannot be, a political action group that promotes political candidates or ballot initiatives.

In the end, public funding is essential to protect the beauty and rural character that a vibrant agricultural industry provides to Leelanau County. Moreover, the issue of local public funding for farmland preservation remains in the hands of Leelanau County's Board of Commissioners. Currently, the Board of Commissioners lacks a working majority to support farmland preservation through public funding. If you care about protecting agriculture and other crucial issues related to land use in Leelanau, there are at least two organizations working to provide information to voters about where the candidates for county commissioner stand in the upcoming election on August 3rd. Check out the Michigan Land Use Institute's Leelanau Smart Growth Coalition at www.mlui.org/leelanau or contact Jim Lively at (231) 941-6584 ext. 35 (jim@mlui.org). To learn more about Citizens For Farmland Preservation, contact Bob Sutherland at Cherry Republic at (230) 334-3150.



Detroit Area Students Raise Funds for Farm and Preservation in Leelanau

It happened a dollar at a time. National Honor Society middle schoolers from Fraser, near Detroit, cut out little green construction-paper trees and painstakingly glued pink sequins (a.k.a. cherries) on the trees. Buy one, they told their friends, and we'll put your name on it and you can say you helped save farmland in Leelanau County. (The trees are pictured on the banner in the photo, which hung in the school cafeteria all winter.) In the end, the students raised \$1,000 for our cause and presented us with a check in mid-May.



Director Brian Price with 'Fraser Fundraisers', their giant check and banner full of mini cherry trees.

Where oh where did these 48 kids from Richards Middle School get their inspiration? The student advisor at the school, Janet Nicola, owns land in Suttons Bay. Janet, who plans to retire here, became a Conservancy Sustainer this year. Janet worked with our staff to obtain materials to use in the campaign. Janet says the kids also made a commercial with two students dressed as trees, dancing to the Beatles tune, "Don't Let Me Down." They created brochures from photos and publications, which they posted all over the school. The effort

culminated with the May visit, which included hikes at two Natural Areas and a driving tour of orchards in bloom.

"The kids came up with all the ideas, set a goal of \$1,000, and met it," says Nicola. "I really wanted them to see the beauty of this area and to understand it. Most of them—probably three quarters—have never been here before."

After seeing all the cherry trees in peak bloom the day of the tour, Nicola says "they're so happy that their hard work is helping to preserve this beautiful place."

Plant Sale Success!



Every spring an incredible thing happens in Leelanau County. A group of hardworking volunteers who call themselves the Wildflower Rescue Committee go out to sites that are being developed;

and, with the landowner's permission, dig up emerging wildflower plants that lie in the path of the bulldozer. During the Memorial Day week-end, this same group holds a huge sale of the wildflower plants (3,000 pots this year!) along with other purchased perennials at the Conservancy's Village Green in Leland. People who buy the plants take them home and create new woodland gardens. Beauty spreads where it might have otherwise been obliterated.

This year committee chairs Joanie Woods and Patty Shea and their crew topped all prior years, raising \$18,666. The funds raised are used to maintain the beautiful Leland Village Green. The land, once slated to become the site of more retail stores, became a green space at the heart of Leland when the Conservancy purchased it in 1999. Its lovely gardens benefit from the hard work of wildflower lovers from throughout the county. We are, year after year, amazed by the Wildflower Rescue Committee and grateful for all their hard work.

After the Hike..

a Teacher Reflects

The students and I really had a great time (at Houdek Dunes)! Talking to them later, I was reminded (again) to never be surprised by what kids this age hear and internalize in spite of their apparent lack of attention and/or interest. We discussed the trip following our outing, and on Wednesday we planted 300 white pine trees on campus here, and the kids were arguing back and forth about soil conditions, water needs, etc., of this specie of tree and what we should do to minimize mortality rates! They noticed right away that the conditions were not static, and that this needed to be considered in our plan. Good stuff !!! Anyway, I truly appreciate your efforts and would enjoy bringing my students back next year.

Peace and Joy !

Tim Shrift and Betsy Charron

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School, Traverse City

Note: Thanks to Docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler who led the kids on the hikes!



Leland
Village
Green
Plant Sale



Spring hikes



St. Marys
Spring
Concert
at the
Village
Green



Mawby
Vineyard
dinner



Staffer Matt with new
arrival Casimir
Morgan Heiman

St. Elizabeth
students at
Houdek Dunes



Brian accepts \$1,000 check from
Fraser students at the Newton Farm



4th of July Parade marchers!





2004 Summer Program Schedule

We are pleased to offer this schedule of hikes, led by our knowledgeable volunteer docents. Most hikes are free, last about 2 hours and registration is required (and appreciated!). See page 11 for directions to our Natural Areas, unless otherwise specified. Call 256-9665.

Saturday, July 17th - 10:00 a.m. **The Origin of Sand Dunes**

Join Docent Tom Dunfee, as he explores the origin of sand dunes. This hike will take place at the perfect location, the Houdek Dunes Natural Area north of Leland. Tom will explain how wind, water and land all combined together to form the dunes.

Thursday, July 22nd - 10:00 a.m. **A View from the Top of Whaleback**

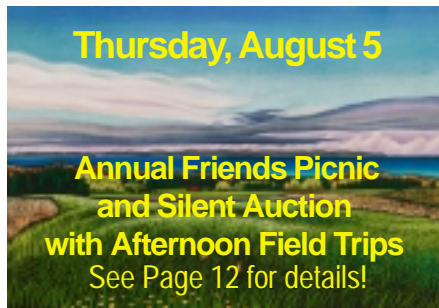
Treat yourself, your family, and your friends to a beautiful morning hike at the incredible Whaleback Natural Area just south of Leland with Docent Judy Smart. A leisurely stroll up plush, green paths to the platform lookout at the top of the hill will be a real treat. Bring along friends and family!

Wednesday, July 28th - 9:30 a.m. **Kehl Lake's Biodiversity**

What is biodiversity and why is it important? Observe, first-hand, the fascinating and complex array of life that can exist in a primary forest ecosystem. Contrast that with the adjoining, slowly recovering, formerly farmed homestead site as it returns to a hardwood forest with Docent Ann McInnis.

Saturday, July 31st - 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. **Full Moon Cedar River Kayak Trip**

The quiet serenity of the Cedar Swamp will surround you as you paddle your way up the river in your own kayak. The full moon will illuminate this mysterious and beautiful natural area providing that clouds don't cover the sky. The trip with Docent Alice VanZoeren will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the mouth of the Cedar River in downtown Cedar and will last approximately 2 hours. You must provide your own kayak and registration is required. To sign up and get directions call 256-9665.

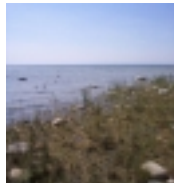


Tuesday, August 10th - 10:00 a.m. **Stroll the Paths of Kehl Lake**

Start your day with a walk around beautiful Kehl Lake Natural Area. Docent Judy Smart will point out the special natural features and give a bit of history on the area. The trail through this beautiful natural area will certainly be a hike that the whole family will enjoy.

Wednesday, August 11th - 7:00 a.m. **Dawn Walk at Lighthouse West**

This hike will explore the natural beauty of the newly acquired Lighthouse West property at the Tip of the Peninsula. Staffer Natasha Lapinski and birding expert, Kay Charter, will lead hikers through the diverse habitats of the property and discover the birds and plant life that make it so special. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Conservancy office in Leland and carpool up to the property. To get more familiar with this special place, read the cover story and Kay's bird piece on page 2. Registration is required; please call 256-9665.



Thursday, August 12th - 10:00 a.m. **Whaleback Vistas**

Begin your morning with an invigorating hike up Whaleback, one of Leelanau's most beautiful geologic wonders. Join Docent Marsha Buehler for a gentle ascent through a hardwood forest to a fantastic viewing platform. The morning views of Lake Michigan, Pyramid Point, the Manitou Islands, and South Fox Island are unmatched from this location.

Wednesday, August 18th - 7:00 a.m. **Dawn Walk on Lighthouse West**

Please see August 11 entry for description

Friday, August 20th - 5:00 p.m. **The Unseen Beauty of Belanger Creek**

Enjoy an evening exploration of Belanger Creek Natural Area with Docent Jack Schultz. With over 60 acres of upland and wetland habitat, this property is critical to Leelanau's water quality and wildlife. Evening hikes always add to the mystery of this phenomenal area. Belanger Creek is only open for guided walks, so be sure not to miss this opportunity. Registration is required. For directions and to register: 256-9665.

Saturday, August 21st - 10:00 a.m. **A Morning Hike at Chippewa Run Natural Area**

From its creek and orchards to its pine plantation, Chippewa Run is a diverse collection of nature and beauty. Join Docent Tom Dunfee for a fun and informational hike. Bring binoculars for bird watching.

Sunday, August 29th - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Full Moon Cedar River Kayak Trip**

Ply the waters of the exquisite Cedar River with Docent Alice VanZoeren. This serene river meanders through dark cedars and wide-open wetlands, and its clear cool waters remain largely intact for exceptional bird and fish habitat. The nearly full moon will be the perfect time to be on the river for wildlife viewing. You will need to provide your own kayak. The trip will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the mouth of the Cedar River in downtown Cedar, and it will last about 2 hours. You must call ahead and reserve a spot on this space-limited trip. 256-9665.



Thursday, September 2nd - 10:00 a.m. **Houdek Dunes - Life on the Dunes**

Discover adaptations that living things have acquired over millennium to survive on arid and windy dune environments. How do they find the necessary food, water, and shelter while at the same time not become food? Which wildlife shares this natural area with each other utilizing several interdependent communities? Learn all this and more with Docent Ann McInnis.

Friday, September 3rd - 10:00 a.m. **Begin Your Holiday Weekend at Kehl Lake**

Late summer is the perfect time to head for the shade! Docent Marsha Buehler will lead a walk in just the right spot - The Kehl Lake Natural Area north of Northport. Come along into the shade of this mixed woodland and learn why this area is cherished by so many. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through deep forests with views of pristine Kehl Lake.



Wednesday, September 15th – 10:00 a.m. **Cougars and Coyotes and Bears, Oh My!!** **At Houdek Dunes**

Learn about these formerly missing components of a healthy ecosystem and why we might want to celebrate their probable return to Leelanau. While exploring different plant succession stages within this dune environment also make discoveries of wildlife preparations for the coming winter. Docent Ann McInnis will lead this hike.



Thursday, September 30th – 10:00 a.m. **Whaleback – Tall Plants**

Who needs trees? How do they work and why will they soon shut down their food production? Why are all the leaves that are dropped "brown gold" to a forest and its critters? Discover the answer to these and more with Docent Ann McInnis. You'll also explore different wildlife communities while ascending the Whaleback moraine for a spectacular view of Lake Michigan.

Tuesday, October 5th – 10:00 a.m. **Mushrooms of Kehl Lake Natural Area**

Join Leelanau County's own mushroom expert, Ed Reinert, and Docent Judy Smart, for a very informative hike at the Kehl Lake Natural Area north of Northport. The forest floor should be abundant with different species of mushrooms brought on by fall rains. If by chance there has been a fall drought, please bring mushroom and fungus samples from your own property to discuss with Ed. Registration is required: 256-9665.

Saturday, October 16th - 1:00 p.m. **Leaves and Breezes of Houdek Dunes**

Come and enjoy the remaining October hues during a refreshing hike at the Houdek Dunes Natural Area north of Leland. Docents Tom Dunfee and Ann McInnis will lead you through this precious and unique natural area and help you to appreciate the end of fall in Leelanau County. Please dress according to the weather.



NATURE-EXPLORER **HIKES AT KEHL LAKE** **NATURAL AREA** **JUST FOR KIDS!**

Docent Ann McInnis, the Conservancy's own Miss Frizzle, is a retired science teacher who knows how to turn kids onto nature. Expect hands-on, minds-on nature discovery fun for preschoolers through age 12. Geared to young nature discoverers accompanied by their grownups please. **Space is limited and registration is required. Call 231-256-9665 to register.**



Ann McInnis (left) leads walk at Whaleback this spring

Wednesday, August 11th **10:00 a.m.**

Can you discover Creepy Crawlers that call Kehl Lake home?

Wednesday, August 18th **10:00 a.m.**

What are some wet and wonderful water critters at Kehl Lake?

Wednesday, August 25th **10:00 a.m.**

How do animals play hide and seek?

DIRECTIONS **TO** **CONSERVANCY** **NATURAL AREAS**

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.

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 ¾ mile north along M-22. A sign on the west (left) side of the road marks the entrance to the parking area.

BELANGER CREEK NATURAL AREA

There are no trails in the Belanger Creek Natural Area, and it's open for guided tours only. We will travel cross country, which can be rather rigorous at times. Bring supportive rubber boots or shoes that can get wet and insect repellent during the summer months. From the intersection of M-22 and Putnam Road, on the north side of Peshawbestown, go west on Putnam Road for approximately a half mile. Turn left onto Peshawbestown Road, climbing the hill and then descending toward Belanger Creek. There will be a Conservancy sign at the entrance to a parking area in a field on the north side of the road, just a few hundred feet east of where the road crosses Belanger Creek.

CHIPPEWA RUN NATURAL AREA

There is currently no trail system here, but you are welcome to explore the property via deer trails or find your own gaps in the grasses. As M-22 veers right just north of the intersection of M-72 and M-22, continue straight on LaCore Street. Turn right (East) on Fisher Street and park at the end.



Leelanau Conservancy Annual Friends Picnic and Silent Auction

Thursday, August 5th, 2004
at the beautiful Newton Farm
overlooking the Manitou Passage

“The event of the Summer!”

Join us to celebrate the work of the Leelanau
Conservancy and to meet fellow members

Event Schedule

2:30-5pm

Pre-Picnic Field Trips

5pm

Registration and Social hour

Wine and appetizers

Bidding on Silent Auction items

Music by Geno and Sanford

Kids tent: supervised and secure area with games and activities.

6pm

BBQ dinner catered by Stubb's

7pm

Short program

Welcome and 2003 highlights

Honoring of our 2003 Volunteer and Business Partner of the Year

Bidding on auction items will close 20 minutes after the end of the last speech.

Annual Pre-Picnic Field Trips & Friends Picnic

(All field trips will end in time for the picnic at 5pm)

Silent Auction

3:00 p.m.—Forest Evolution. Join Stewardship Director Meg Woller for

a hike and talk on forest evolution at Houdek Dunes Natural Area near Leland. Meg's knowledge of the this area and the natural world in general

is sure to make this afternoon a real eye opener! Meet at Houdek Dunes Natural Area at 3pm. Limited to 15.

At the beautiful Newton Farm overlooking the Manitou Passage

3:30 p.m.—Gills Pier Farmland Tour. Director Brian Price and Farmland

Protection Specialist Tom Nelson will take you on a tour of the Newton Farm to give you an inside look at what went into preserving this beautiful

view as well as a total of 300 adjacent acres in the immediate vicinity of the Gills Pier area. Meet at the Newton Farm at 3:30 and we will hike from there. Unlimited participation.

Pre-Picnic Field Trips

(All field trips will end in time for the picnic at 5pm)

2:30 p.m.—Explore The Newly Acquired Lighthouse West Preserve.

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Group 1: The Wonders of Coastal Marshes

3:30 p.m.—Gills Pier Farmland Tour. Director Brian Price and Farmland Protection Specialist Tom Nelson will take you

on a tour of the Newton Farm and give you an inside look at what went into preserving this beautiful view as well as a total

of 300 adjacent acres in the immediate vicinity of the Gills Pier area. Meet at the Newton Farm at 3:30 and we will hike from

there. Unlimited participation.

3:00—Migratory Birds and Their Needs. Join birding expert Kay Charter

at Saving Birds Thru Habitat near Omnia. Learn how we can help our migratory birds and how the Conservancy's strategy for the tip of the

peninsula is helping our feathered friends. Meet at parking lot at Habitat Discovery Center, 5020 North Putnam. Moderate one-mile hike with some

hills. Bring binoculars if you have them. If you need help with directions, call 271-3738. Limited to 20.

3:00—Tour of Schultheiss Conservation Easement Property. Join a

Conservancy Docent and conservation easement donors Gary Schultheiss and Barbara Richmond for a hike around their protected property near

Northport. Located west of Bass Lake, this property contains a diverse blend of forested hills and stream-fed marshes. Meet at the Newton Farm

to carpool. Limited to 20.

Lighthouse West property sits just south of the very tip of the peninsula and is the site of many unique geologic land forms, wetland complexes, and wildlife habitat found nowhere else in

the county. Be prepared to walk on a rocky beach and to get

Picnic Registration Form

(please buy your tickets in advance so we can insure a great event!)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

☐ Please register _____ adults & _____ children

Advanced ticket price:

\$20 adults ; \$5 children 12 and under.

Tickets at the door:

\$25 adults, \$5 children.

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

payable to the Leelanau Conservancy.

☐ Please charge my VISA/MASTERCARD

(circle one)

Cardholder Name _____

Expiration date _____

Cardholder signature _____

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION

☐ Please register _____ people whose names are: _____

for the following field trip:

☐ Please register _____ people whose names are: _____

for the following field trip:

(See descriptions of trips at left.)

Mail to: Leelanau Conservancy P.O. Box 1007
Leland, MI 49654 or call 231-256-9665 to register
or email gayle@theconservancy.com.

Leelanau Conservancy Silent Auction!

By selecting where you want the \$\$ from your winning auction bid to be spent, you can map it out for Leelanau and make a difference in your own backyard!

The bidding has already begun! Here's how you can participate in the auction:

*** Go to our website www.theconservancy.com**

Click on the auction link at the top of the page. Minimum bid prices are noted as well as minimum increase amounts by item. Check it out, it's fun and easy!

*** Not a computer user?**

**Call Kate at our office at 256-9665,
stop in and fill out a bid form,
or send us a note with your bid.**

If you have the winning bid, you can direct your funds to land protection projects in the area of Leelanau you care most about.

Online bids will be taken now through August 3 at midnight

Final bids will be taken live at our annual Friends Picnic on August 5 at the Newton Farm. Or, if you cannot attend the auction, you may also provide us with a "proxy bid" on certain items. See website for details.

Remember, final bids will be taken at the auction on August 5th. If you are the high bidder before the picnic and are not outbid at the picnic, and can't be there, you will be notified by phone or email to arrange for pickup or shipping of your purchase. (Shipping costs not included in bid price.) We hope to see you there!



Here's just a sample of what you may bid on...over 100 items to choose from!
Go to www.theconservancy.com to start your bidding!

1. Glen Arbor artist Kristin Hurlin's pastel rendition of the Newton Farm—our beautiful picnic site! Framing donated by Main Street Gallery. Value: priceless. Minimum bid: \$700.

2. Oil on canvas "Fishtown in Winter," donated by Melanie Parke. 17 x 19 . Value: \$600. Minimum bid: \$600.

3. Handcarved, painted chickadee donated by Jim Rich. Mounted on a deer antler with black walnut base inscribed with the Conservancy's logo. Value: \$300. Minimum bid: \$150.

4. Hand-carved trout duo on an 18-inch log base donated by Al White. Value \$350. Minimum bid: \$175.

5. Pastel portrait donated by Fred Petroskey. Capture someone you love on canvas forever! Buyer has the option to upgrade to oil and/or add persons if they pay the difference. Expires 8/5/2005. Value: \$2,500. Minimum bid: \$1,200.

6. Flower bouquet framed watercolor donated by Eloise Fahs. Value: \$100. Minimum bid: \$100.

7. Two season tickets to the Beyond the Bay Film Series at the Bay Theatre. Value: \$80 Min bid: \$40

8. Czech glass beaded bracelet donated by Cara Lee Paige. Value: \$50. Minimum bid \$25.

9. Tea and photo op with movie star Amy Smart. The star of "Rat Race and the most recent "Starsky and Hutch" film spends time in Leelanau County and is a big Conservancy supporter. Spend an hour or two getting to know this established 20-something Hollywood actress. Time and place to be mutually arranged. Meeting to take place in Leelanau County most likely in December 2004 or Summer 2005. Retail value: Priceless. Minimum bid: \$100.

10. One week of camp for your child at Shady Trails. On the shores of Lake Michigan near Northport. They're sure to have a great time! Value \$190. Minimum bid \$95

11. Weekend getaway to Door County, Wisconsin. Sleeps six at this lovely log cabin on Lake Michigan, 10 miles from Bailey's Harbor. Includes ferry ride on the Badger for two and \$30 gift certificate for dinner at the renowned Glidden Lodge. Donated by Herb and Ann Nichols. Value: \$1300. Minimum bid: \$750.

12. Baby boy or girl layette includes a knitted blanket, two featherstitched swaddling blankets, a pair of white booties, a pink or blue sweater with matching hat and booties. Value \$300. Minimum bid \$175.

13. Traditional scrappy 9-patch/snowball block throw-size quilt. 62x68 inches. Machine pieced by Michelle Mueller and machine quilted by Debbie Yelbak. On display at Liberty Quilts in Cedar until the Picnic. Value: \$550. Minimum bid: \$300.

14. Cedar Peace Pole with four languages of your choice. Value: \$175. Minimum bid: \$85.

15. Dinner in the vineyard at L. Mawby with dinner from Hattie's for two for summer 2005. Value: \$140. Minimum bid: \$70.

16. 4 tickets on the 45 yard line to Michigan vs. Iowa in Ann Arbor. September 25th, 2004. Value \$200. Min. bid \$100.

17. Beach glass earrings donated by Rae Welch. Four pairs to choose from. Value: \$27. Minimum bid: \$13.

18. 2 hour champagne cruise on the "Rosebud" Fantail Launch departing from Leland with Ted and Tali Lanham. Value: Priceless. Minimum bid: \$100.

19. Dog Party on 120 acres near Cedar. Picnic lunch, doggy games, dog trainer on site to answer questions. Hosted by the Frederick Family. 8 dogs max., 4 humans per dog. Value: Priceless. Minimum bid: \$25/dog family.

20. Ocean-front home in San Diego Sunset Cliffs area of Point Loma, minutes from the airport, Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo, Coronado and La Jolla. Three bedrooms, three baths, sleeps six. Home sits on 80-foot cliff overlooking the Pacific; enjoy the view of sailboats, Navy ships, cruise liners and surfers. Available for one week in July or August for Summer '05 by arrangement with owners who are Sustainers of the Conservancy. No smoking or pets. Value: Priceless. Min. bid \$2,500.

21. Gift certificate to the Riverside Inn in Leland. Value \$80. Minimum bid \$40.

22. Catered Party at Northport Bay Retreat. Use of Northport Bay Retreat for the day and evening, to be mutually arranged. Also includes \$400 worth of catering services by DJ Kelly's. Exempt dates for catering are weekends and all days in June, July, and August unless approved by Dan Kelly. Value \$1300. Minimum bid \$600.

And more...

RCI timeshare any where in the world, furniture painted by local artists, gourmet dinner hosted by Northport Point resident, gift certificates to local eateries, lodging, recreation, and much more!

To bid on these and many other items not shown, visit www.theconservancy.com, or call Kate at 231-256-9665.

Many thanks to our Picnic Sponsors:

**Realtor Mark Nadolski
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New Sustainers in 2004

Wow, we've topped the 300 mark with these new Sustainers. We now have 312 individuals/families who make an annual pledge of \$500 or more to support the operations of the Conservancy, giving us the solid base 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.

New Through 6-8-04

Mrs. Robert W. Allen
Merrill and Bev Almquist
William C. and Vicki Anderson
Ernie and Leanne Balcueva
Paul Dechow and Jeanne Blum
Paul Skeim and Beth Brooks
Steven R. Brechin & Nancy Cantor
Karl and Tracy Cooper
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Robert and Jane Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Noling
Todd and Tammy Ryan
Allan and Melissa Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Smith
Wayne and Sharon Workman
Bill and Mary Ruth Wotherspoon



Sustainer Janet Nicola (with parent volunteer) helped her Fraser students raise \$1,000 for farmland protection. See story on page 8.

New Members Key to Our Ongoing Success

Welcome New Members! We're grateful to have you as a part of our growing, vital organization! There is strength in numbers, and together, we can protect the land we love. Thanks so much to membership reps who used their good name to sign letters, helping us to obtain new members. They are: Gail and Bart Ingraham, Larry Mawby, Bob Sutherland, Dennis and Erika Ferguson and Kyle and Betsy Carr.



Welcome to new members Lynn Tobin and Tim Sparling shown here with Mary Lyons

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| Ms. Jennifer Abel | Carol Schiffman | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson | Mr. and Mrs. James R. Harrelson | Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Rosiek |
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| Mr. and Mrs. Rodney J. Groleau | Linda Johnson-Hanson | Mr. and Mrs. John Woomer |
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Helping Hands

Our organization is stronger thanks to all who pitch in to help with our many tasks. A thousand thanks for sharing your time, your strong backs, your knowledge.

Our Silent Auction Committee has been hard at work preparing for a fantastic event on August 5th. (see story on page 12). We're enormously grateful to co-chairs Peggy Miller, Lynn Peabody and Annie Frazer. Dick Ristine has been invaluable in securing event sponsors. Thanks so much to the following who have brainstormed, attended meetings and solicited items for this event: Annette Deibel, Laura Swires, Lou Ristine, Marsha Buehler, Julie Knode, Judy Frederick, Herb and Ann Nichols and Mary Lyons.

Thanks to the following people for manning our booth at summer events and helping to educate the public on our mission: Dick and Lou Ristine, Bob and Julie Knode, Ed and Barbara Reinert, Leon and Folly Michael, Carol Bowen, John Watkins Sr.

Learning is fun! These people helped train our Docents (see story on page 7): Paul Raphael, Dan Palmer, Duke Elsner, Janet Dickerson, Ann McInnis.

Sore muscles can be part of the drill with our Stewardship Network. They help to keep our trails safe and accessible. Thanks to Jim Vachow, John Bull, Tom Dunfee, Bob Hagerman,

John Scott, Chuck Whetsel, Rick Halbert, Bill Maul.

Watershed Council work could not happen without these people: Tim Keilty, Norm Gauthier, Colin Nesbitt. Thanks so much! We're grateful also to Joanie Woods and Kyle Carr for help with stewardship activities.

Carl Hammond runs around the county filling in our brochures on a regular basis. Thanks, Carl. Special recognition goes out to board members Mary Lyons, Jack Burton, Mary Taylor and Tom Dunfee, who donned aprons and helped serve dinner at a June donor party. It goes without saying that the rest of our board also deserves a pat on the back for all they do for our organization.

Finally, we're grateful to those who come around our table to stuff envelopes and get our newsletter out the door: Dennis and Erika Ferguson, Betty Waite, Shirley Wheatley, Judy Frederick, Moonyeen Fitch, Bob Hagerman, Bill and Shirley Orcutt, Bob and Jane McElvey.



Serving our donors: Board Member Mary Lyons at the Mawby party.

SPECIAL GIFTS

(Received between 2/20/04 and 6/29/04)

Gifts are made to the Conservancy in memory of a loved one or special friend, or in honor of an individual or special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. Gifts may be made to the fund of one's choice, or the family's choice. Family members are sent a special card notifying them of the gift. LP denotes Leelanau Preservers Gift.

IN HONOR OF DEBORAH BUNN ALLEY'S BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Susan A. Mertz

IN HONOR OF THE BEALL'S GRANDSONS

Mr. and Ms. Scott Beall

IN HONOR OF RUTH BELANGER-LEUGERS' BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Francavilla

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Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wick

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Ms. Nancy Peterson

IN HONOR OF ANNA MARGARET CANTRELL (LP)

Mark Cantrell & Kathy Rymal

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian Carman

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN CHAMBERS (LP)

Stephanie and Mark Duckmann

IN HONOR OF AUSTIN FELLOWS' BIRTHDAY (LP)

Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

IN HONOR OF BEN FELLOWS' BIRTHDAY (LP)

Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

IN HONOR OF JIM AND BARB FOWLER

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey M. Fowler

IN HONOR OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES AND LOIS GAMBLE

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hanpeter

IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF KELLY GLADIEUX AND FRANK SAMUEL (LP)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Cliff, Jr.

IN HONOR OF VIRGINIA GLIDDEN (LP)

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Taylor

IN HONOR OF FRANK GUSTAFSON

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beuerle

IN HONOR OF LINDA KELLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beuerle

IN HONOR OF ANNE KINZIE'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mildred Anthony

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Bill and Nancy Gard

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Stott



MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

(Received between 2/24/04 and 6/28/04)

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Mr. and Mrs. Kent N. Holton

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