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Land & Legacy

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INTRODUCING OUR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: RICK MACHIN

Rick Machin loves his boots.

They've taken him over hills and up trails, through the forest and over the shorelines of the Pacific Northwest, and they have carried him through many San Juan Preservation Trust fieldwork days eradicating invasive plants and clearing trails. Rick has served as a Fieldwork Volunteer since 2002, and was a member of the board of trustees from 2002-2009. He has brought enthusiasm, diligence and plenty of good humor to his work, and that is why he has been honored with this year's Volunteer of the Year award.

After a lengthy career as a Special Agent with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service, where his law enforcement assignments took him throughout Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean, Rick retired in 1997 to Fidalgo Island, where he quickly became involved with the Preservation Trust. You can find Rick (and his beloved boots) continuing as a Fieldwork Volunteer at our summer work parties. We remain grateful for Rick's past service as well as his ongoing involvement in our conservation work.

31ST ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

2009 WAS A YEAR OF CONNECTIONS FOR THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST. With our strategic conservation plan as our guide, we acquired land and easements – through donation and purchase – that tied large patchworks of adjacent protected lands into singular landscape-scale preserves.

Here are some examples (*see pages 2-3 for more*):

- The purchase of a highly-visible 120-acre farm at the gateway to San Juan Valley on San Juan Island, when combined with adjacent farmland that has already been conserved, makes 1,050 contiguous acres of important agricultural soils permanently available for farming.
- A donation of one 20-acre conservation easement on Lopez Island's Iceberg Point ties together a 300-acre network of public and privately-conserved lands to permanently protect almost that entire picturesque peninsula.
- With the support of the entire Guemes Island community, we worked with the Skagit Land Trust to raise \$2.2 million to acquire a 70-acre parcel at the summit of Guemes Mountain. This acquisition brings adjoining Preservation Trust-protected farmland, forest, shoreline and state wildlife lands together, creating a combined 540-acre preserve on the island.

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As 2009 came to a close, the Runstad family donated a "forever wild" conservation easement on Armitage Island, a 7-acre jewel near the southern tip of Blakely Island. As a small undeveloped island, the Preservation Trust had long recognized Armitage as a conservation priority. The Runstads are now exploring ways to enhance native wildflower habitat on the island.



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Claudia & Roger Salquist; Sarah & John Crosby

CONSERVING TOGETHER: NEIGHBORS JOIN TO CREATE NEW PRESERVE ON TURN POINT, SAN JUAN ISLAND

When it comes to putting love of the land into action, sometimes the first steps take place right in our own backyards. When an undeveloped 10-acre stand of woods and wetlands in their neighborhood became available for sale, San Juan Island residents John & Sarah Crosby and Roger & Claudia Salquist chose to buy it...and preserve it. They had nicknamed the land "Wildwood," and both couples loved the rural feel it lent their neighborhood and the wildlife habitat it provided. By first placing a "forever wild" conservation easement on the property in 2006, and subsequently donating the title of the property in 2009 to the San Juan Preservation Trust, these two couples were able to see their dream of keeping the land intact come to fruition.

John Crosby, who passed away in 2008, deserves special gratitude for this vision. Sarah Crosby remarked that "John felt that it was important to preserve that land 'as is' or we would not only lose all of those lovely trees, but we would lose the rural character of the neighborhood." This new SJPT "Wildwood Preserve" adjoins land already conserved by the Salquist family, knitting together a network of protected mixed-woodlands in the expanding Turn Point neighborhood. Whether the reasons for protection be creating wildlife corridors or retaining a rural feel, the benefits of neighborhood conservation are many.

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With additional donations of land in Olga (*Orcas*), Turn Point (*San Juan*) and University Heights (*San Juan*), we protected a total of 328 acres and 3,509 feet of shoreline on 6 islands during the year. However, the connections we made extend beyond our conservation program. Our rejuvenated outings and events calendar is connecting our members with memorable experiences and exclusive access to beautiful places. Our volunteer program is harnessing the considerable talents of our supporters. And along with our partners and an army of enthusiastic islanders, we are successfully reconnecting the Western bluebird to its historical home in the San Juans.



ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US HERE
AT THE PRESERVATION TRUST,
and – more importantly –
on behalf of future generations of islanders
(human and otherwise), thanks to
ALL OF YOU
who donated land, conservation
easements, money and time. You have
made a significant and lasting contribution
to these islands *that we all love*.

The Preservation Trust has permanently protected 270 properties, 32 miles of shoreline, and 13,700 acres on 19 islands, including land now managed as public parks, private nature preserves, and working farms and forests.

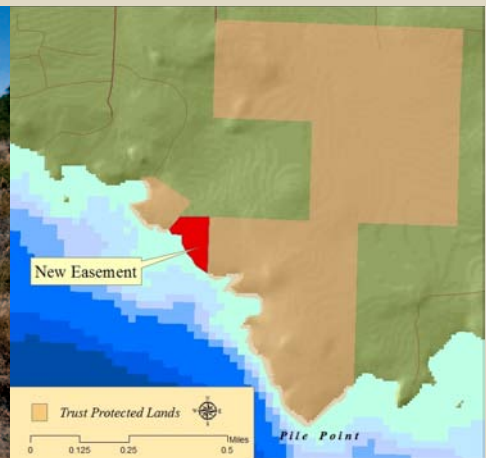


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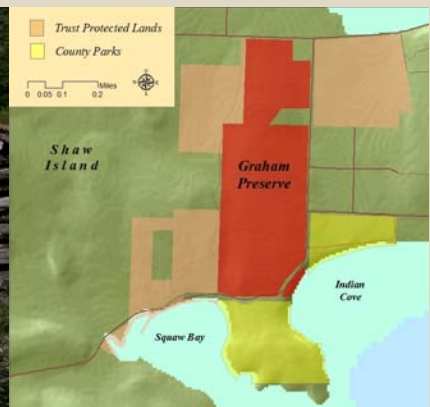
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JANE K. FOX

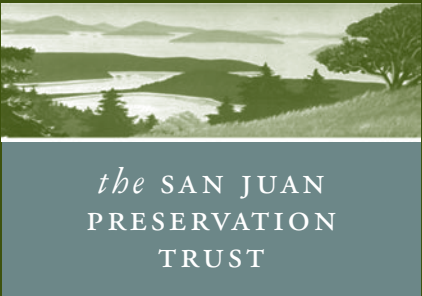


By adding a 5-acre “forever wild” shoreline conservation easement to land that they had previously conserved, the MacGinitie family has linked together several properties already protected by their neighbors (including the Hieronymous, Grodin, Ragen and Starr families) to create a 1+ mile stretch of unbroken protection along the rugged – and densely developed - western coastline of San Juan Island.

JANE K. FOX



By bequeathing their 100-acre property on Shaw Island to the Preservation Trust in 2009, Beverly and Ernest Graham have connected several protected properties in their neighborhood (including parcels originally protected by the Gilson, Leighton, and Nichols/Buck/Thomas families) into one 260-acre block of conservation land. Their gift also ties together two previously-detached portions of San Juan County Park on Shaw Island.



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2010 ANNUAL MEETING IN FRIDAY HARBOR SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010, 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST'S 2010 ANNUAL MEETING at San Juan Island Yacht Club, 273 Front Street, Friday Harbor. The Yacht Club is located just above the Port of Friday Harbor Marina, a five-minute walk from the San Juan Island ferry landing.

MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Welcome at 11:45 AM
- II. Lunch at noon
- III. Conservation Successes/Program Activities
- IV. Adjournment at 1:45 PM

Note: the meeting and lunch have been scheduled to accommodate ferry travel to and from all islands.

Please RSVP to Laurie Naylor at 468-3202 or email laurien@sjpt.org to reserve your lunch at \$15 each. Or you may fill out the form to the right and mail us your reservation request and payment to Box 327, Lopez Island, WA 98261.

THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST IS WORKING FOR WILDLIFE

Sometimes we take on projects that help us to engage the public in native species conservation and thereby enhance our wildlife habitat protection work. Here's a peek at two current examples:



WESTERN BLUEBIRD REINTRODUCTION PROJECT: YEAR FOUR

As we begin our fourth year coordinating this project, we are thrilled to report that at last count, twenty-three Western bluebirds (*Sialia mexicana*) have returned to San Juan Island after their spring migration. That's more than twice as many returning birds as last year! Plans for translocating more pairs of birds to supplement this resident population are underway; watch for these birds to take up temporary residence in one of the more than 400 nest boxes placed on private and public land throughout San Juan County. Read more about the Trust's involvement in this project at www.sjpt.org.



RAISING AWARENESS OF AN ENDEMIC SPECIES: THE ISLAND MARBLE BUTTERFLY

The San Juan Preservation Trust has received a grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to provide citizens of San Juan County with information on a rare, endemic species currently found only on San Juan and Lopez Islands: the fabled Island Marble butterfly (*Euchloe ausonides insulanus*). You can read more about this amazing species at www.sjpt.org, in upcoming local newspaper stories, or by joining us on several butterfly-themed outings planned for this summer (see back page for events calendar).

MEMBERSHIP WELCOMED TO VOTE FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE PRESERVATION TRUST is governed by a volunteer board of trustees representing islands throughout the archipelago. Each year our members have the opportunity to vote for new or incumbent trustees. This year's nominating committee members (thank you to Carolyn Haugen, Margie Carper, Lori Stokes, Doug Tidwell and Judy Meyer) are pleased to submit the following slate of candidates. Profiles of new candidates follow; profiles of incumbent candidates can be found at www.sjpt.org. Submit your vote by using the ballot to the right.

New Trustee Candidate: Allen Smith (Orcas Island)

Allen and his wife Sara first came to Orcas Island on vacation in the mid-nineties, fell in love with the islands, and shortly thereafter built a home in Victorian Valley. Allen was the co-founder and CEO of ISX Corporation, a developer of advanced computer software systems located in California. After he retired in 2000, Allen remained as chairman of the board until 2006. Allen has a PhD in Anthropology from Princeton University, and has served on a number of non-profit boards, including the OPAL Community Land Trust (of which he is the former president and current vice-president). He is excited to serve on the Board of the San Juan Preservation Trust and states "We live in an environment that is lovely but fragile. I want to help preserve it so my children and grandchildren can enjoy it as much as I have."

New Trustee Candidate: Keith Gerrard (Shaw Island)

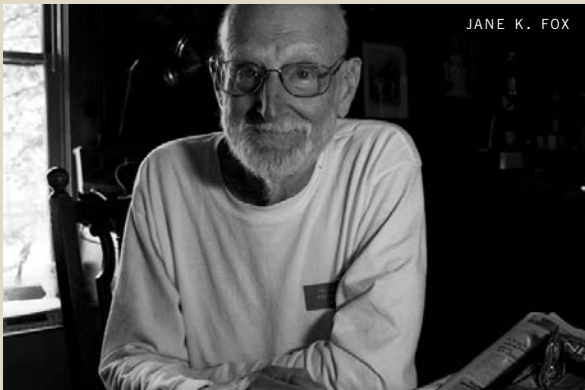
Keith Gerrard has lived on Shaw Island for twenty years, after living on Lopez Island for eleven. Keith has served as an attorney with the law firm of Perkins Coie for nearly 47 years, after graduation from Harvard Law School. Keith has devoted much time serving on boards of a variety of non-profit organizations, including The Shaw Island Library and Historical Society, Shaw Islanders, Inc, and The Museum of Flight, where he is currently a Trustee Emeritus. Keith remarks, "The San Juan Preservation Trust is essential to the preservation of these islands. I have been in love with the San Juans since I first came up here in the 1960's...the islands are still beautiful, but fragile. They need to be preserved, and that is a deep personal concern of mine."



SJPT LOSES A CONSERVATION GIANT

DR. FREDERICK ELLIS

(1916 - 2010)



Dr. Fred Ellis, a founding member of the San Juan Preservation Trust, passed away in his historic Shaw Island home on the morning of February 5th at age 93. Fred served on SJPT's board of trustees for 30 years, and - with his family - donated more than 1,400 acres of land and conservation easements on Shaw and Lopez Islands.

Fred's conservation legacy in the San Juan Islands began with his first visit to Shaw Island in 1936. When the Orcas Lime Company abandoned its plan to log Shaw for cordwood in the 1950's, Fred and his family purchased their large family homestead on Parks Bay for two hundred dollars an acre. Since then, Fred, his wife Marilyn, and his family methodically acquired more than 1,000 acres on Shaw Island and an additional 400 acres of agricultural land near Port Stanley on Lopez Island. All of these places have been permanently protected through gifts of land and conservation easements made to the San Juan Preservation Trust and the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Labs.

Fred led a diverse and accomplished life, enthusiastically pursuing his interests in education, astronomy, Pacific Northwest history, philosophy, cattle ranching, music, environmental activism and land conservation. During his long tenure at the Preservation Trust, Fred's voice influenced a number of strategic decisions, including the effort to launch the \$18.5 million campaign to save Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island. Fred would often pound his fist on the table and roar "LET'S JUST GO FOR IT!" to encourage the board of trustees to approve a new land acquisition project.

In his later years, Fred was quick to share his favorite quote attributed to E.O. Wilson, a Harvard biologist and theorist: "Man will be defined not by what he has created, but rather by what he has chosen not to destroy."

"It sends shivers down my spine," he told one of many journalists that made a pilgrimage to Shaw to interview him. "Isn't it fabulous?"

To hear and see more from this remarkable island legend, go to <http://vimeo.com/5587671> for a video interview produced in 2009 by SJPT intern Jane K. Fox.

31ST ANNUAL MEETING of THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve ____ seat(s) for the Annual Meeting

Please reserve ____ lunch(es) for the Annual Meeting

Guest name(s): _____

____ Enclosed is \$15 per person to cover luncheon costs.

____ I would like a vegetarian lunch

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

San Juan: Charlie Bodenstab*
Steve Simpson*

Orcas: Allen Smith

Shaw: Keith Gerrard

Lopez: David Perera*

At-Large: Alice Hurd *
Sam Sprenger *
Bob Stavers*

*incumbent candidate

SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST 2010 MAIL-IN BALLOT

(Each adult member of SJPT is entitled to a vote)

VOTER #1

____ All candidates

____ Withhold vote for _____

VOTER #2

____ All candidates

____ Withhold vote for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please detach and mail this form by Monday, May 17, 2010 to the San Juan Preservation Trust, Box 327, Lopez, WA 98261. The slate will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting on May 22nd.

ABBREVIATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31 (in thousands)

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 204	\$ 174
Pledges & other receivables	154	881
Investments	6,404	6,090
Conservation land	13,288	11,744
Other	40	55
TOTAL ASSETS	20,090	18,944
LIABILITIES	21	603
NET ASSETS	20,069	18,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 20,090	\$ 18,944

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31 (in thousands)

	2009	2008
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
General contributions, grants, fees, & other	\$ 483	\$ 477
Bequests (for unrestricted purposes)	358	89
Gifts of land	1,046	569
Investment income		
Interest and dividend income	155	200
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	(252)	(401)
Restricted contributions for land acquisition, stewardship, endowment and other	878	267
	2,668	1,201

Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	1,133	(1,025)
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	3,801	176

EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS		
Conservation programs	560	484
Administration and fundraising	219	201
TOTAL EXPENSES	779	685
Conservation easement acquisitions	1,294	581
TOTAL EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS	2,073	1,266
NET RESULT	\$ 1,728	\$ (1,090)

These abbreviated financial statements are derived from the fully annotated financial statements submitted to the board of trustees. The financial statements for 2008 were audited by Sanders & Sanders, CPA, in whose opinion they "present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the San Juan Preservation Trust as of December 31, 2008." The financial statements for 2009 will be audited later this year.



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SAVE THE DATES:

For the following SJPT membership events!

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010:

31st Annual Meeting of the SJPT, Friday Harbor

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010:

3rd Annual Summer Social, Lopez Island

*(see below fold for complete list of outings and events
for 2010)*

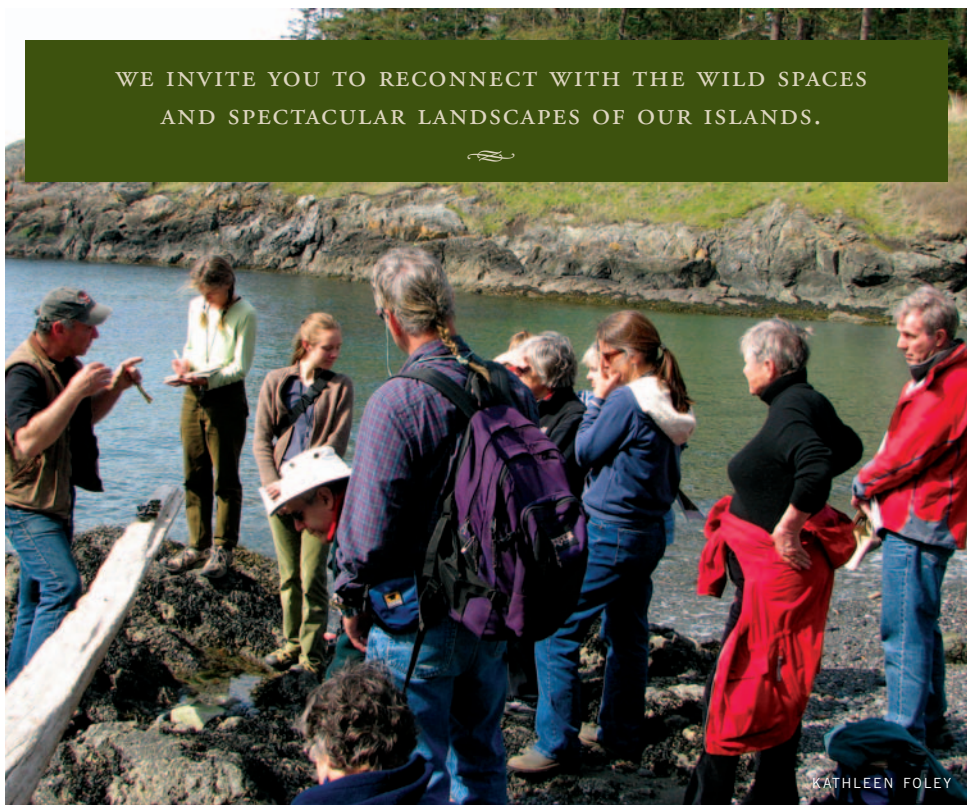
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2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 10 (SAT)	Lopez Island Wildflowers and Wine
MAY 1 (SAT)	Orcas Island Sustainable Living Fair
MAY 2 (SUN)	Orcas Island Turtleback Hike (Sustainable Living Fair event)
MAY 8 (SAT)	San Juan Island Ethnobotany and Edibles
MAY 16 (SUN)	San Juan Island Discovering the Island Marble Butterfly
MAY 22 (SAT)	San Juan Island 31st Annual Membership Meeting
JUNE 11 (FRI)	San Juan Island Bikes, Bluebirds & Butterflies
JULY 7 (WED)	Lopez Island Birds and Habitat: Making the Connection
JULY 18 (SUN)	Orcas/Wasp Islands Wandering the Wasps (sea kayak trip)
JULY 31 (SAT)	Lopez Island 3rd Annual Summer Social
SEPT 16 (THUR)	San Juan Island Meal in the Field

WE INVITE YOU TO RECONNECT WITH THE WILD SPACES
AND SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES OF OUR ISLANDS.



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Join us for one (or all) of our spring and summer outings, or celebrate land conservation with friends and supporters of the Preservation Trust at our membership events. Please visit our website at www.sjpt.org/calendar for detailed descriptions of our outings and event registration information or contact Laurie Naylor at 468-3202 or laurien@sjpt.org for more information.