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HAIKU IN TRIBUTE TO OUR SWELL SUMMER INTERNS



Sara Brennan
So super helpful
And bright as summer sunshine,
Quick at all she did.



Will Fisher
Loves taking photos
Compelling, crisp, beautiful
He captures the land.



Ursula Stegman
A delight she is
Always up for anything
And what a big help.



Land & Legacy

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I'm doing this for Eva.

Well not just for my daughter Eva, but for your children and grandchildren, and for the thousands of other families (human and otherwise) that visit or live in the San Juan Islands.

Our approach is pure and simple. No confrontations, no drama, just private citizens doing what needs to be done. In 2012 alone, the San Juan Preservation Trust permanently conserved 1,400 acres and 2½ miles of shoreline. From undeveloped mountains and shoreline to farmland, forests and even entire islands, we are still one of the most prolific land conservation groups in the country, ranked #24 among over 1,700 land trusts in number of properties protected.

Of course we do a few other things. We restore important island habitat, and we repair damaged or neglected land. We build trails on our preserves that connect people of all ages to our islands and our mission. And – just once a year – we invite people to support this work, because our success depends completely on the generosity of our members.

As we enter a new season of giving, we hope that you will consider a membership gift to the Preservation Trust. We still believe this is the single most effective way for you to ensure that our most precious island places will remain healthy and accessible.

We are doing this work for my family, for your family, and for the countless future generations of children – my descendants and yours – that will one day inherit these islands from us.

Pure and simple.

Tim Seifert
Executive Director



"To preserve and protect sensitive areas is to preserve and protect ourselves, whether we go there or not. Nature isn't something to be visited, the way we visit exotic birds or animals in a zoo. It's something to be a part of, to be immersed in. How can we know ourselves, truly, unless we can experience ourselves in a landscape not wholly changed by human hands?"

SAMUEL GREEN, WALDRON ISLAND, Inaugural Washington State Poet Laureate

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING:

San Juan Preservation Trust preserves those loved places, habitats, and scenery which enrich our lives and sustain our local ecological and economic systems.

SCOTT ROZENBAUM, LOPEZ ISLAND
Owner, Rozewood Environmental Services, and SJPT business supporter since 1996

We both fell in love with Orcas Island when we were teenagers – Wally as a counselor at Camp Orkila and Josie as a tourist. Forty-six years ago, we purchased Orcas property and 25 years ago retired here. We have always wanted to preserve the amazing beauty of it for future generations. Supporting the Preservation Trust is one of the best ways we have found to do that.

JOSIE & WALLY BARROW, ORCAS ISLAND, SJPT members since 1995

Seeing the ever increasing map of lands linked by preservation makes my heart sing. I love the San Juans, their rural landscapes, amazing shorelines, and range of the communities who live on them. I can't stop time. I can help preserve certain qualities of the islands, both tangible and intangible, for all of us to enjoy in the future.

HELEN GAMBLE, LOPEZ ISLAND & SEATTLE, SJPT member since 2005

I believe that land should be conserved not just because of its beauty, but also because it has unique ecological features; this needs to be coupled with a scientific understanding of the ecology. Few organizations do this, but the San Juan Preservation Trust does. It works to save places such as Vendovi Island from development, so we know and remember the San Juan Islands as they were prior to significant human intervention. The Trust has the wisdom and knowledge to oversee this conservation more than any other group.

JOANN OTTO, SAN JUAN ISLAND & BELLINGHAM, SJPT member since 1991

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WE DID IT!

New Acquisition Expands Turtleback Mountain Preserve



THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST has acquired a property on Orcas Island that adds more than 140 acres to the Turtleback Mountain Preserve and permanently protects the entire ridgeline of the mountain.

The iconic turtle-shaped profile of Turtleback Mountain is recognizable from throughout the San Juan archipelago. It is widely presumed to have been completely preserved in 2006 when – thanks to an outpouring of public support – 1,578 acres of the mountain were saved from development.

The 30-acre "head" of the turtle, which had previously been donated to the Preservation Trust in 1990, is separate from Turtleback Mountain Preserve by a privately-held 111-acre property. The owners had begun to prepare this larger property for residential development when they learned of the Preservation Trust's interest. After many months of negotiation, the parties agreed upon a purchase price of \$1 million.

The San Juan Preservation Trust quickly identified \$600,000 towards the purchase price, including \$500,000 from its own investment funds and \$100,000 from four lead donors. After a brief



Visitors to Turtleback Mountain Preserve enjoy expansive views of the San Juan Islands and beyond.

fundraising feasibility effort in July and August yielded gifts and pledges from several other generous individuals, the Preservation Trust's board of trustees unanimously agreed that this project should move forward.

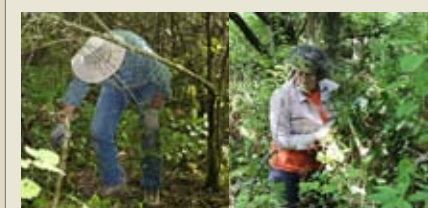
With this acquisition, the Turtleback Mountain Preserve will expand to include both the 111-acre purchased property and the 30-acre turtle's head, which has stunning 360-degree views of surrounding islands. This addition ensures that the entire Turtleback Mountain ridgeline will remain undeveloped and creates a new day hike to a premier destination that has – until now – been inaccessible to the public.

The Preservation Trust plans to work with the San Juan County Land Bank to merge these three properties into one single preserve, with the same shared ownership arrangement that has already been established on the Turtleback Mountain Preserve. Over the next several months, these two entities, in partnership with the Washington Trails Association, will then build a public trail across the newly acquired property to connect the Turtleback Mountain Preserve with the spectacular views provided from the summit of Turtlehead.

The Preservation Trust will continue fundraising to cover the balance needed for the purchase as well as stewardship and trail building expenses. At press time, we are \$160,000 short of our \$1.15 million goal. To learn more about or contribute to this project, please visit www.sjpt.org or contact Barbara Courtney at barbara@sjpt.org or 360-376-2431.

DIRTY HANDS, GENEROUS HEARTS

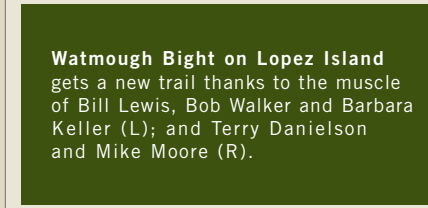
THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST is dependent upon the generosity of many, many people. Generosity, of course, can come in many forms. The good folks in these photos took land conservation into their own hands by pulling ivy, building trails, and constructing visitor amenities. Giving that most precious resource – time – can only come from the heart.



Bob and Holiday Matchett attacking the English ivy on Jack Island Preserve.



More English ivy eradication in action on Waldron Island's Cowitz Bay Preserve: Margot Shaw, Sarka Martinez, Barbara Keller and April Logan.



Watmough Bight on Lopez Island gets a new trail thanks to the muscle of Bill Lewis, Bob Walker and Barbara Keller (L); and Terry Danielson and Mike Moore (R).



The first stage of construction of the Vendovi Island Preserve welcome kiosk. (L to R): SJPT Program Director Kathleen Foley, April Logan, Hugo Cirilo, Margaret Sullivan, Chris Engelhardt, Jim Englehardt.



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We hope you will continue your support for our mission
by contributing to this year's annual campaign.*

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