

THESE ISLANDS... PROTECTED FOREVER

Creating a lasting legacy in the San Juan Islands

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE AND LIFE ESTATES

*We do not inherit the earth
from our ancestors; we borrow
it from our children.*

- Native American proverb

the SAN JUAN
PRESERVATION
TRUST

A CHARITABLE BEQUEST THROUGH A WILL
IS THE *EASIEST* LEGACY GIFT TO ESTABLISH.

In addition to bequests of cash, property owners might also consider giving their home or land to the Preservation Trust through their will.



WENDY RICHARDS

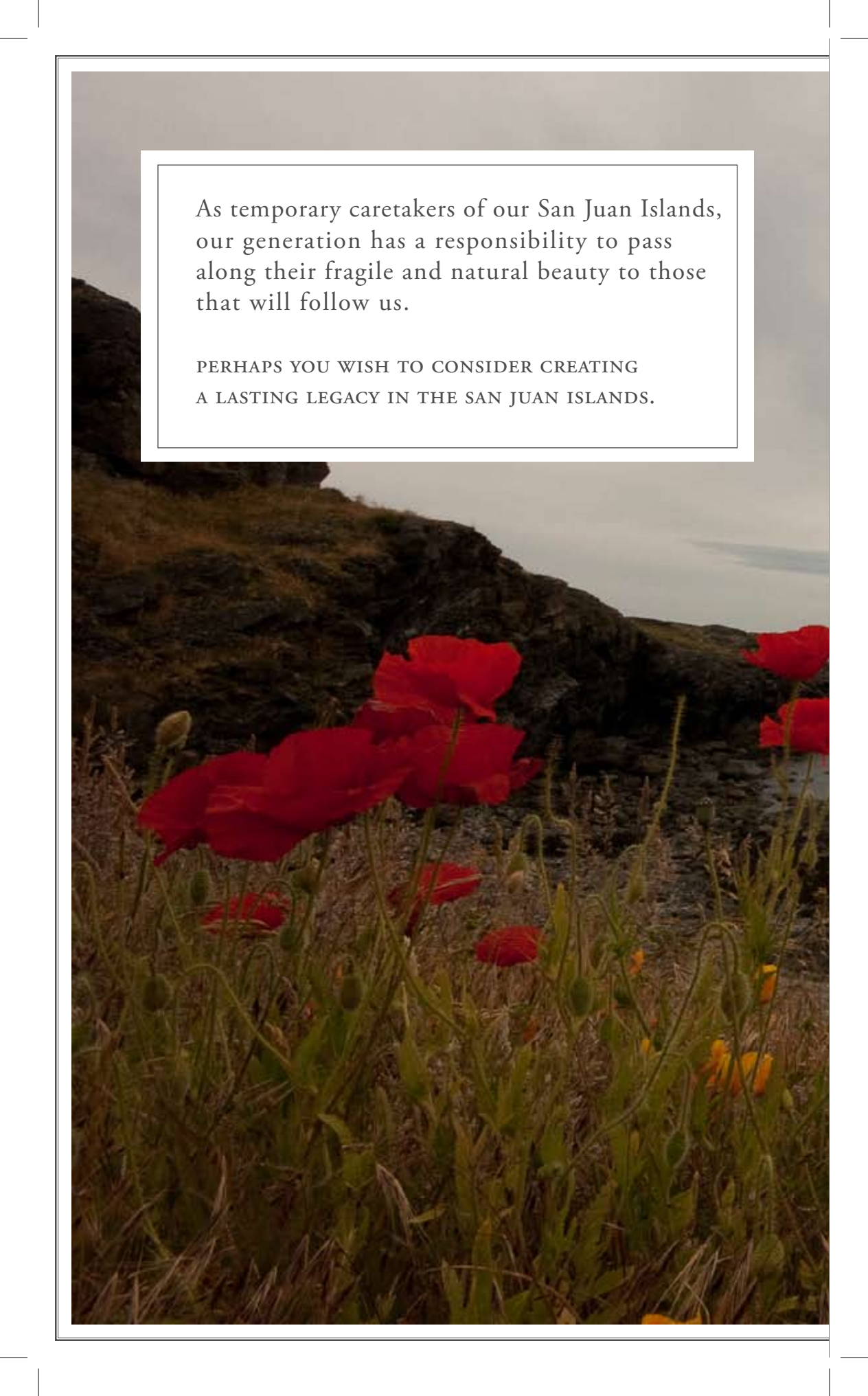


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Evelyn Leatham left a wonderful **bequest of property** to the Preservation Trust -- her small waterfront home on Lopez Island. Upon receiving it, the Preservation Trust immediately placed a conservation easement on the 7-acre property, permanently protecting its "feeder bluff" shoreline and forest habitat. The Preservation Trust then sold the land and house with the conservation easement in place. Proceeds from the sale were divided between the 2007 Watmough Bight capital campaign on Evelyn's beloved Lopez Island and the Preservation Trust's permanent Endowment Fund.

A photograph of a rocky coastline with red poppies in the foreground and a white text box overlaid. The scene is captured in a landscape orientation. In the foreground, several vibrant red poppies are in full bloom, their petals slightly ruffled. They are surrounded by green foliage and some yellow flowers. The middle ground shows a dark, rocky cliffside that slopes down towards the right. In the background, the ocean is visible under a grey, overcast sky. A white rectangular text box is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image, containing two paragraphs of text.


As temporary caretakers of our San Juan Islands, our generation has a responsibility to pass along their fragile and natural beauty to those that will follow us.

PERHAPS YOU WISH TO CONSIDER CREATING
A LASTING LEGACY IN THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS.

When a **gift of property** is received, the San Juan Preservation Trust immediately identifies and permanently protects any important natural values on the land. Once these values are conserved, the Preservation Trust decides whether to retain ownership of the preserve or to sell the property with the permanent protections in place and use the proceeds to protect other priority island land.

Property owners who wish to pass their land to their heirs might consider donating a **conservation easement** to ensure that natural values on their land will be permanently protected while allowing their heirs to enjoy or sell the property. In some cases, estate taxes can force heirs to contemplate selling beloved family properties. In these situations, representatives of an estate may grant a **post-mortem conservation easement** on property, thereby significantly reducing estate taxes.





Life estate gifts allow an individual to donate her home or land to the Preservation Trust while retaining the right to live in or use it for the duration of her life (or through the life of a specified heir, or for a specific term of years). This gift may also entitle the donor to an immediate income tax benefit. When the term of the life estate has ended, the Preservation Trust will protect any important natural values on the property with a conservation easement before deciding whether to retain ownership of the property or sell it with the easement in place. If sold, the proceeds would be used to protect more island land in the future.

Should you wish to consider leaving land or a conservation easement to the Preservation Trust, we strongly encourage you to discuss your plans with us so that you may be assured that the Preservation Trust is able to fulfill your ultimate wishes for your property.

Life Estate: After placing a restrictive conservation easement on his property near Sargarloaf Hill on San Juan Island, Bob Roseburg donated his land to the Preservation Trust with a reserved life estate. The Preservation Trust shares in the responsibilities of land ownership, and Bob continues to live on his beautiful hilltop property with the knowledge that his land will remain protected in perpetuity.



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TALK TO US!

Please tear this panel off, complete, fold, staple or tape shut, then mail.

- I am interested in learning more about including the San Juan Preservation Trust in my estate plans.
Please contact me by: PHONE EMAIL
Requests for information are confidential and do not obligate you to any pledge or commitment.

- I have already included the Preservation Trust in my estate plans.
 - You may include my/our names in the list of Gann Society members. Please list me/us as:

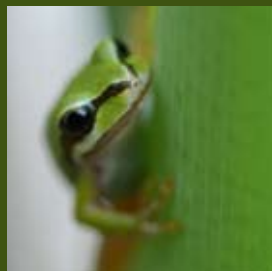
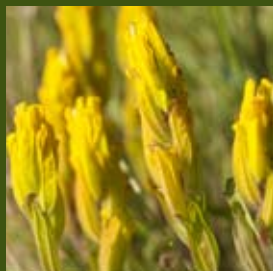
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From L to R: DAWN FIZZARD, KURT THORSON & KURT THORSON



Please consider becoming a member of the Gann Society, a group of visionary individuals who have included the San Juan Preservation Trust in their estate plans.



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Planning charitable gifts out of your estate is a win-win endeavor, creating a lasting legacy from your life's work and providing valuable tax benefits for your heirs.

If you consider leaving property to the Preservation Trust, we encourage you to discuss your plans with us so that you may be assured that your ultimate wishes for your property may be realized.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO DISCUSS YOUR PLANS,
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