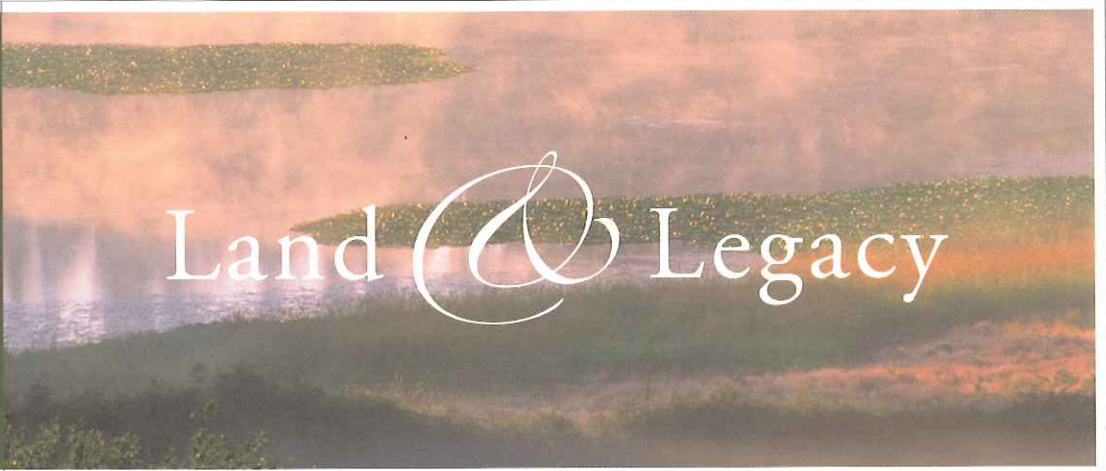




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CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP REACHES AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE TURTLEBACK MOUNTAIN

A NEWLY-FORMED PARTNERSHIP of three conservation organizations, including the San Juan Preservation Trust, the San Juan County Land Bank, and The Trust for Public Land, has announced an agreement to purchase Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island, one of the most familiar properties in the San Juan archipelago. The sale is scheduled to close in November of this year.

The partnership's offer was made in response to a full-price offer from a developer interested in building at least 38 home sites atop the mountain.

The 1,578-acre property is the second largest unprotected property in the San Juans, and has long been recognized by all three groups as the top priority for conservation in the islands.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Tim Seifert, executive director of the San Juan Preservation Trust. "The founders of this organization had the protection of Turtleback Mountain in mind when they established the Preservation Trust over 27 years ago. We've been waiting for this moment ever since."

"Turtleback Mountain is an iconic landscape, as important to the health and identity of the larger Puget Sound region as it is to the San Juan Islands community," added Roger Hoesterey, northwest regional director of The Trust for Public Land.

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2005 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

David and Cherill Perera of Lopez Island have been named our 2005 Volunteers of the Year. A big thanks to the Pereras for all the active support they have given the Preservation Trust and the island community. These two have helped us stage outreach events and they help regularly with our mailings. Dave serves as a fieldwork volunteer helping to restore Trust-protected properties. Since 1999, Cherill has coordinated the trumpeter swan survey on behalf of the Trust, the Trumpeter Swan Society, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. She spends 200 hours a year overseeing 80 volunteer data collectors and writing reports. She also works in our Lopez office on a weekly basis. To learn more about volunteering or supporting the Preservation Trust in other ways, visit www.sjpt.org/support/.



Public access to Turtleback will afford visitors dramatic views of the surrounding islands.

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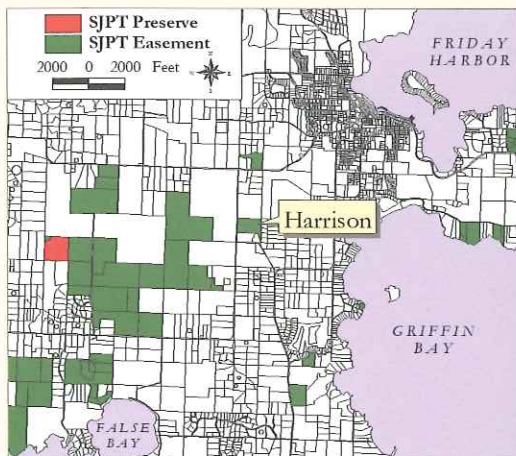
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PASTORAL CHARACTER OF SAN JUAN VALLEY ENHANCED

IN GENEROUS AND THOUGHTFUL MEMORY OF HER PARENTS – William and Lavinia Murphy – Sharon Harrison has donated a conservation easement on the family's San Juan Valley farm that permanently protects more than 25 acres of farm fields and forest along the east side of San Juan Valley.

"Sharon's loving gift will ensure that the woodlands and pasture protected by her parents' many years of devoted care will remain in a natural and rural state for the enjoyment of current and future islanders," said Debra Clausen, the Preservation Trust's director of conservation. "We thank her for her commitment to conservation."

The Murphy farm, located along Douglas Road, forms part of the rural border of the scenic San Juan Valley Heritage Area (established in 2000 by San Juan County to protect working farmland in the valley). Sloping to the west, the farm affords expansive views of the valley. A mature Douglas fir and western red cedar forest stands along the ridgeline, delineating the crest of the False Bay watershed. The conservation easement will protect this working farm's natural, forest, agricultural, and scenic values of woods and pasture by allowing only one additional residence, and by limiting structures to a four-acre portion of the property.



The conservation values of this newly protected working farm on San Juan Island are further enhanced by its proximity to more than 800 acres of Preservation Trust-protected farmland in the heart of San Juan Valley.

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AMBITIOUS FUNDRAISING EFFORT

The purchase price for Turtleback Mountain will be \$17 million. With additional site stewardship and transaction expenses anticipated, the total funding goal for this project will likely reach \$18.5 million. The Land Bank has committed \$10 million to the project, and is now proceeding with a bonding effort to capture and direct future income into the purchase of Turtleback. The Preservation Trust and The Trust for Public Land will work to raise the remaining funds from both private and public sources, and have assembled a committee of community leaders from throughout the Puget Sound region to steer this ambitious effort.

If the fundraising drive is successful, the Land Bank will own and manage the property while the Preservation Trust will hold a conservation easement that ensures that the mountain will remain in its natural state in perpetuity.

A forest management plan is being developed that will focus on restoring rare Garry oak savannah habitat and creating conditions for the return of old growth forest. An extensive hiking trail system for public use is also being planned to provide island residents and visitors access to spectacular views.

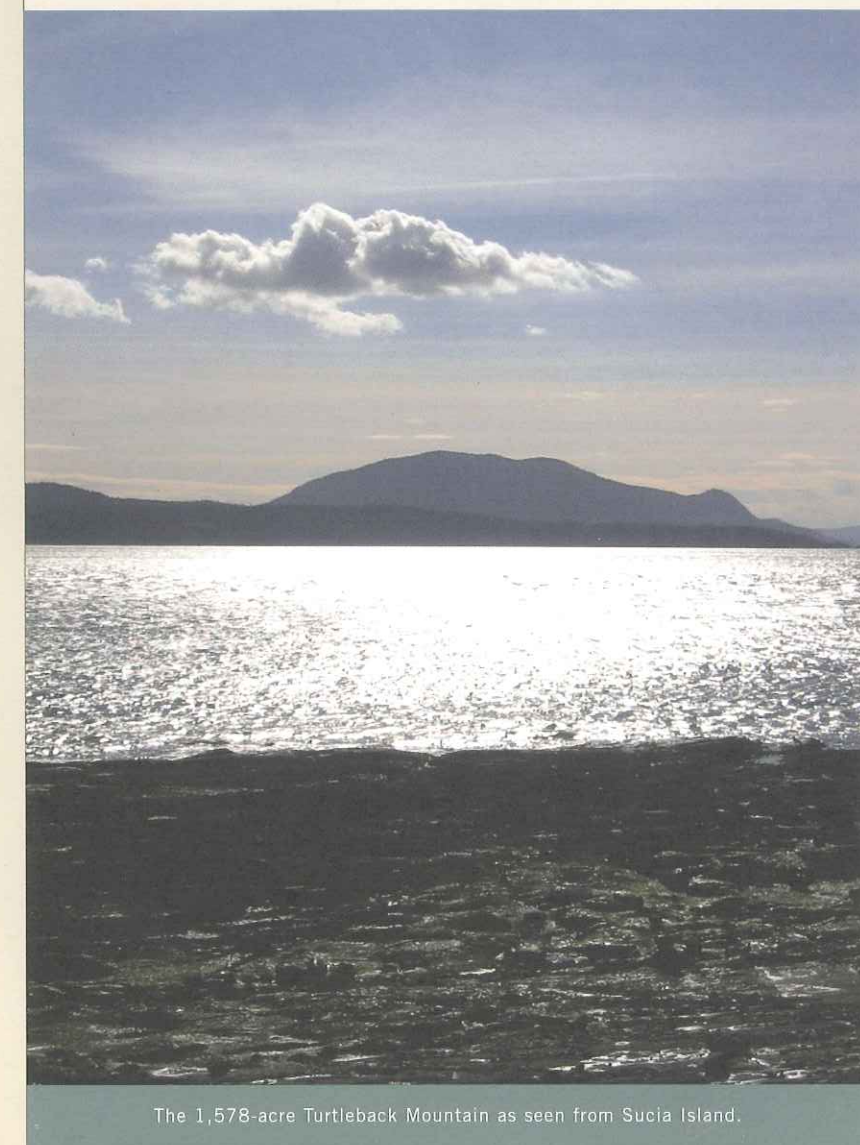
Turtleback Mountain is one of the most recognizable geographic features in the San Juans, and its distinctive turtle-shaped profile is visible from most of the islands. Turtleback is known to have served as a landmark for the Northern Straits Salish people as they traveled among their communities and fertile fishing grounds, and continues to guide modern-day mariners as they navigate the labyrinth of local islands and waterways.

IMPORTANT CONSERVATION VALUES

The property was assembled by Norton Clapp, former Westsound resident and benefactor of the Seattle-based Medina Foundation, starting in the 1950s. Upon his death in 1995, the property was granted to the Foundation to support its philanthropic social work. Although logged extensively in the past, the property harbors remnants of old growth forest and a variety of unique ecosystems. It also serves as an important watershed that significantly influences marine and fresh water quality in the area. The mountain provides numerous dramatic views over the San Juan archipelago, the Canadian Gulf Islands, the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, and the many waterways in between.

The property was listed for sale by the Medina Foundation in August 2005, and had been actively pursued by residential and private resort developers before this agreement was reached with conservation interests.

A formal fundraising campaign announcement will be forthcoming. In the meantime, for more project details and information about the upcoming fundraising campaign, please visit www.sjpt.org or www.saveturtleback.com.



The 1,578-acre Turtleback Mountain as seen from Sucia Island.

TURTLEBACK EMAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive periodic updates on our campaign to protect Turtleback Mountain, send an email to saveturtleback@sjpt.org. Please write "Send me Turtleback Updates" in the subject line.



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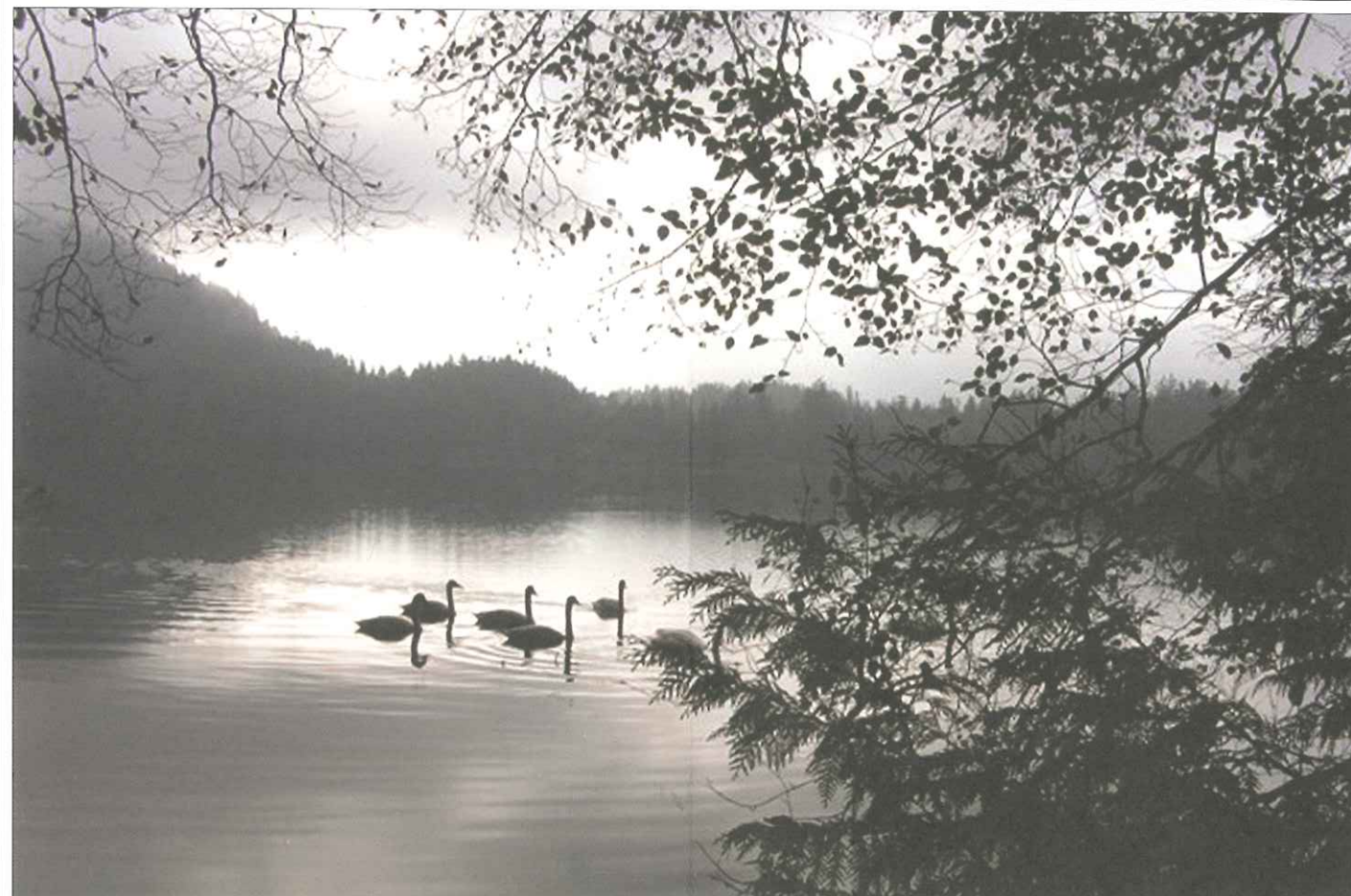
MEMORIAL AND OTHER GIFTS

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In honor of

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Andrew and Sharon Bostrom <i>Betty Bostrom</i>	Wendy Lawrence and Todd Morgan's wedding <i>Miriam and Richard Morgan</i>
Edward Carlberg <i>Kristen Carlberg</i>	Sally Reeve <i>Janet Vogelzang, Mark Cliggett & family</i>
David Will <i>Carolyn Cruso</i>	Betty Gilson <i>Mrs. Philip Robertson</i>
Jeanne and Randy <i>Stephanie Irving</i>	Eunice Darvill's birthday



The San Juan Islands attract a diversity of waterfowl. Common wintering species found in the islands include trumpeter swans, seen here enjoying Cascade Lake on Orcas Island. The Preservation Trust works with the Trumpeter Swan Society and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to coordinate a survey of swan sightings on the islands. PHOTO BY JOELLEN MOLDOFF

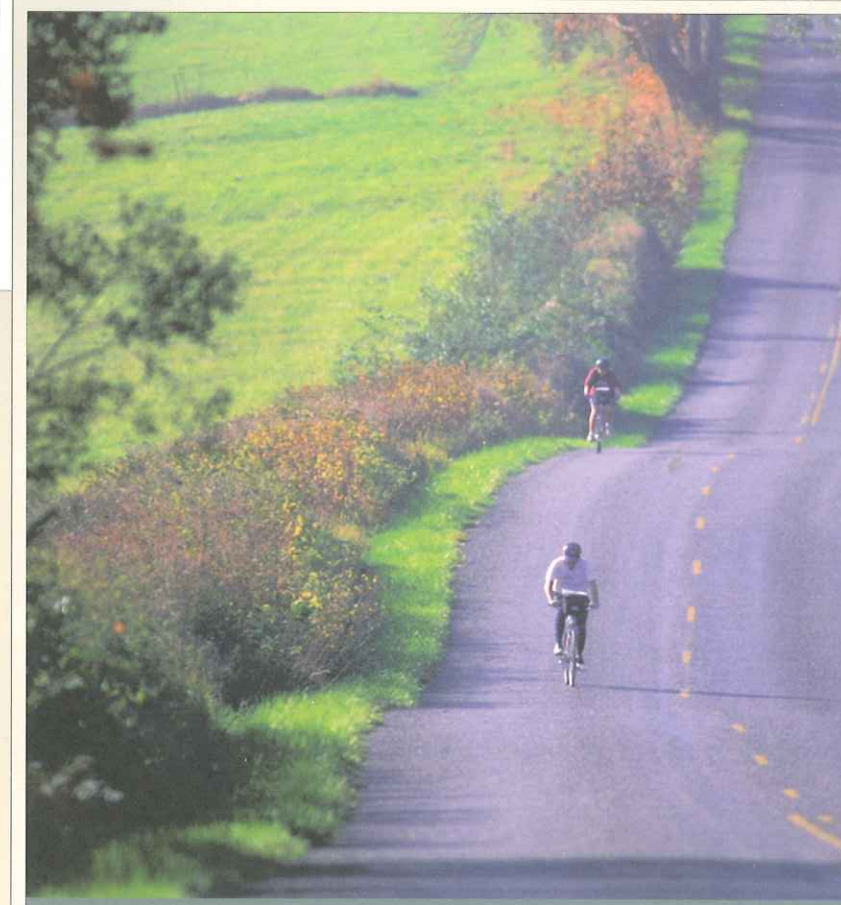
TRUST RECEIVES \$100,000 GIFT FOR ENDOWMENT FUND

WE HAVE RECEIVED A \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND from the Seattle-based Neukom Family Foundation.

"With this very generous gift, the Neukom family is helping to provide for the long-term financial health of our land trust," said executive director Tim Seifert. "Our growing endowment fund will help us to remain a strong and effective land conservation organization that will continue to protect important places in the islands for many years to come. Our endowment fund will enable us to invest and generate funds that can be used - in per-

BUSINESS AND FOUNDATION GIFTS

Turtleback Farm Inn	San Juan Vineyards
The San Francisco Foundation	Gerald H. Kumata & Associates
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petuity – to support our work.”

The Neukom Family Foundation was established by William Neukom, former executive vice president of law and corporate affairs at Microsoft and chairman of Seattle-based law firm Preston Gates & Ellis LLP. To learn more about supporting the Preservation Trust, visit www.sjpt.org/support/.

NEW CONSERVATION DIRECTOR BEGINS WORK

THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST is pleased to announce that Debra Clausen has joined us as director of conservation. A long-time Preservation Trust member and former trustee, Debra will further our mission by managing the Conservation Easement Program, which includes prioritizing conservation opportunities, working with landowners to prepare conservation easements, and helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of our conservation work.

Debra's connection to the San Juans is life long. Growing up in the Pacific Northwest and visiting the San Juan Islands on family vacations, her passion for the natural world and the possibilities of protecting it led her to a degree in environmental studies and anthropology at UC Santa Cruz, and a master's of science in environmental management at the University of London's Wye College. After college, Debra embarked on a career as a habitat biologist for the State of Alaska. In her capacity as Alaska's Special Areas Coordinator she oversaw acquisition and management of 31 refuges, critical habitat areas, and sanctuaries encompassing more than three million acres.

In 2000, Debra and her husband, Kimball Sundberg, moved to their San Juan Island home. From there they have operated an environmental consulting business, built a new home, and enjoyed exploring the Salish Sea on their wooden motor sailer. Debra has served on the Alaska Board of Forestry, studied natural places and birds in protected areas around the world, and has been a volunteer monitor for the False Bay Biological Preserve through the UW COASST survey program. While serving as a Preservation Trust trustee she helped develop the joint Preservation Trust/San Juan County Land Bank Conservation Plan, which established conservation priorities.



Debra Clausen is our new conservation director.

PHOTO BY KIMBALL SUNDBERG

“Working on land conservation for the San Juan Islands is a dream job,” says Debra. “The San Juan Archipelago is filled with wonderful landscapes offering important opportunities for protection.”

Debra looks forward to meeting new and current easement holders and helping them realize their legacy of conservation in the San Juans.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN FRIDAY HARBOR

The Preservation Trust held its 27th annual meeting at the San Juan Island Yacht Club in Friday Harbor on Saturday, April 22.

After an update of 2005 accomplishments, conservation work, and finances, the crowd of 140 people enjoyed a presentation by the authors and illustrator of “In the Company of Crows and Ravens.” We thank John Marzluff, Denman Professor of Sustainable Resource Sciences at the University of Washington, and Tony Angell, master artist, writer, and illustrator for their time and talents.

Lunch was followed by a tour of the Trust-protected Mosquito Pass Preserve on Henry Island, which we conserved in 2003 with the San Juan County Land Bank. To learn more about this and other conservation stories, please visit www.sjpt.org/stories.

Bicyclists enjoy quiet roads and pastoral views in the San Juans. PHOTO BY KURT THORSEN

GIFTS OF STOCK AND MUTUAL FUND SHARES

Gifts of long-term appreciated stock and mutual fund shares are an easy way to make a lasting contribution to the Preservation Trust. Benefits include:

- * **Income Tax Savings** – For securities you have owned more than one year, you can take an income tax deduction for the full market value, up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. The excess can be carried forward for up to 5 years.
- * **Capital Gain Tax Savings** – You can avoid capital gain taxes you would have incurred if you had sold the stock or mutual fund shares.
- * **Support** – Provide crucial support to the Preservation Trust.

Please instruct your broker to notify the Preservation Trust prior to transfer so that your gift can be handled expeditiously and properly acknowledged for tax purposes. To download our securities gift transfer procedure form, please visit www.sjpt.org/support/othermethods. If your stock is depreciated stock you can first sell the shares, then donate the proceeds to the Trust, claim a gift deduction, and claim a capital loss deduction to offset any other capital gains you may have. For more information, contact Sven Haarhoff at 360-378-2461, or svenh@sjpt.org.

THE MISSION OF THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST is to preserve and protect open spaces, scenic views, forests, agricultural lands, habitats, watersheds, riparian corridors, wetlands and shorelines in the San Juan Archipelago.

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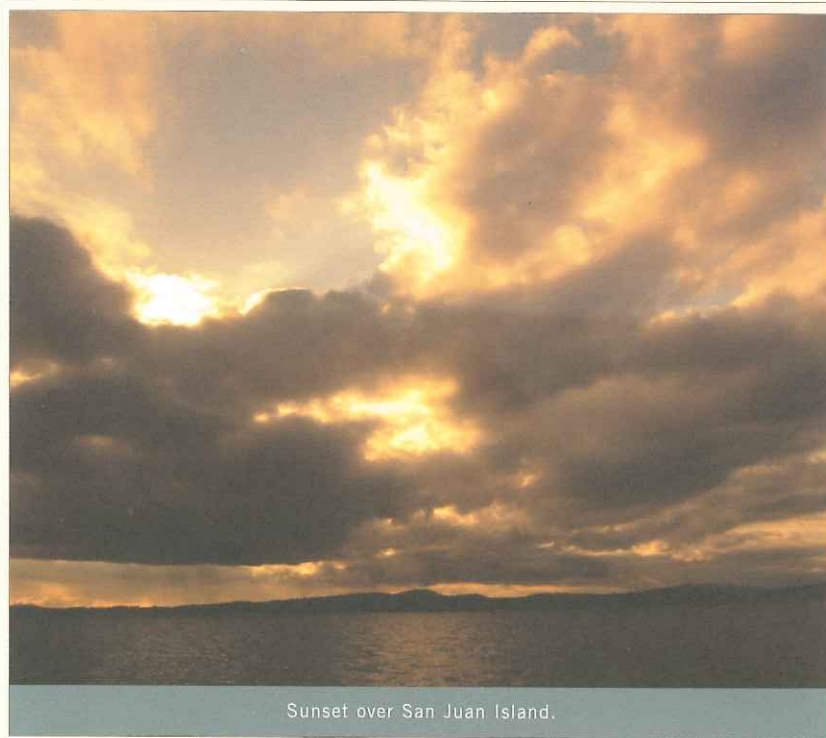
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Sunset over San Juan Island.

KEEP SHOOTING!

DON'T FORGET TO SEND US YOUR BEST PHOTOGRAPHS of the spectacular San Juan Islands. You may win one or more of the following categories in the 2006 Preservation Trust Photo Contest.

- o Seascapes
- o Landscapes
- o People in Nature
- o Wildlife

Prizes will be awarded for winning entries and photos will be featured on our website, in upcoming calendars and educational materials. All submissions must be in by October 1, 2006. Complete contest rules and submission guidelines are at www.sjpt.org/gallery/contest. Unleash your inner Ansel!



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“The long fight to save wild beauty
represents democracy at its best.
It requires citizens to practice the
hardest of virtues – self-restraint.”

– *Edwin Way Teale*

A four-legged islander works the fields
on Lopez Island. Part of the San Juan
Preservation Trust's mission is to preserve
and protect working farmland.

