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Land & Legacy

27TH ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

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OR SO IT MAY HAVE SEEMED TO THE MANY DONORS, volunteers, members and supportive islanders who tracked the Preservation Trust's successful effort to purchase a conservation easement on a 322-acre working farm in the heart of Orcas Island's Crow Valley. Following almost two years of planning and a generous price discount from the landowners (Carol Clark and family), the \$980,000 fundraising campaign was christened in March and continued through the summer. It culminated in August at the "Crow Valley Hoedown," a memorable celebration on the farm with more than 400 supporters gathered under sunny skies to celebrate the permanent protection of this cherished and important place. "The most diverse group of folks I've ever seen assembled in support of a common cause," we heard one long-time islander say to her husband as they strolled back to their cars in the fading summer light.

Amidst the considerable attention generated by our Crow Valley campaign, the Preservation Trust's conservation program remained active as ever. The first transaction of the year was the acquisition of 12 acres of mountaintop to add to our dramatic Mt. Ben Preserve on San Juan Island. When trail building is complete, this 34-acre nature preserve will provide public access to spectacular views.

We received gifts of land in the form of a rugged hillside in Orcas Island's Buckhorn area (from Norman Rose), as well as a dramatic undeveloped waterfront parcel on the southern tip of Lopez Island (from Joan and Mort Thomas) that completes a mosaic of public and private conservation on beloved Iceberg Point.

Building upon this strategy of connecting protected properties, every conservation easement we accepted in 2005 – including Crow Valley – was adjacent to land that had already been conserved. These include easements protecting native mixed species forests on both Orcas Island (donated by Monica Woelfel and Michael Weaver) and San Juan Island (from the Salquist and Crosby families), as well as an astonishing 30-acre grove of old growth trees on Shaw Island (from an anonymous donor). This strategy, known as "connectivity," expands opportunities for wildlife migration, provides permanent places for native inhabitants and systems to establish and thrive, and is one of the key priorities to arise from the Conservation Plan we introduced at the beginning of the year to guide our future activities. With this plan, which we continue to update, we now have a process and criteria for critically evaluating conservation opportunities, and for the first time we have a mechanism to ensure that our efforts are directly tied to our mission. One of our most important challenges for the coming year will be to articulate this vision to our constituents and supporters.



PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER

You never know when that spectacular island scene will present itself. So don't forget to carry your camera with you, because if you miss the shot, you'll miss an opportunity to win our 2006 amateur photo contest. We invite all amateur photographers who are members of the Preservation Trust to enter the contest. Photos must be taken between Jan. 1, 2004 and Sept. 15, 2006. All submissions must be sent to the Preservation Trust by October 1. The categories are: Seascapes, People in Nature, Wildlife, and Terrestrial Landscapes. See all photo contest rules at www.sjpt.org.

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TEN MORE ACRES CONSERVED ON SAN JUAN ISLAND

JOHN AND SARAH CROSBY AND ROGER AND CLAUDIA SALQUIST HAVE DONATED a conservation easement on their jointly owned property that permanently protects 10 acres of forested land on San Juan Island's Turn Point. "The Crosbys and Salquists have ensured that this peaceful undeveloped natural area will remain forever wild for the benefit of future islanders, neighbors, and wildlife alike," said Debra Clausen, the Preservation Trust's Director of Conservation. "We thank them for their generosity and dedication to conservation."

The property features woodlands, rock outcroppings, and a seasonal stream as well as woodpeckers, flickers, bald eagles, great blue herons, hummingbirds, sparrows, and finches. The conservation easement will keep the property forested with cedars, Douglas fir, and madrone, and free of structures or improvements, except for walking trails, in perpetuity.

The conservation value of this parcel is increased by its location next to 14 acres (also owned by the Salquists) already protected by the Preservation Trust. This "connectivity" of protected land is becoming an increasingly valuable strategy for conservation as fragmentation of natural habitats becomes a major concern. The Preservation Trust protects an additional 40-plus acres on nearby Pear Point.

Donated conservation easements play an important role in shaping the future of the San Juan Islands. They also can create tax benefits for donors. To find out more, visit www.sjpt.org/consERVE/.

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We learned last year that the owners of Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island have decided to sell. Long considered the highest-priority conservation property in the San Juan Islands, we joined forces with the San Juan County Land Bank and a number of donors and supportive professionals to submit a compelling offer. While we remain far apart on price, our resolve to protect this important island icon has only intensified. In the meantime, we are working on an unusually large number of high-priority conservation opportunities, and look forward to announcing the successful completion of these in the coming months.

In the summer of 2005 we opened a small field office in downtown Friday Harbor. In addition to increasing the effectiveness of our staff members who live on San Juan Island, we hope to expand both our exposure and level of support on what is the most populous island in San Juan County.

If you haven't had a chance to visit our new web site (www.sjpt.org), we encourage you to do so. Not only is it full of gorgeous island images, the new site provides detailed information on what we do and how we do it. We are also pleased to report that we can facilitate secure online donations. We have learned that our web site is often the first stop for potential donors, so we think it is important that it represents us well.

To draw upon the talents of our many accomplished and dedicated supporters, the Preservation Trust implemented a formal volunteer program in mid-2005. Eighty volunteers have joined the program and donated 459 hours in the past year, with assignments ranging from stewardship of our preserves to creative services to office support. Visit our web site or contact Kathleen Foley at the Preservation Trust for more information.

The Preservation Trust's financial situation remains sound, and an annual independent audit once again validated our accounting processes. Unrestricted giving in 2005 was slightly ahead of 2004, as was our membership support (in both dollars and number of members). We continue to be humbled by our supporters – from two large gifts received from private foundations representing island families, to business donations (both cash and in-kind), to a record number of memorials and honorariums, to a \$5 bill from an 8-year-old child concerned about the future of Crow Valley. Our success is testament to the vision, generosity, and diversity of our members.

The management responsibilities associated with our large portfolio of properties are immense and often unpredictable, but our stewardship program was up to the task. In addition to responding to countless landowner inquiries and monitoring the condition of every single easement and preserve, restoration efforts (often enlisting the help of volunteers) and public access management plans were conducted on dozens of properties. We continue to anticipate a future when stewardship becomes the primary charge of the Preservation Trust, and we are working today on initiatives to assure both the long-term health of our organization and the long-term integrity of our conservation work.



ABBREVIATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION *As of December 31 (in thousands)*

	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 12	\$ 4
Pledges & other receivables	194	105
Investments	5,325	5,279
Conservation land	8,571	8,069
Other	13	40
TOTAL ASSETS	14,115	13,497
LIABILITIES		
	10	20
NET ASSETS	14,104	13,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
	\$ 14,115	\$ 13,497

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES *As of December 31 (in thousands)*

	2005	2004
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
General contributions, grants, fees, & other	\$ 398	\$ 386
Bequests (for unrestricted purposes)		229
Gifts of land	280	
Investment income		
Interest and dividend income	127	91
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	20	13
Restricted contributions for land acquisition, stewardship, endowment and other	1,216	569
	2,041	1,288
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(32)	97
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,009	1,385
EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS		
Conservation programs	388	292
Administration and fundraising	114	84
TOTAL EXPENSES	502	376
Land and conservation easement acquisitions	879	663
TOTAL EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS	1,380	1,039
NET RESULT	\$ 628	\$ 346

*These abbreviated financial statements are derived from the fully annotated financial statements submitted to the board of trustees. The financial statements for 2004 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, 2004." The financial statements for 2005 will be audited later this year.



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MEMORIAL AND OTHER GIFTS

In memory of

Tom Johnson <i>Jonathan Brock</i>	Richard J. Smith <i>Bill and Elaine Cook</i>
Cyndie McLachlan <i>John and Patsy Sangster</i>	Susan Lawrence <i>Ken and Wendy Ward</i>
Fred Cleaveland <i>Irmgard Conley Anne Hay and Joe Floren Anne Geer and David Scott Maeda and David Galinsky Margaret Philbrick Annette Clark</i>	Riley Heiss <i>Michelle da Luz</i>
Fred and Barbara Cleaveland <i>Dorothea Lansdowne Jean Dowling</i>	Terry O'Neill <i>Anonymous</i>
Violet White <i>Steve and Theresa Richards</i>	Carolee Copthorne Young <i>Bill and Patty Houff Robert and Betty Stevens John Stevens Donald Volonte Nancy Wilk</i>
	Jim Morris <i>Jim and Pam and Huck and Kelly</i>

Honorarium gifts will be acknowledged in the summer edition of Land & Legacy.



A young islander enjoys a walk across open space on San Juan Island.

Photo by Chad Foley

BUSINESS AND FOUNDATION GIFTS

Brooding Heron Press & Bindery	Washington Women's Foundation
Laird Norton Family Fund	Perkins Coie LLP
Outdoor Odysseys Kayak Tours	Filson
The Seattle Foundation	Orcas Island Community Foundation
Microsoft Giving Campaign	Advanced Building Consultants, Inc.
ReMax Island Properties	Cypress Island Lumber
The Leslie Fund	Islanders Insurance
Gerald H. Kumata & Associates	Toucan Oil Trust
William Trogdon FAIA, Architect	Anne Walton Design
Springcreek Foundation	Island Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Davidson Companies	Green Island Landscape and Design
Lowman House	Thomas Bosworth FAIA, Architect
Kimberly Clark Foundation	Kestrel Tool
Boeing Gift Matching Program	Kris King Design
Lopez Island Vineyards	Acadia Trust/Alderemere Foundation
Arbordoun	Friday Harbor House
Orcas Hotel	Currie Family Foundation
SaltChuk	Skylark
Morton Clarke Burns Fu & Metcalf	Temcov Foundation
LAGU Foundation	Peninsula Community Foundation
Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving	Merit Telecom
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund	Crow Valley Pottery
Matthew G. Norton Co.	JustGive.org
The Diversity Foundation	United Way of King County
Yahoo! Employee Charitable Giving Program	Windermere Real Estate – San Juan Island
Pride Foundation	Superconductor Consulting Inc.
Wachovia Foundation Matching Gifts Program	San Juan Safaris, Inc.
Professional Forestry Services, Inc.	Alternative Futures – Career Development
Duke Studios	Consulting Services
Holly B's Bakery	Spring Bay Inn
Robert Edson Swain, Inc	

MEMBERS VOTE FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE PRESERVATION TRUST'S BYLAWS provide that our Nominating Committee for candidates for the board of trustees be made up of three trustees and two members. This year's Nominating Committee includes trustees Harvey Himelfarb (Orcas), chair; Mary Riveland (Orcas); Will Hamilton (San Juan); and members Rachel Adams (Orcas) and Carolyn Haugen (San Juan). The committee is pleased to submit the following slate of candidates to our members. Please review these profiles, then complete the ballot and mail it back to us. Thank you.

Charles J. Bodenstab (San Juan Island) retired after a distinguished career as a corporate executive for several Fortune 500 companies. He also founded a software company, and has written business books as well as columns for INC. magazine. Charlie served as a Freeholder for San Juan County, helping to develop a new methodology for county government. He has served on the boards of The United Way of San Juan County, the Westcott Bay Institute, and the Spring Street School. He also served as Commodore of the San Juan Island Yacht Club.

Steve McKeon (Orcas Island) grew up in Astoria, Oregon. After graduating from Stanford Law School, he practiced corporate finance and business transactions law for 25 years. He joined the senior management team of Puget Sound Energy in 1997, serving as chief legal counsel and then as chief financial officer. Steve and his wife Barbara have owned a home in the San Juans since 1984, and have been Preservation Trust members for 20 years.

Katie Hover (San Juan Island) grew up in California's Sonoma Valley. After graduation from the University of California, Berkeley, she received a master's in Library and Information Studies from the University of Hawaii. She worked as a Microsoft researcher and librarian before moving to San Juan Island where she worked for the Washington State University Extension. She and her husband, Paul Lacrampe, own and operate Lacrover Farm – an organically certified farm protected by the Preservation Trust. Katie also volunteers as a WSU Master Gardener and livestock advisor, and works at the San Juan Island Public Library.

Dianne Pressenda (Lopez Island) grew up in Cupertino, California and earned a B.S. in Business at San Jose State College. After graduating and marrying she moved to Honolulu to work on her MBA, then to Juneau, Alaska where she worked for the Alaska Department of Labor. In 1982 she moved to Lopez, became a realtor, and served on the county's Comprehensive Plan and Open Space Committees, among other volunteer civic activities. She and her husband own a farm on Lopez that is protected by the San Juan County Land Bank.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES CURRENTLY SERVE AS TRUSTEES AND ARE UP FOR RE-ELECTION:

David Ashbaugh (Lopez Island) serves as vice president of the Preservation Trust Board of Trustees. He received his MD from Ohio State and was a Fulbright Scholar before practicing medicine in Colorado and Idaho. He also taught at the University of Washington. David has served on the boards of medical organizations, the Lopez Clinic, and the Lopez Island Library. He and his wife Shari are active outdoors people.

Will Hamilton (San Juan Island) is a consulting forester who has assisted many landowners in the San Juan Islands in the practice of good forest stewardship and conservation. Will also serves as a trustee of the Western Washington University Foundation.

Harvey Himelfarb (Orcas) was born in the Bronx. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in art and photography in San Francisco, and taught at the University of California, Berkeley and at Purdue University before joining the faculty at the University of California, Davis. During an active artistic career, Harvey showed his work at major art museums and galleries, and taught photography and printmaking for many years before concluding his career as the campus' Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Programs.

Sara Longworth (Fidalgo Island) grew up in Pasadena, CA and was educated at USC and the University of Wisconsin, earning a B.A. in Speech Communication and an M.A. in Communication Arts. She taught at U.C.L.A. before beginning her 20-year career in information systems and financial services. Sara honed her outreach skills as a Bank of America United Way Leadership representative. She and her husband Tom retired to Anacortes in 2001.

Joseph Todd (San Juan Island) is a graduate of Duke University and a retired CPA who spent more than 25 years in public accounting. He has served on numerous professional committees and non-profit boards, including the Executive Committee of the San Juan Community Theater.

Jonathan White (Orcas Island) has lived in the San Juan Islands for more than a decade and served on the San Juan County Planning Commission for five years. He was the founder and director of Resource Institute, a non-profit organization that sponsored seminars from Seattle to Alaska aboard a 65-foot schooner. He is a successful writer on environmental subjects.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	LAND COUNSELORS
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TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

<i>Fidalgo:</i>	Sara Longworth*
<i>Lopez:</i>	David Ashbaugh* Dianne Pressenda
<i>Orcas:</i>	Harvey Himelfarb* Steve McKeon Jonathan White*
<i>San Juan:</i>	Charles Bodenstab Will Hamilton* Katie Hover Joseph Todd*

* Incumbent candidate

SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST 2006 MAIL-IN BALLOT

VOTER #1
 All candidates
 Withhold vote for _____

VOTER #2
 All candidates
 Withhold vote for _____

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Please cut out the ballot and mail to us by April 12th
 Address: San Juan Preservation Trust,
 Box 327, Lopez Island, WA 98261

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to the 27th Annual Meeting of the San Juan Preservation Trust on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 10 a.m. to noon.

WHERE: SAN JUAN ISLAND YACHT CLUB CLUBHOUSE
 Above the Port of Friday Harbor at 273 Front Street, a five-minute walk from the ferry landing

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Brief Reports
- III. Reading and slide show by John Marzluff and Tony Angell, authors and illustrator of "In the Company of Crows and Ravens," a wonderful book that celebrates birds that have played an important role in Puget Sound's history, culture, and ecology. It features more than 100 original drawings and explores the fascinating relationship between people and these intelligent creatures. "This book is the first to produce a grand overview of the human-corvid complex and is truly something to crow about," writes author Paul R. Ehrlich in the book's foreword. "With any luck, 'In the Company of Crows and Ravens' will stimulate more people to connect with nature by enjoying the antics of these easily observed birds."

JOHN MARZLUFF is Denman Professor of Sustainable Resource Sciences and professor of wildlife science, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington. TONY ANGELL is a master artist, writer, and illustrator in Seattle and on Lopez Island. Together, the authors have more than 60 years of scientific and artistic fascination with crows and their relatives. Books may be purchased at the meeting, with proceeds going to the Preservation Trust.

IV. Lunch

V. Tour of Henry Island's Mosquito Pass Preserve
 In 2003, the Preservation Trust, with financial support from the San Juan County Land Bank, completed a \$950,000 land conservation purchase that permanently protects the extensive tidal salt marsh isthmus on Henry Island, a dramatic and ecologically unique island landmark. Transportation to Roche Harbor and Henry Island costs \$15 per person.

LUNCH & HENRY ISLAND TOUR RESERVATIONS

Please reserve _____ place(s) for lunch
 Please reserve _____ places for the Henry Island Field Trip.
 _____ Enclosed is \$15 per person to cover luncheon costs.
 _____ I would like a vegetarian lunch.
 _____ Enclosed is \$15 per person to cover the Henry Island field trip costs.
 Please detach and mail to: San Juan Preservation Trust, Box 327, Lopez Island, WA 98261, or call us at 360-468-3202 to make reservations.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006

Ferries to San Juan Island:

<i>From Anacortes:</i>	7:45 a.m.: return 1:40 p.m. (meeting only) or 4:15 p.m. (after field trip)
<i>From Lopez:</i>	7 a.m.: return 2:15 p.m. (meeting only) or 4:15 p.m. (after field trip)
<i>From Shaw:</i>	7 a.m.: return 2:15 p.m. (meeting only) or 5:30 p.m. (after field trip)
<i>From Orcas:</i>	8:40 a.m.: return 2:15 p.m. (meeting only) or 5:30 p.m. (after field trip)



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2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

- APRIL 22 (SAT) 27th Annual Meeting, San Juan Island Yacht Club & Mosquito Pass Preserve Tour on Henry Island
- MAY 6 (SAT) Lopez Island Wildflower Walk
- JUNE 3 (SAT) San Juan Island Conservation Lands Tour
- JULY 15 (SAT) Orcas Island Conservation Lands Driving Tour
- AUGUST 9 (WED) Fidalgo Island: Montgomery-Duban Headlands Park Hike (Level of difficulty is moderate due to elevation gain.)

All events require pre-registration. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. Please call 360-468-3202 to sign up.



The map highlights land in the San Juan Islands protected by the Preservation Trust. At year-end 2005, the Trust held 173 conservation easements and owned 38 preserves. Total area under Trust stewardship was 10,319 acres on 14 islands throughout the archipelago, including 23 miles of shoreline. We thank all of our members for making this possible.