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322-ACRE ORCAS ISLAND FARM SAVED: HUNDREDS DONATE TO BUY CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF MORE THAN 400 CONSERVATION-MINDED DONORS, and the hard work and dedication of the San Juan Preservation Trust's Crow Valley Campaign steering committee and volunteers, we raised the money needed to purchase a conservation easement that will protect Orcas Island's largest working farm from subdivision and development.

"We have succeeded in preserving 322 magnificent acres of forest, wetlands, and farmland in Crow Valley for generations to come," said Tim Seifert, the Preservation Trust's Executive Director. "We are happy to inform our membership that we have saved a significant portion of Crow Valley, which is one of the top three open space areas in all of San Juan County."

"The island community came together in a short period of time to protect a San Juan County treasure enjoyed by every Orcas Island resident and visitor," said Sven Haarhoff, the Trust's Director of Outreach and Development. "We can all rest assured that this part of Crow Valley will retain its rural character and scenic splendor."

The conservation easement, the most cost-effective tool available to protect private land, permanently protects the natural and scenic values of the farm, keeps the property on the tax rolls, and encourages current and future landowners to invest in maintaining the land as a working farm. The property, which is zoned R-20, could have been subdivided into 16 lots.



PRESERVATION TRUST CAPS OFF CROW VALLEY CAMPAIGN

In February, the Preservation Trust set out to raise \$980,000 to cover the cost of the conservation easement (\$865,000), the long-term stewardship and monitoring of the property (\$65,000), as well as taxes, legal fees and fundraising costs (\$50,000). As of the end of September, concerned families, individuals, and businesses had pledged or donated more than \$775,000. The shortfall will come from the Preservation Trust's acquisition fund, which is supported by Trust members who earmark contributions for just this purpose.

ORCAS ISLAND'S CROW VALLEY IS SAVED





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Turtleback Mountain is visible from throughout the San Juans, making it a marker for generations of mariners.

TRUST MOBILIZES TO PROTECT TURTLEBACK MOUNTAIN

JUST AS THE CROW VALLEY CAMPAIGN was coming to a close, the San Juan Preservation Trust learned in early September that the 1,578-acre Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island was being sold to the highest bidder by the Seattle-based Medina Foundation.

With an end-September deadline for proposals, the Preservation Trust has been working at an accelerated pace with the San Juan County Land Bank, regional and national conservation organizations, and private funding sources to develop a competitive offer.

“We consider Turtleback Mountain to be the most important unprotected property in the San Juan archipelago,” said Tim Seifert, Executive Director of the Preservation Trust. “Given its scenic importance and ecological value, including an expansive forest, diverse wildlife habitats, and rare plant communities, we are doing everything we can to preserve this mountain. It is without a doubt our top priority.”

We will continue to update you on our efforts to protect Turtleback.

PRESERVATION BRIEF: WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT ONE DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT ALONE. This notion certainly rang true during the Preservation Trust's campaign to save the scenic 322-acre JB Farm on Orcas Island from future development. In a display of extraordinary community spirit, more than 400 people donated financial support and other services for the purchase of a conservation easement that will protect this working farm in perpetuity.

As a newcomer to the Preservation Trust, I was touched and encouraged by the generosity and widespread support the Crow Valley Campaign received from our island community. It was my great privilege to spend time with the wonderful people whose passion, energy, talents, and resources drove our success. Thanks to all of you.

Financial contributions keep us going. Your donations make it possible for us to protect cherished places in the San Juans and to steward more than 10,000 acres under our protection. Once a year we ask our members to continue their memberships, and we ask those of you who have not made contributions in the past to consider becoming a member so that we may preserve more land in these magnificent islands. Remember, we can't accomplish anything significant alone.

Sven Haarhoff, Director of Outreach and Development

PHOTO BY JOE FLOREN



A joyful Crow Valley Hoedown was held on the farm under sunny August skies to celebrate this community accomplishment. Live music by the Olga Symphony, food donated by the Orcas Village Store, auction items donated by islanders and island businesses, and a crowd of more than 400 people helped make this event a success. (Note: The winter edition of this newsletter will include a full list of contributors and volunteers.)



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

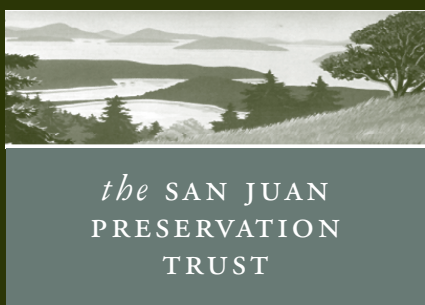
THE PRESERVATION TRUST is pleased to announce our first ever Volunteers of the Year – Katherine and Mat Mottola of Lopez Island.

Mat and Katherine's dedication to the Trust began 20 years ago with their donation of the very first conservation easement on San Juan Island. Every year to follow, the Mottolas have been active participators – either by assisting with newsletter mailings or inventorying wildflowers and monitoring Preservation Trust lands on Lopez.

“Monitoring is such a pleasure,” says Katherine. “It's something most people would enjoy doing anyway, so it's not a chore at all. These lovely walks and the job of observing what's going on with the land is really more of a gift to us.”

The San Juan Preservation Trust extends its deepest appreciation to the Mottolas for their unwavering support. May their spirit of giving resonate within us all.

Want to learn more about our volunteer positions that will give you a chance to help us the way the Mottolas have? Visit our web site at www.sjpt.org, or contact Kathleen Foley at 378-2461.



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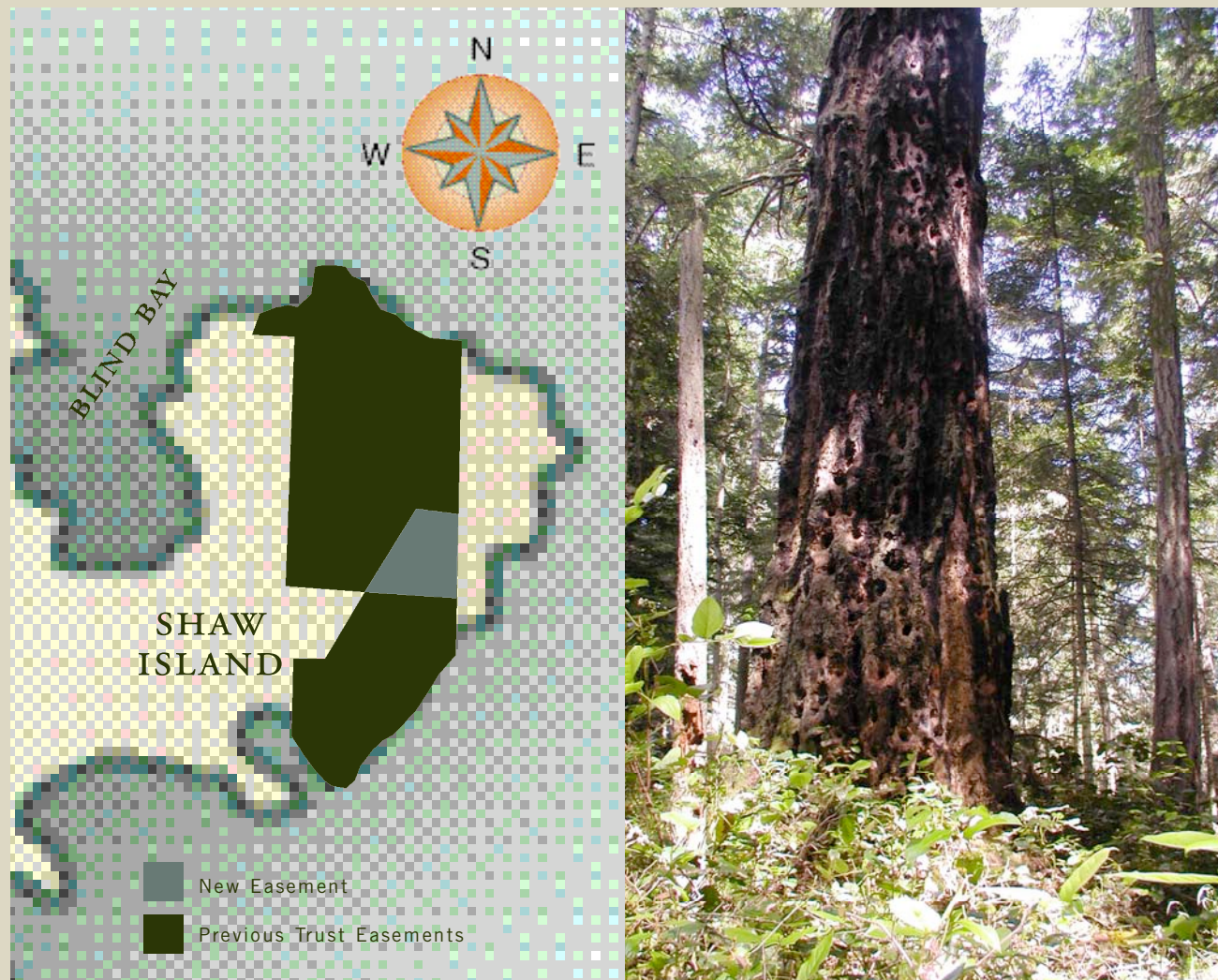
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SHAW ISLAND PARCEL PRESERVED



THE PRESERVATION TRUST HAS PROTECTED ANOTHER 30 ACRES ON SHAW ISLAND, thanks to a conservation easement donated by the Shaw Island Trust (a private landowner). This property is a critical link between Shaw Island Trust's adjacent 221-acre conservation easement (to the north) and other Preservation Trust conservation easements to the south, creating a 372-acre swath of permanently protected land that connects the northern and southern shorelines of Shaw.

The property is almost entirely forested, and is home to significant wildlife habitat and very large old-growth Douglas firs. Western red cedars, mature big-leaf maples, hemlock, grand fir, and alder also grace the land, as do a few wetlands and small rocky balds. The conservation easement stipulates that the land be maintained in its natural condition in perpetuity without any structures, and adds to what is now a 70-acre "forever wild" zone.

The property was sold to the Shaw Island Trust by the San Juan County Land Bank, which made the conservation easement a condition of the sale. The Land Bank originally purchased the acreage from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

FIDALGO ISLAND: TRAIL OPENS AT MONTGOMERY-DUBAN HEADLANDS PARK



Brian Adams (left) and Rick Machin take a break at the new trailhead.

A WORK CREW FROM SKAGIT COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION, led by Lands Manager Brian Adams, has completed part of the trail system in Montgomery-Duban Headlands Park adjacent to Sharpe Park on Fidalgo Island.

Following the successful San Juan Preservation Trust-Skagit County effort to purchase and preserve the largest remaining undeveloped shoreline on Fidalgo last year, efforts to open the new park for hiking are in full swing. The trail system was designed to have minimal impact on the park's ecosystems and neighbors' privacy.

"This park is a real jewel," says Preservation Trust board member and Fidalgo resident Rick Machin, who logged many hours building the trail. "The plan is to skirt the existing beaver pond, create a couple of loop trails, and provide a switchback path to the rocky shoreline."

Machin reports that trailhead construction began with the building of an elevated walkway constructed of two parallel logs filled with crushed rock. "Raising the level of this part of the trail above the boggy ground at the start of the trail system required a lot of sweat. But hard work and good humor made the day go by quickly," he said.

The 37-acre park, includes woodlands, wetlands, rocky wildflower meadows, and 1,400 feet of waterfront. It adjoins Skagit County's 75-acre Sharpe Park, creating a 112-acre natural area and hiking trail system for the public.

NEW WEBSITE FACILITATES ONLINE DONATIONS

We are very pleased to unveil our new website (www.sjpt.org), and we invite you to explore its many features. The new site sports a clean, functional, and striking design, and highlights numerous conservation success stories, maps, and stunning island photos. It offers information about the Trust's mission and projects, upcoming events and field trips, and volunteer opportunities; it provides information on gift planning, including bequests and reserved life estates; and it also explains in detail how people can preserve their land through conservation easements and donations of land.

By popular demand, www.sjpt.org also facilitates secure online donations. Online giving to non-profit organizations is on the rise as donors become increasingly comfortable making financial transactions over the Internet. This new feature makes it easy and safe for people to make their annual or monthly donations online, or to donate online to a specific conservation project. The web site also facilitates memorial or tribute gifts, which allow people to make donations in honor of friends or family.

Please let us know what you think about our new website by sending us an email message at sjpt@sjpt.org.

TRUST LOSES A FRIEND: IVALY HOEDEMAKER

THE PRESERVATION TRUST IS SAD TO REPORT THE LOSS OF A CLOSE FRIEND AND STRONG CONSERVATION ALLY.

Ivaly Jones Hoedemaker died at her Lopez Island farm this summer, surrounded by her husband and three children. She died peacefully, and with the same grace and dignity with which she lived her life. While she is remembered by many for her numerous contributions in civic, political, and social affairs, we remember her for her strength, kindness, and commitment to land conservation.

Born in Portland, Oregon in 1936, she lived in Seattle from the time she was very young, attending Roosevelt High School and the University of Washington, from which she graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1971, Ivaly and her family purchased an historic Lopez Island farm on Davis Bay. She eventually settled in this beautiful place to farm, raise sheep, cattle, chickens, and horses, and to grow flowers and hay. In 2000, she placed a conservation easement on her 47-acre farm to ensure that her expansive pastures and shoreline could never be developed, and that the sweeping views to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Olympic Mountains could be enjoyed by the public in perpetuity.

Ivaly was a member of the San Juan County Planning Commission for 14 years, and recently served with great distinction as a member of the Preservation Trust's board of trustees. She and her husband, Dr. Steven Rubey, were part-time residents of Moab, Utah, where Ivaly continued her commitment to land conservation by helping the Nature Conservancy preserve the 5,200-acre Dugout Ranch.

Ivaly's family made it possible for her to spend the last weeks of her life at her Lopez Island home overlooking the land she loved so dearly. "Ivaly was both an exceptional farmer and a strong advocate for conservation," said Tim Seifert, the Preservation Trust's Executive Director. "We will miss her passion, her guidance, and her infectious love of these islands."

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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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SAVED!

The San Juan Preservation Trust's campaign to protect Orcas Islands' largest working farm was a success. The 322-acre farm, one of the San Juan Island's largest remaining undeveloped – and until now – unprotected places, will retain its rural character and scenic splendor for generations to come. Hundreds of islanders helped us bring this Crow Valley Campaign to a successful conclusion. More on this effort inside...

