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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CONSERVATION IN THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

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30TH ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

It's a Story that Bears Repeating...

ON APRIL 20, 1979 – 30 YEARS AGO THIS SPRING – a visionary group of Orcas Islanders founded the San Juan Preservation Trust, creating the first conservation land trust in Washington State. Dodie and Ernest Gann's donation of 38 acres of eagle habitat in San Juan Valley in 1980 would be the first of over 250 transactions completed by the Preservation Trust to date. Altogether the organization has protected over 13,000 acres on 18 islands, including lands managed as public parks, private nature preserves, and working farms and forests. The Preservation Trust has also conserved almost 32 miles of marine shoreline, representing over 78% of the marine shoreline protected by the 15 land trusts operating along the coasts of Washington State.

Prior to 1979 and the formation of the San Juan Preservation Trust, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was the only private conservation organization acquiring land in the San Juan Islands. But by the end of the 70's, it was evident that TNC had completed its acquisition work in the islands. Land had simply become too expensive here, and the return to TNC's mission too inconsequential, to merit further acquisition resources. The withdrawal of one major land conservation group led to the birth of another, creating a legacy of conservation that we build upon today.

In the past year, the Preservation Trust has added a life estate on Sugarloaf (San Juan) two sensitive shoreline properties on southern Lopez, a summit-to-shore property on the slope of Tiptop Hill (Stuart), a much-loved farm at the entrance to San Juan Valley (in partnership with the San Juan County Land Bank), a parcel that will bring beach access to Moran State Park, and two spectacular shoreline properties on each side of the entrance to False Bay.

Thanks to your ongoing support, the Preservation Trust continues its advance. The coming year will be marked by the Guemes Mountain campaign, the return of a new generation of bluebirds, and the completion of several exciting acquisition projects amidst a challenging economic climate. As we move forward we hope you will join us at our Annual Meeting (May 30th) and our 2nd Annual Summer Social (August 8th) to help us honor the legacy of the Preservation Trust's remarkable past.



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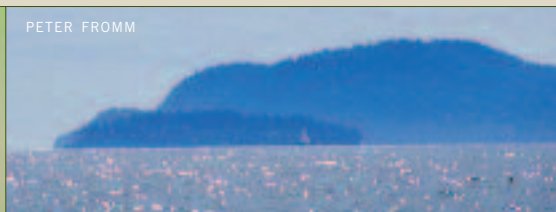
PRICE LOWERED FOR GUEMES MOUNTAIN ACQUISITION

The San Juan Preservation Trust and Skagit Land Trust have negotiated a new agreement for the purchase of "The Mountain" on Guemes Island. The new price lowers the conservation cost by \$600,000 from \$2.8 million to \$2.2 million. With faith in the island community and belief in the significance of this conservation project, the two organizations approached the owners of the property and reached this new agreement. To date, we have raised \$1.58 million in confirmed pledges toward this new goal of \$2.2 million, leaving a fundraising goal of \$620,000 that must be reached by October 1st, 2009. To read more about the campaign or to make an online donation to the project, visit www.sjpt.org. To visit the mountain yourself and see how truly special it is, please contact Brian Windrope at bwindrope@sjpt.org to arrange a tour.

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ABBREVIATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31 (in thousands)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 174	\$ 254
Pledges & other receivables	884	1,039
Investments	6,085	8,538
Conservation land	11,792	10,159
Other	55	52
TOTAL ASSETS	18,990	20,042
LIABILITIES		
	604	611
NET ASSETS	18,386	19,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
AND NET ASSETS	\$ 18,990	\$ 20,042

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended December 31 (in thousands)

	2008	2007
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
General contributions, grants, fees, & other	\$ 477	\$ 483
Bequests (for unrestricted purposes)	89	834
Gifts of land	612	750
Investment income		
Interest and dividend income	201	245
Net realized gains (losses) on investments (396)		72
Restricted contributions for land acquisition, stewardship, endowment and other	270	4,652
	1,253	7,036
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments (1,035)		124
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	218	7,160
EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS		
Conservation programs	486	598
Administration and fundraising	196	144
TOTAL EXPENSES	682	742
Conservation easement acquisitions	581	2,586
TOTAL EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS	1,263	3,328
NET RESULT	\$ (1,045)	\$ 3,832

These abbreviated financial statements are derived from the fully annotated financial statements submitted to the board of trustees. The financial statements for 2007 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, 2007." The financial statements for 2008 will be audited later this year.

Note: The Preservation Trust is not immune from the current recession. Our 2008 annual campaign support was down from the previous year, and our investment funds – though still healthy – were also depleted. Nevertheless, our commitment to long-term stewardship of our conservation properties remains our very first priority, and is not threatened by recent economic events.

30TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 30, FRIDAY

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to the 30th Annual Meeting. Celebrate three decades of conservation work with your fellow members. Enjoy the presence of the Trust's founders, enjoy a fabulous lunch, a 30th-anniversary door prize drawing, and a chance to win a door prize. We hope to see you there!

MEETING PLACE: San Juan Island Yacht Club, 2735 1st Avenue, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. The Port of Friday Harbor marina, the Yacht Club is a favorite meeting place. Meeting agenda:

- I. Meeting starts at 11:45am: Welcome and Introduction
- II. Brief reports: Conservation successes and plans
- III. Early days of the San Juan Preservation Trust
- IV. Lunch and 30-Year Retrospective Slide Show
- V. Adjournment at 2:00pm

NOTE: This meeting and lunch have been scheduled to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the Trust's founding.

PLEASE RSVP to Kathy Holliday at 468-3202 or to Kathy at kathy@sanjuanpreservationtrust.org and the meeting. Or, you can fill out the form on the inside spread and reservation request.

OUR DONORS OF LAND AND SHARING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

In a landscape dominated by the most successful species on Earth, the red and green patches on the map, shown on the inside spread, are the properties that we love forever. By recognizing their impermanence, while at the same time, for many years to come, the people listed on the inside spread have helped us to preserve the wildflowers and wildlife that are essential elements of our island.

With gratitude for their vision and generosity, we thank all of our donors. The list includes all of the people who originated a transaction to acquire a property who are current owners of these properties who deserve our thanks. Please let us know if we have inadvertently made any mistakes.

listing of names



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ANNUAL MEETING

2009, 11:45AM-2PM

HARBOR

Meeting of the San Juan Preservation Trust. Join us to celebrate 30 years of members and friends. Attendees will hear from some speakers, eat anniversary cake, a retrospective slide show, and a chance to win prizes.

100 Front Street, Friday Harbor, WA. Located just above the harbor, a five-minute walk from the San Juan Island ferry landing.

Program activities include:
- Introduction
- Program activities
- Guest: Stories from SJPT's leaders

Seating is available to accommodate ferry travel to and from all islands.

Contact amy@sjpt.org to reserve your spot for lunch (a \$15 fee) and to receive an insert page of this newsletter and mail in your payment.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS:

FOR THREE DECADES

Land conservation – us – land conservation doesn't happen by accident. Each year, we lead, reflect a conscious decision by someone to protect the land. At the same time realizing that their land use decisions will resonate through the years. We have made sure that the forests and shorelines, farms and fields, and homes will be here for many generations – not just one – to enjoy.

Over the past 30 years, we have received many conservation easement and land donors from the past 30 years. Some have donated land or easements. There are many more (not listed here) who have taken steps for stewarding their land with the original conservation vision and vision. Some have taken or omissions.

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30 YEARS OF SERVICE:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Take a look at the following list. Recognize any names? If you do, the next time you see them (or their family members) please take a moment to thank them for their service to the San Juan Preservation Trust. All of the people you see listed here have served as members of the Preservation Trust's Board of Trustees at some point in our 30-year history. By offering their time, expertise, and vision, they have helped guide the San Juan Preservation Trust's actions through the years, and have been instrumental in the creation of one of the most successful land trusts in the country.

Our deepest gratitude to these islanders (both living and departed) for giving back to their community so selflessly:

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| Rachel Adams | Dodie Gann | Steve McKeon |
| Karin Agosta | Betty Gilson | Wendy Mickle |
| David Ashbaugh | Charles Givens | Judy Gilson Moody |
| Douglas C. Bayley | Malcolm Goodfellow | Anne Pedersen |
| <i>(incorporating attorney)</i> | Oakley Goodner | Dale Pederson |
| Frank S. Bayley | Nash Gubelman | David Perera |
| <i>(incorporating attorney)</i> | Les Gunther | Sandra Perkins |
| Thomas S. Bayley | Delphine Haley | Dianne Pressenda |
| <i>(incorporating attorney)</i> | Will Hamilton | Sally Reeve |
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LOOKING BACK *while* FORGING AHEAD:

Milestones in Conservation

1979: Margaret Thatcher is elected the first female Prime Minister in the UK. A gallon of gas costs 86 cents. The Three Mile Island nuclear disaster and the 63 Americans taken hostage in Iran dominate the headlines. Pink Floyd releases its seminal album "The Wall", the first snowboard hits the slopes, and the Sony Walkman makes its debut. The Super Sonics are huge (having won their NBA championship), as are wide suit lapels and mustaches. Closer to home, a small but dedicated group of Orcas islanders gather in a shag-carpeted living room to form the first land trust in Washington State:

THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST.

Thirty years later, thanks to our members, the work of the Preservation Trust continues to thrive.

We are delighted to share with you just a few of our conservation success stories from our thirty-year legacy, and are excited to continue to bring you these stories well into the future.

1 1980: FIRST LAND DONATION



RED MILL PRESERVE (San Juan Island): Dodie and Ernest Gann donate 38 acres of forest and eagle habitat in San Juan Valley, making this the San Juan Preservation Trust's very first real estate transaction.

2 1982: FIRST CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONATION



BECK CONSERVATION EASEMENT (Lopez Island): SJPT received its first conservation easement from Ruth and Ron Beck, who own a prominent 24-acre rocky bluff towering over the entrance to McArldle Bay.

3 1985: FIRST AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT



ELLIS RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT (Lopez Island): Fred and Marilyn Ellis donate a conservation easement on this 313-acre working ranch. Today, several family farms are operating on the property.

4 1992: LARGEST CONSERVED PROPERTY



CROWLEY CONSERVATION EASEMENT (Blakely Island): Tom Crowley donates a 2,200-acre conservation easement. With subsequent gifts, the Crowley family has permanently protected half of Blakely Island.

5 1998: LAND DONATED WITH RESERVED LIFE ESTATE

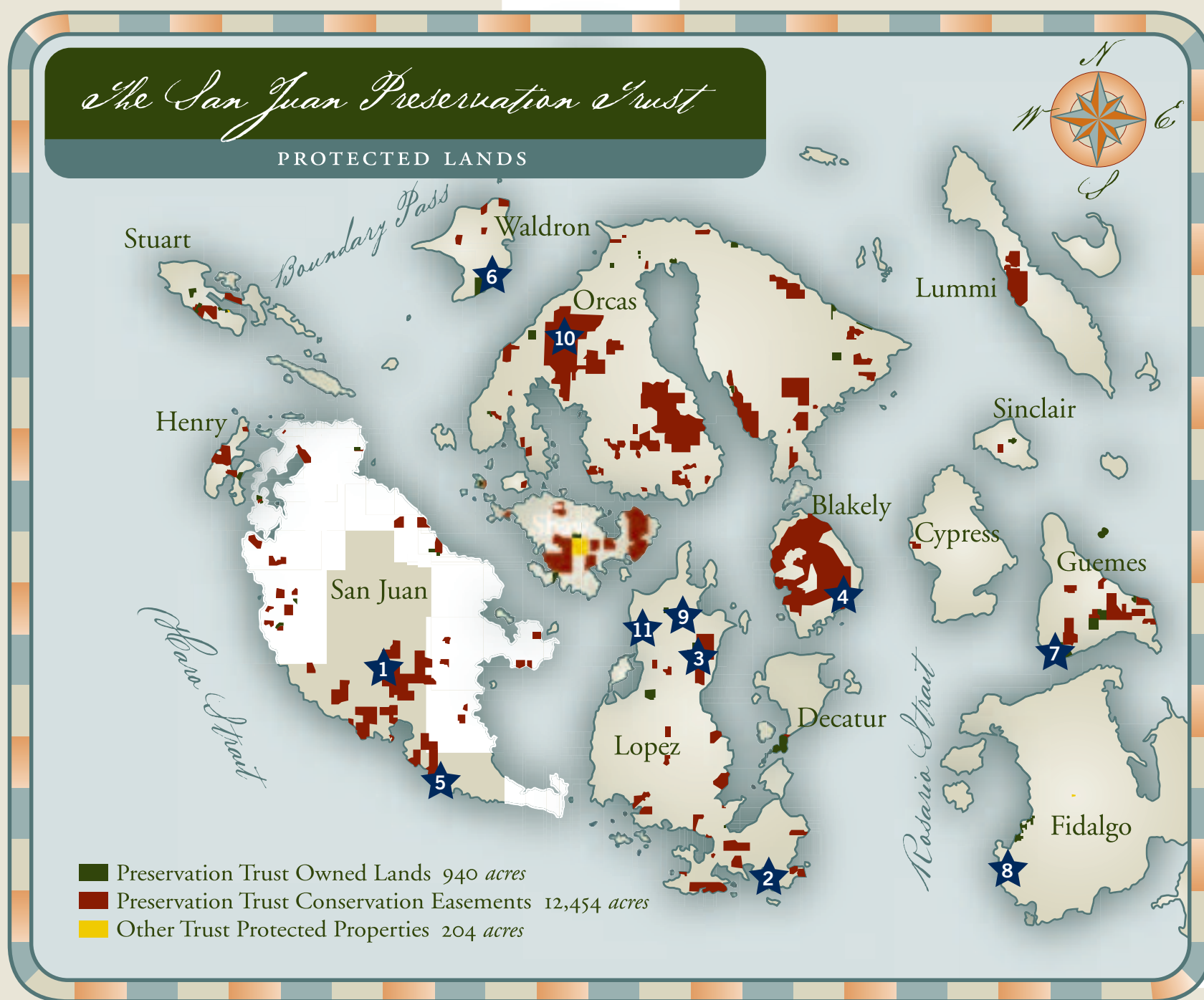


ILLG PRESERVE (San Juan Island): Ruth and Paul Illg donate waterfront land with a small cabin to SJPT, reserving the right for their family to enjoy full use of the property through their four children's lifetimes.

6 1999: FIRST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



MT. DISNEY PRESERVE (Waldron Island): SJPT members support a \$1.3 million campaign to acquire 219 acres on Mt. Disney, adding to an adjacent preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy.



7 2001: COMMUNITY BENEFACTOR SAVES BEACH



PEACH PRESERVE (Guemes Island): An extraordinary \$1.5 million gift from Priscilla "Patsy" Bullitt Collins enables SJPT to purchase this popular 64-acre shoreline and coastal wetland.

8 2003: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CREATES COUNTY PARK



MONTGOMERY-DUBAN HEADLANDS PARK (Fidalgo Island): Following a successful two-year effort, SJPT raises \$1.1 million to acquire this 37-acre waterfront parcel and fold it into the adjacent Sharpe County Park.

9 2004: NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION EASEMENT



THOMAS-AVENT-DEVORE CONSERVATION EASEMENT (Lopez Island): Three neighboring families work together to conserve a shared meadow, protecting an important agricultural resource and familiar Lopez view.

10 2006: LARGEST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



TURTLEBACK PRESERVE (Orcas Island): Working with the San Juan County Land Bank and the Trust for Public Land, SJPT leads a regional effort to raise \$18.5 million to acquire this iconic 1,576 acre property.

11 2007: BEQUEST OF REAL ESTATE



LEATHAM CONSERVATION EASEMENT (Lopez Island): After receiving a bequest of real estate, SJPT protects the land with a conservation easement, resells the house, and directs revenues to the SJPT Endowment Fund.

OUR DONORS OF LAND AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: SHARING A VISION FOR THREE DECADES Anonymous (several), Clara Abrahamson, Rachel Adams, Bill & Karin Agosta, Jody Aliesan, Charles & Barbara Anderson, Donald Andrus, Jon & Carol Avent, Frederick & Rosa Ayer, Richard Bach, Lynn Bahyrch, Ron & Ruth Beck, Bob & Nancy Becker, Henry & Doris Beecher, Jack & Sherry Bell, Lloyd Benedict, Michael & Robin Bergstrom, The Bill Family, Willy & Vreni Borner, Holly Bower & Andre Hirss, Klaus Bradin, Robert L. Brawner, Jane Bristow, Joel & Denise Brock, Sally Cahill Brookbank, Barbara Brown, Winifred Brown, Caryn Buck & Andrew Thomas, Robert F. Buck, Samuel & Jane Buck, Mark Burget & Ann Skartvedt, Ferdi Businger, Joost Businger & Marianne Kooiman, Michael & Julia Carlson, Donn Charnley, Tom & Nancy Christie, Carol Clark & Walter Clark Trust, Frederic & Barbara Cleveland, Michael Cohen, Howard S. Cole, Bob & Meg Connor, Bill & Elaine Cook, Catharine & Christopher Copeland, Walt & Gayle Corbin, John & Sarah Crosby, Thomas Jr. & Christine Crowley, Thomas Crowley, Sr., Matthew & Julie Cullen, The DeVore Family, James & Betty Jane Dahl, Campell (Mort) Davis, Anita deGive, Roger & Carolyn deRoos, Cynthia Dilling, Helen Irene Dogan, Robert W. & Evelyn Doran, Linda & David Downing, Eagle Lake Development, Edith Point Easement Owners, Neil & Leona Elgee, Leonard Eliel, Fred Sr. & Marilyn Ellis, Henry Ellis, James R. Evans Jr., Joan Fitzjarrald, Robert & Marianne Fleagle, Thomas Forester, James & Wendy Francis, Friday Cove Partnership, Ernest & Dodie Gann, Lawrence & Dallas George, Charles Gerard, Donald Gerard, Imogene "Tex" Gieling, John & Betty Gilson, Charles H. & Nancy Givens, Joe & Oakley Goodner, Charles & Betty Gordon, Beverly & Ernest Graham, Holly Green, Tom & Jeri Green, Dorothy Greene, Robert Grimm, Alan & Ann Grodin, Walter Groninger, Les & Betsy Gunther, Lucy Hadac, Ted & Dee Haner, Polly Ham & Steve Horn, Bernie & Bernice Hannah, The Hanson Family, Irwin & Barbara Harris, Sharon Harrison, Marvin Hausman, Hawaii Loa Realty, Anne Mount Hay, Jack & Jan Hessel, Robert & Phyllis S. Henigson, Richard & Nancy Hieronymus, Mickel & Jill Hill, Ivaly Hoedemaker, Charles & Anastasia Hoffman, Bill & Martha Holm, Fredrick R. Hood, Lynn & Gretchen Hull, Celia Hunter, Paul & Ruth Illg, Fern Ingoldsby, Robert & Diana Jacobus, Raymond & Elaine Jagels, Keith Jefferts, Mark C. & Barbara Jensen, Robert & Patricia Jester, Johnson Brothers Partnership, Maile Johnson, William & Lynda Johnson, Sara Jane Johnson, Christopher & Helena Jones, Pam Jorgensen, Mary Ellen Jude & Robert Fahey, Adam Kaspar & Julia Henry, James Kidd & Lilli Bradin, Walter S. Kimball, Karl Klokke, Gene & Tish Knapp, Michael & Susan Krieger, Charles & Gretchen Lambert, Dori Lansdowne, George Lawson, Grace Leighton, Dan Lewis & Jill Brandsborg, Charles & Gwen Lillis, Lopez Community Center Association, Lummi Island Heritage Trust, Walter H. & Ruth K. MacGinitie, Ann Magnano & Sheri Boddy, Robert & Shirley Martin, John & Annette Mazzarella, Virginia McDermott, Ron McDowell & Kathy Dickinson, Don & Sandi McVay, Patricia & Christian Melgard, Roy Moore, Lloyd & Henri Morgan, Charles & Virginia Mortl, Lex Mottl, Mat & Katherine Mottola, Bob Mucklestone & Megan Kruse, Richard & Juanita Mulvey, Beatrice Myers, Mary O'Connell, Miles & Lola O'Neal, Larry & Valorie Osterman, Larry & Alice Parker, Leslie Parrish, Donald & Kathleen Peek, William & Robert Percich, Ruth Perkins, Paul Peterson, Brooks & Suzanne Ragen, Arthur Reddick & Madeline Haffey, Thomas S. & Sally R. Reeve, George & Maryann Reigelsperger, Sandra Rigby, William C. Riker, Alex Robbi & Kathryn Glaessner-Robbi, Lynn & Mary Roberts, Mary Roebuck, Norman Rose, Robert J. Roseburg, Sarah Ross, Stephen E. Roulac, Rusheen Capital Partners LLC, Roger & Claudia Salquist, Robert Sandin & Susan Daltuva, John & Pat Sayre, Helen Sharp, Shaw Island Trust, Steven Skartvedt & Susan Hurst, Kip & Barbara Smith, Richard & Lucie Smith, Jared Starr, Helen Storey, Kathleen Taylor, Dave & Barbara Thomas, Jack & Annie Thompson, Jim & Camille Uhlir, John & Karen Urter, Robert & Elizabeth Urter, Helen Van de Water, Bill & Shirley Wagley, Lorraine Kanis-Wallenberg, Warren Road Associates, Bob & Marsha Waunch, Edward Wheeler, Polly White, Arthur & Helen Whiteley, Fred & Betty Whitridge, Allen Wilcox & Connie Collingsworth, Gwendolyn Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Helen Winkler, Bill & Molly Wolfe, Frank & Marlene Woodward. All photos by SJPT except #7 Ferdi Businger, 8,10,11 Kurt Thorson



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SAVE THESE DATES!

*(see flip side for complete list of outings
and events for 2009)*

- * Saturday, May 30, 2009:
30th Annual Meeting of the SJPT
- * Saturday, August 8, 2009:
2nd Annual Summer Social

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Join us for one (or all) of our spring and summer outings, or celebrate land conservation with friends and supporters of the Preservation Trust at our membership events. For more detailed descriptions of our outings or event registration information, please visit our website at www.sjpt.org/calendar or contact Kathy Holliday at kathyh@sjpt.org or 468-3202.

*** 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

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| Sunday, April 5:
<i>San Juan Island</i> | Ethnobotany and Edibles
<i>(in partnership with the San Juan Nature Institute)</i> |
| Friday, April 17:
<i>San Juan Island</i> | 30th Anniversary Celebration with the Whale Museum and the FRIENDS of the San Juans Time: 3-5pm, the Whale Museum (main floor) |
| Saturday, April 18:
<i>San Juan Island</i> | Stewardship Summit: Sustainable San Juans
Time: 10am-5pm, Friday Harbor Middle School |
| Saturday, May 2:
<i>Lopez Island</i> | Wildflowers and Wine
<i>(in partnership with the San Juan Nature Institute)</i> |
| Saturday, May 30:
<i>San Juan Island</i> | 30th Annual Meeting of the San Juan Preservation Trust,
Time: 11:45am-2pm, San Juan Island Yacht Club |
| Friday, June 12:
<i>Stuart Island</i> | Strolling Stuart |
| Thursday, June 18
<i>San Juan Island</i> | Bikes, Bluebirds and Butterflies |
| Saturday, Aug 8:
<i>Orcas Island</i> | The San Juan Preservation Trust's 2nd annual Summer Social |
| Saturday, Aug 15:
<i>Guemes Island</i> | Save Guemes Mountain Event |