



Leelanau Conservancy

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

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A Natural Observer

The plants in
Conservancy Natural
Areas, and the woman
who surveys them. Pg 6.



Executive Director's Message

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Robert Frost penned this quintessentially American ode exactly one hundred years ago, and scholars have argued over its meaning ever since. Interpret what you wish from the poem, but in my mind it is emblematic of how our choices, our commitments, can make a difference in people's lives and in the world.

Sure, there are all kinds of promises. As a father, I try to talk with my kids about character. We often talk about how one of the greatest measures for each of us as a person is about the commitments we've made and the promises we've kept. Young children often can't completely grasp things like commitment, character and integrity. But they do understand what a promise is. And they are keenly aware of the difference between a promise broken and a promise kept. (Just ask them about a secret someone didn't keep!)

Moreover, it's a powerful thing when a community of people have made a commitment to a shared value. One could make a pretty convincing argument that the value that holds us all together is the land and waters of Leelanau. In 1988, our founders, Ed and Bobbie Collins made a commitment, through the establishment of the Leelanau Conservancy, to conserve the land, water and scenic character of Leelanau County. By any definition, we have been keeping that promise. In our 28-year history, we've preserved over 12,000 acres, including more than 1,000 acres in the last year alone.

Yes, we are keeping the promise—and we are doing so in the present tense. Implicit in the promise to conserve is a promise that is sometimes overlooked. It's the promise to carefully nurture all of those cherished places we've saved together, to ensure that we can hand our children, grandchildren and future generations the same opportunity to experience the joys, splendors and the richness of all that is Leelanau, just as we have.

At the Conservancy, we recognize that preserving our lands and waters forever is a commitment we make each time we protect a new property. Bringing a new property permanently under our wing is only the very beginning of what will ultimately be a very, very long story. The rest of the story, by design, never ends, because the commitment we've made must continue and endure for all time.

There are certainly moments when that can seem like a Herculean task. But, just like great leaders, great stewards are not born. Great stewards are made when they make a lasting commitment to what they love. Gratefully, our peninsula is not like other places that lose their uniqueness over time—you have ensured that there's no place like Leelanau. And, because of you, the Leelanau Conservancy is keeping its promise to maintain, care for and defend the thousands of acres under our mantle. The road we have taken together thus far has made all the difference. It goes without saying that "Forever" is a road that never ends and perpetuity is a path we can't take without you. We are deeply thankful we can count on your ongoing support and passion so that Leelanau can continue to light the way.



Tom Nelson
Executive Director



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A Passion for Restoration

Along Ottis Road at the very tip of the peninsula, a lush, bluestem prairie reaches for the sky, and dances in the wind. Butterflies flutter above the waving grass on a lazy September morning; a pair of hawks circle above, scoping out lunch.

The prairie abuts our Kehl Lake Natural Area, but it does not belong to the Conservancy. The parcel was part of a Tip of the Peninsula Project where the Conservancy purchased the land, permanently restricted it from development with a conservation easement, and then sold it to a “conservation buyer” with the restrictions intact.

The man who bought the land some 10 years ago has taken it upon himself to restore this old cherry orchard. He and his family wish to remain anonymous. His vision is to create an optimum environment for birds and mammals—and for his own aesthetic enjoyment. Having grown up on a farm out east and served as a board member for conservation organizations, the environment is something he cares deeply about. He and his family spend summers in Leelanau and use the property as a place to run their dogs and take long walks.

As we walk a path he keeps mowed, the landowner points to bees and native black-eyed Susan. “Aside from just looking pretty, more flowers mean more insects which will attract more birds and animals,” he notes. We pass by a pond that was dug last year. Animal tracks dot the shoreline; evidence that this water source is being well-used.

The lush prairie, so alive with life, stands in stark contrast to a nearby meadow, rampant with invasive knapweed, which poisons the soil so that little else can grow. When the landowner purchased his parcel, it too was overrun with the noxious weed. In addition, dead cherry trees were piled high. Twenty miles of plastic irrigation tubing littered the landscape.

The landowner spent a bit of money to get rid of the tubing and eradicate the invasive plants. Then, for two years he planted cover crops to bring the soil back to life. The landowner had hired a prairie management specialist, who then

guided the plantings of drought-tolerant bluestem forbs and wildflowers. He also planted burr oak saplings, protected with deer-resistant tubing, and native fruit-bearing shrubs. “It’s a bit like farming, but you don’t get anything back other than knowing you’re doing something good for the land,” says the landowner.

A prairie must be burned regularly to maintain its integrity. He is planning to do just that in the coming year or two. Another option is to let forest succession happen, so one day the maples and other trees bordering the prairie may take over.

“I don’t know what it will end up being when I’m gone, but it will be a lot better for birds and mammals than what was here before,” he says.



Beloved Parents Honored

When you retire at 55 from the Chrysler Corporation as its assistant treasurer, and then become a cherry farmer for the next three decades, what does that look like? Tom and Louise Lawton left their Birmingham life behind, rehabbed an old farmhouse and plugged into the Leelanau community in the 1970s.

The Lawtons have since passed away, but in September, their four adult children forever preserved the family’s 210-acre farm near Suttons Bay. Daughter, Kathy Heye, says, “My parents would be so pleased. My dad loved that land and I hope he knows somehow that it’s always going to stay a farm.”

Winding along county roads north of Suttons Bay, past rows of cherries and high-density apples, you may have passed the beautiful Lawton Farm. In 2014, 20 acres of

this historic farmstead were protected with a donated conservation easement, with plans to preserve an additional 210 acres.

The family’s goal to do just that was realized this fall through a federal purchase of development rights program. This makes the Lawton Farm the fourth farm project in the last 12 months to be completed. Let’s all celebrate four family farms totaling 670 acres being preserved in the last year!



The late Tom and Louise Lawton at their Suttons Bay Farm.

Promise Keepers

Thirty six years ago, Mike and Janet McManus made a promise. They were about to purchase Karl Kiessel's farm along Eagle Highway—an ideal fruit-growing site overlooking Lake Michigan. "Karl was a very nice man and he could have sold that 80 to anyone, but we had this verbal deal," says Mike. "He disliked the idea of houses built on this land." And, Mike and Janet were of the same mind.

A handshake at Karl's kitchen table sealed the agreement—as binding as any legal contract, says Mike. He and Janet kept the promise. But they worried about who would keep it after they were gone.



Mike and Janet McManus on the farmland they have preserved—141 acres in total.

A few years ago, the McManus' began talking to Tom Nelson to learn about their options, including a purchase of development rights. In May, a total of 141 acres were forever preserved with an agreement called a conservation easement. (see box). The agreement protects the Kiessel farm as well as 80 additional acres nearby that Mike and Janet purchased in 1983 from Harold and Lorraine Egeler. (Like Karl, Harold had one condition, but it was an easier promise to honor. He wanted to cut one cedar tree annually to make a post for his birdfeeder.)

In addition to preserving some of the best fruit growing land in the county, the McManus conservation easement also protects wetlands in the Lake Leelanau Watershed and takes in frontage along Houdek Creek. More good news: the land links up other preserved lands, including the Bardenhagen and Korson family farms, creating a working agricultural corridor.

With its stunning views, Mike says developers have come calling over the last 20 years. The development potential, the connectivity to other farms, the wetlands, the superb soils and sloping site are all reasons to ensure its protection. "It has what makes stone fruit farming possible—and so much more," says Sam Plotkin, Farm Programs Manager.

On a stunningly beautiful late September day, Mike and



Mike indicates one year of growth on a young cherry tree.

Janet talk about their 52-year marriage and how they got their start. A panoramic view from their home off Alpers Road takes in part of their farm and Lake Michigan beyond. When they bought the land, they had no idea that the view existed.

Mike had grown up in a big family on a cherry farm on the Old Mission Peninsula; his four brothers are fruit farmers in the Grand Traverse area, including the longtime Michigan senator, George McManus. Janet's father owned a clothing store in Traverse City. Both sets of parents were "products of the Depression and carried that ghost on their shoulder," says Mike.



Michelle McManus, and her brother, Jim, spent summers and weekends helping their parents at the farm.

Mike and Janet married young. "She put me through college," he says. After a year in Flint, he landed a job at Traverse City Central teaching history. Janet worked full time too. They lived in Garfield Township and raised two children there, Michelle and Jim. Farm chores ate up evenings and weekends. They burned up the miles commuting; before long they converted old migrant quarters into to a makeshift campsite. While Mike tended trees and managed crews, Janet kept the books. It wasn't until 2004 that the couple actually built their home and moved to Leelanau. But for 22 years Mike served on the board of the Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Station Foundation, the group that built the station and brought agricultural researchers to Leelanau.

Mike talks about his love for farming. "It gets into your blood," he says. "I enjoy all the seasons: the optimism that comes with spring and the satisfaction of the summer harvest. Fall is a time to reflect and to plan for next year."

Both he and Janet agree that optimism and commitment are essential to being a cherry grower, given all the challenges and disappointments. He believes that agriculture provides stability to Leelanau County. "When a cherry farmer plants a tree, he's making a 35-40 year commitment," he says. "It's six or seven years before any sort of pay back. How many people will do that today?"

Part of their plan is ensuring that their land will always be available to farm, whether it's a member of their family or another young farmer, who, like them, dreams of being a cherry grower.

"We are not alone when it comes to valuing the land," says Mike. "Most growers I know do. In fact I think that's what Leelanau Conservancy's supporters and growers have in common—a love for the openness and the beauty of the land and how unique it is."

What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a permanent agreement between an organization, like Leelanau Conservancy, and a landowner to preserve conservation values. Conservation easements protect specific conservation values (such as forests, wetlands or open space) and limit the amount of development that can happen on a property.

A Natural Observer

By Carolyn Faught

As a little girl, Liana May spent hours hiking at Sleeping Bear Dunes with her mother, a Glen Arbor artist. “She was my first botany teacher,” says Liana. Kristen Hurlin’s painstaking drawings of Leelanau’s natural wonders are well known throughout the region.

Her mother’s sketches from the wild were the beginning of Liana’s love affair with plants. She later earned a B.S. in environmental science from the University of Michigan and did field work in Tanzania for her Master’s. Since 2010 Liana—a.k.a. Borealis Botanicals—has inventoried plants at eight Leelanau Conservancy Natural Areas.



On a sunny June day, we meet at the Soper Preserve near Northport. She wears muck boots, carries an iPhone, and a compass hangs from her neck. As we walk toward an opening in the dense thicket, she tells me that back in May she had seen an emerging patch of showy lady slippers and is hoping that today they will be in bloom. Her plan also includes crossing the property in 30-meter-wide transects, looking for areas rich in species diversity.



Liana May uses a magnifying glass to help her identify a species of sedge.

"The Conservancy does a great job selecting sites for conservation," she says as we bushwhack through the woods. Before long, Liana kneels to photograph a pretty flower called pink pyrola. She uses an app called iNaturalist to record her findings and GPS their location. If she can't ID a plant on site, Liana tucks a specimen into a backpack for further study. As we walk, she points, ticking off common names: swamp dewberry, meadow buttercup, cotton grass, bittersweet, night shade, Jack-in-the-pulpit.

Liana's knowledge of the plant world seems endless. I learn that "sensitive fern" earned its name because it is the first to succumb to frost. She points out scouring rush, which

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indicates a "very high quality wetland." I'm amazed to learn that 289 sedges are found in Michigan.

She compiles a "Floristic Quality Index (FQI)" for each natural area (see box). "A FQI tells us what's present when we acquire a property," says Matt Heiman, Director of Land Programs. "It gives us a measuring stick to monitor changes, whether it's from climate or changes in the natural environment. A thorough plant inventory also means you can make better management decisions." Examples include trail



One of the many species of goldenrod found at the Soper Preserve.

planning that protects sensitive areas and invasive-species-control prioritization.

"We have expanded our knowledge of the flora of Leelanau Co, adding some 80 species previously not known to live here, and we have also mapped several populations of rare species," adds Liana.

Our trek is nearly over when Liana locates the showy lady slippers she'd hoped to see in bloom. The stems are naked; deer the likely culprit. She sighs, records it on the app and makes a note to report the loss to staff.

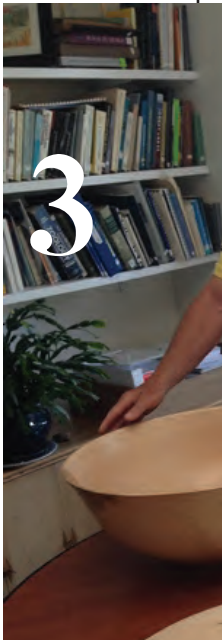
Whether she is documenting deer over-browse or discovering an endangered plant, Liana serves as a scientific witness. Her studies will help the Conservancy to preserve and enhance the ecological integrity of the places you have helped us to protect. "I love to work outside and I want to do something positive for the natural world," she says. "And Leelanau is the place I want to be."

What's in a Number?

A Floristic Quality Index (FQI) less than 20 have minimal significance, while FQIs greater than 35 represent areas of conservation importance and are floristically significant on a statewide level. Links to FQI studies/plant lists are on our website, at the bottom of each Natural Area page.

Top Ten Conservancy Native FQI Scores

Natural Area	Native FQI	# Native Species
Cedar River NA	91.1	262
Narrows NA	75.3	294
Teichner P	74.3	250
Houdeck Dunes NA	67.8	227
Hatlem Creek P	65.2	230
Kehl Lake NA	65.0	208
Swanson P	63.7	176
Soper P	62.0	218
Chippewa Run NA	58.0	231
Clay Cliffs NA	52.1	161



We Volunteers



1. NatureChange.org is putting out some great videos including one about our work to combat invasive species with the help of volunteers. Visit their website to see our video and several other great pieces.

2. Artist Stephanie Schlatter painted 24 Leelanau wineries for her “Project 24” and donated 10% of the proceeds to the Conservancy. Now she has moved on to painting several of our natural areas and will again donate 10% of the sale proceeds.

3. Artist David Watt created three stunning wood pieces for our auction. The beautiful bowls and tray were created from a massive maple tree felled by the big August 2015 storm at Palmer Woods, and raised \$4,500.

4. Docent Mary Tris scouts the Teichner Preserve to prepare for a hike. The following day, she and fellow docent Karl Hausler led hikers past this stunning *Lobelia cardinalis* (cardinal flower) display. Soon after, it began to pour. Karl lives nearby, and invited the group to take shelter. “He put on a pot of coffee and he and Mary continued to talk about the history and culture of Teichner on Karl’s lovely porch,” remarked one attendee. We are so grateful to all of our wonderful docents for their dedication to helping others learn more about our Natural Areas!

5. Volunteer Kelcie Douglas helped to pull invasive bladder campion at a Houdek Dunes workbee this summer. Check out that enormous tap root—one of the reasons why this plant is so hard to eradicate.

6. Dr. Bill Scharf holds a towhee bird during annual fall bird banding at Chippewa Run Natural Area. He and fellow researcher and docent, Alice Van Zoren, work together to capture birds in lightweight “mist nets.” Their ongoing research takes place in both spring and fall and this was their 11th season of tracking bird migration at Chippewa Run.

7. Dan Kerby loves birds. But in particular, he loves swallows. “Seeing them on the wing just makes me happy,” he says. A favorite place to view them is DeYoung Natural Area, in the field just off the TART trail. “This is my sweet spot,” he says. “DeYoung’s habitat is so diverse, with ponds and meadows and the lake.” While birding one day, Dan noticed a need for nesting boxes. He works at Wildbirds Unlimited and asked owner Barbara Norgaard Burns to donate two new boxes, which he installed. Before long, there was a nest full of eggs in one of the boxes. Read more about this meaningful donation at leelanauconservancy.org. Just put the word Kerby into our search box to find the article.

8. Marcia, Noel, and Perry Webb volunteer at Clay Cliffs Natural Area. The family, including their dad, Larry, helped to dig post holes, install directional signs, re-route a section of trail and trim back encroaching branches from the trail system.

9. 2016 Volunteer of the Year—Ann Nichols (pictured with Tom Nelson). “Ann has been volunteering since our earliest years,” said Nelson. “She has dug wildflowers, worked in our information booth, and served on our auction committee. Ann and her late husband, Herb, wore costumes at this event, and drove around the county to put up signs when we had a farmland tour. Over the years, pretty much anything that we asked of Ann, she did.”

Be a Volunteer

Since its founding in 1988, volunteers have been the heart and soul of the Leelanau Conservancy, bringing time, talent and expertise to help in the Conservancy’s mission. Since 1988, volunteers have logged over 100,000 hours, worth over \$1 million. Last year alone, over 350 volunteered for the Conservancy. If you would like to get involved, contact Emily Douglas, Volunteer Coordinator: 231-256-9665 or edouglas@leelanauconservancy.org.

Trail Blazers

Our stewardship staff and a myriad of handy volunteers have been working hard to improve our trail systems.

New boardwalks were constructed at the Swanson Preserve (pictured right) and Kehl Lake Natural Area so that your feet can stay dry while visiting these beautiful places. The boardwalks also help to protect fragile wetlands.

While you are out at Swanson Preserve to see the new boardwalk, we hope that you take in the new "Lake Shore Loop," which hugs the shoreline and connects Swanson's two spur trails. The trail provides glimpses of the lake and winds you through old-growth cedar stumps (notice the burn scars from long ago logging). Observe young white pines as you make your way from one spur to the other.

New trails were also opened and marked at Palmer Woods Forest Reserve, and more are in the works! (Story opposite page.)



The new Lake Shore Loop at Swanson Preserve.



This new boardwalk at Swanson Preserve is one of two built this summer.

Keep Invaders Out...Use Boot Brush Stations



One way to win the battle against invasive species is to never give them a chance from the get go. Stewardship staffers Chase Heise and Randy Winowiecki installed boot brush stations at natural areas this September. Please brush your feet off as you enter and leave to keep harmful seeds OUT.

It is not the mud, but tiny seeds that cause concern. Seeds of invasive plants often travel in the treads and laces of footwear, pant cuffs, hiking gear, and on pet fur. Invasive plants displace native plants that are critical to wildlife, especially to butterflies and birds. Once established, they are costly to remove.

Clean your boots, pants, packs, and pets before hitting the trail. Help keep natural areas vibrant for future discovery. To learn more, visit HabitatMatters.org.

Into the Woods: Palmer Woods Happenings

Few things are more rewarding than hearing of Conservancy members out enjoying our Natural Areas. In September, Lloyd and Judy Lindner hiked Palmer Woods and emailed to say: "This week we visited Palmer Woods to see 'our' investment in Leelanau for ourselves. We were so pleased! We hiked both the loop and valley trails. Lloyd especially enjoyed seeing all the fungi on the loop trail, brought out by the relatively wet weather recently. Such variety and beauty. Thank you for the hint to travel counter clockwise. It made a big difference for us old folk." What's new at this 707-acre Natural Area?

A Trail Feasibility Study & Master Trail Plan:

Earlier this year we hired Jeff Parker, who designed the renowned trail system at Michigan Tech University, to do a "Trail Feasibility Study" for Palmer Woods. The study determines what recreational activities are possible. We received that study this spring and early next year we expect to have Jeff's Master Trail Plan in hand.

"We'll have the winter to mull the trail plan over," says Becky Hill, Natural Areas and Preserves Manager. "It will mark and record specific routes and design details for a total trail system and build upon the recommendations made in the feasibility study. Once we have all the trail options presented, we can decide how and when we want to implement. The plan helps us to do things correctly from the beginning."

That means locating the parking area in the optimum spot, planning trails to work with, not against the terrain, and protecting rare and special features. "We can dream big," adds Hill, "but we also know that we don't have to do it all at once."

Two Deer Enclosures:

Two areas totaling 35 acres (5% of the property) were fenced in this fall to keep deer out, but allow other animals in. Why? The enclosures will:

- Help with forest restoration efforts. Within a few years we expect to see a lush green understory.
- Document the long-term impacts of deer browsing. Example: Is the wildflower seed bank totally depleted from years of deer browse? We'll find out.
- Help us learn what a healthy northern hardwood forest looks like and make management decisions for the optimum health of the forest.
- Provide research and educational opportunities that could help other landowners.

Valley Trail Renamed:

At the Friends Picnic, Chairman Warren Watkins announced that the two-mile long trail would be named for founding directors and will be called the "Price Valley Trail." Watch for docent-led winter hikes and more news to come as plans unfold for this spectacular property.



Clearing a path for deer enclosure fencing at Palmer Woods Forest Reserve.

Giving Matters

After 40 years of vacationing in Leelanau, I was delighted to move to the County in 2015. One of the first questions I am asked is about my "Leelanau" story. As I visit with supporters one of my questions is, "What is your Leelanau Conservancy giving story?" There are many different ways to give, but why people give is often based on deep emotion. It is extremely rewarding to be someone facilitating gifts that often help people feel they are solving a problem or fulfilling a dream. My most memorable gift was not large, but very meaningful. It was a gift to the care facility where my mother passed on, using some of my inheritance. That act was a big part of dealing with the loss. I think about that gift almost every time someone tells me their giving story. The generosity expressed by this community for the Leelanau Conservancy is always backed up by tales of generational attachment, healing experiences, or my favorite: "needing a beautiful place to hide." An anonymous donor recently demonstrated a deep need to steward a

deceased partner's IRA distribution in the most authentic and ethical way as possible. We are one of the few organizations that meet the criteria. While the information covered on these pages may help you decide how you would like to give, we know for many of you why you give is very important. As the stewards of this trust, we want you to know every gift matters and we are grateful.



Betsy LePoidevin
Director of Charitable Giving



Are You OLD Enough?

If you are 70 1/2 or older and you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you may be required to remove funds by the end of the year. For some, the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) will increase income tax payments. For some, the extra income will trigger taxes on Social Security benefits.

You need to check with your tax advisor first, but one really great way to limit tax consequences is to transfer a portion (up to \$100,000) to a 501c3 like the Leelanau Conservancy. The term for doing this is called making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Funds need to be transferred directly

from the IRA to the charity to be eligible.

So, if you're old enough, distributing IRA funds to the Leelanau Conservancy is a win-win. You win by helping the Leelanau Conservancy protect the land, water and scenic character of the county for future generations; and you may also win by having a lower tax bill.

First be in touch with your tax advisor, and then contact Betsy LePoidevin, Director of Charitable Giving at the Leelanau Conservancy blepoidevin@leelanauconservancy.org or 231-256-9665. IRA, RMD, QCD—it may sound like alphabet soup; we would love to help!



Ancient maple tree at Lighthouse West Natural Area. Photo by Ed Ketterer

Ways to Give

As stewards of your gifts to conserve Leelanau, we strive to make donating meaningful and easy. You can make a gift online, via mail, or in person and we accept all types of gifts including one-time gifts of cash, checks, credit cards and stock, as well as automatic monthly gifts, multi-year pledges, gifts of land, and planned gifts.

Membership Gift



Donate any amount to become a member. Annual gifts are the bread and butter of the Conservancy and Leelanau wouldn't be the same without our many members.

Sustainers Circle



Join a dedicated group of donors who support daily operations by committing to give at least \$500 annually.

Monthly Donors



Sign-up for a secure, automatic monthly deduction from your checking account or credit card – the easiest way to give! This is a great way to become a Sustainer.

Leelanau Preservers



Make a gift of any amount in honor of a friend or family member – gifts of \$500 or more are acknowledged with a Leif Spork tile. They make great gifts for all occasions.

Memorials & Honorariums



Remember a loved one or honor a friend or relative for any occasion and support the annual stewardship of Conservancy-protected lands.

Planned Gift



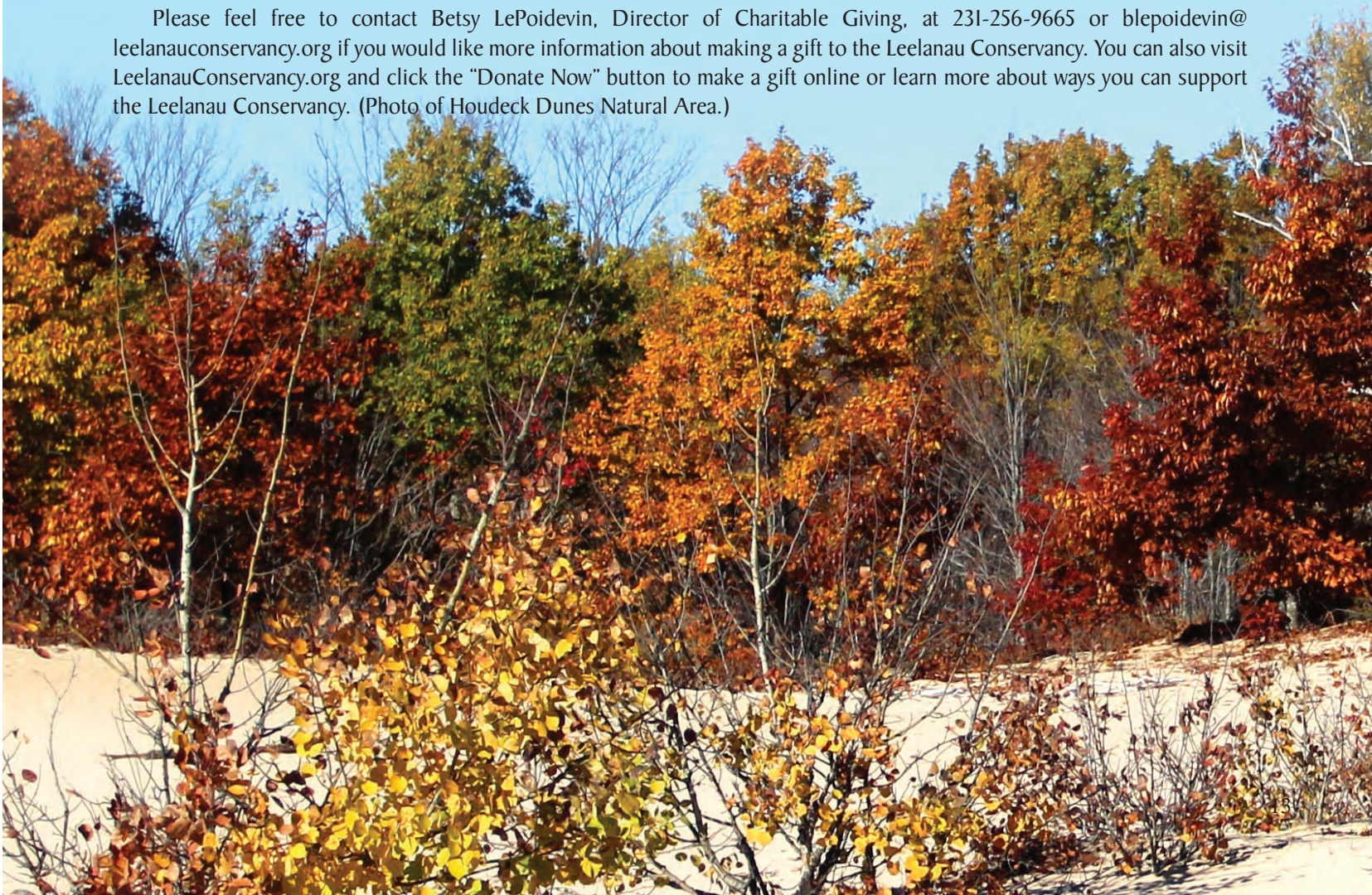
Leave a meaningful legacy by including the Leelanau Conservancy in your will or estate plan and become part of the Richard O. Ristine Heritage Society.

Adopt a Natural Area



Make a gift of \$5,000 or more to support the care of Conservancy-owned lands in perpetuity and receive a personalized plaque at the trailhead of one of our Natural Areas.

Please feel free to contact Betsy LePoidevin, Director of Charitable Giving, at 231-256-9665 or blepoidevin@leelanauconservancy.org if you would like more information about making a gift to the Leelanau Conservancy. You can also visit LeelanauConservancy.org and click the "Donate Now" button to make a gift online or learn more about ways you can support the Leelanau Conservancy. (Photo of Houdeck Dunes Natural Area.)



Honorariums & Memorials

Happy Birthday

60th-Mark Allen

Stephen and Patricia Jones Blessman

90th-Mary C. Allen

Mrs. Mary Ann Meanwell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Oliver

Sterling Cole

John and Barbara MacDougall

Barbara Goodbody

Will and Margee Bracken

Ann Mason

Rhys VanDemark and Kathi McGookey

Ann McInnis

Ed McInnis and Patty Payette
Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis

Doug McInnis

Ed McInnis and Patty Payette
Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis

100th-Sumie Satoh

Carl and Marilyn Creighton

70th-Nancy Smith

Anne and David Shane

Joanie Woods

Will and Margee Bracken

Happy Anniversary

50th-Robert and Wendy Blohm

Lori and Stephen Moreland

50th-Merrill and Brig Buettner

Jeanne and Mike Greenwood

In Honor Of

Kendra Antle

Peter Fisher

David Edelstein

Gershon and Suzanne Berkson

Jana Brozova and Milan Kuklik

Mark Fisher

Baby Burt

Jeff and Debbie Burt

Ann E. Chafee

John and Anne Chafee

Mary Cusick and David Wible

Lisa Hinkelman and Bob Heine
Doug and Julie Frazier

Father's Day-Eugene Driker

Ms. Elissa Driker

Linda Gallini

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gallini

Jessica Hehmeyer

Alyson Schoenfeldt and Lotte Swart

Hank Holt

Peter and Elizabeth Andrews

Graduation-Eliana Kaplowitz

Dr. Janet Navarro

Russell Meyers and Nancy Mueller

Peter Fisher

Andy Mitchell & Norman

Bistodeau

Terry and Ruth Hoiles

L.J. Noling

David Noling and Victoria Bailey

Edward and Catherine Nyberg

Peter Fisher

Steve Senter

Henry Crevensten and Carlin Senter

David and Christy Smith

Peter Fisher

Eleanor Stephenson

Mrs. Elizabeth Drinkaus

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Trim

David and Moira Schedlbauer

Marriage Congratulations

Michelle Nader and Elli Workum

Mr. and Mrs. George Strietmann
David and Denise Workum

Sandy Seppala and Kim Gyr

Ms. Sue Bennett
Bill and Rose Carman
Ms. Marge Eckert
D. Lynn Feeter & Ruth Glaspey
Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Murray
Ms. Etta Rajkovich

Memorials

Horace & Bobbie Abbott

Porter and Anita Abbott

Cathy L. Bingham

Candy and Ted Dickson

Harry J. Bingham

Candy and Ted Dickson

Thelma Blanck

Ms. Kathie Woods

Frank Bracken

Mrs. Lena A. Ball
Will and Margee Bracken
Alexander and Sally Bracken
Dan and Barbara Beeker Carruth
Stephanie and Mark Duckmann
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Evans
Mrs. Cathleen C. Fisher
Win and Kyle Irwin
Tom Nelson & Stephanie Berger-Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Peace
Mrs. Angeline R. Pruis
Elizabeth Bracken Wiese & Fred Wiese

JoAnne Brubaker

Mrs. Judith M. Egeler

Amy Bruggeman

Jill and Mike McDonnell

Robert Burchfield

Mrs. Marilyn H. Steele

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John and Anne Chafee

Dondo Ciavattone

Ms. Caroline Barta
Ms. Janet Barta
Graig and Terri Durocher
Gale Holcomb and Jennifer Reid
Ms. Jane M. Kersjes
Ms. Rebecca Loftus
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We welcome Molly, who has previously worked for the Leelanau Historical Society, as well as later serving as a member of its board of directors. She has also volunteered extensively for the Leland Educational Foundation and until recently owned the Leland Toy Co. In addition to her existing knowledge of the Leelanau Community, Molly brings with her a strong grounding in what it takes to help maintain a smooth-running organization. She is enthusiastic about bringing her experience

and talent to the Leelanau Conservancy as our Administrative Coordinator. Molly and her husband, Bret, live in Leland with their three children. The Crimmins also own Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop in Cedar.

We also welcome back Chase Heise, former Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) Crew Member, in the position of Property Maintenance Specialist.

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