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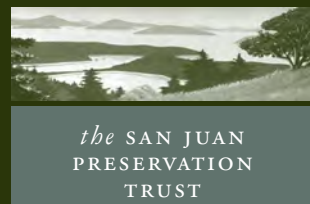
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Jack Lanning and his dog Gator.

2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Jack Lanning of Friday Harbor has a philosophy about volunteering for the San Juan Preservation Trust: "If it's outside and I can get there by sailboat, count me in." It's this zest for the outdoors and conservation work that led to Jack being named our 2007 Volunteer of the Year.

Jack lives on his sailboat, "Waterdog," which enables him to reach our preserves by water. He serves as land steward for our Kimball Preserve on Decatur Island and our new Jack Island Preserve, and is a fixture at our many fieldwork projects. Jack is always willing to go a little farther, work a little longer and do a little more than what is asked of him.

He says he enjoys his fellow volunteers and working with the staff. "Everyone is positive and upbeat and feels as though they are making a difference. It feels like a community." All of our volunteers help us make a difference in the island community. Jack, we're glad you are part of our team and thank you for choosing to lend your talents to the Preservation Trust!

2007: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

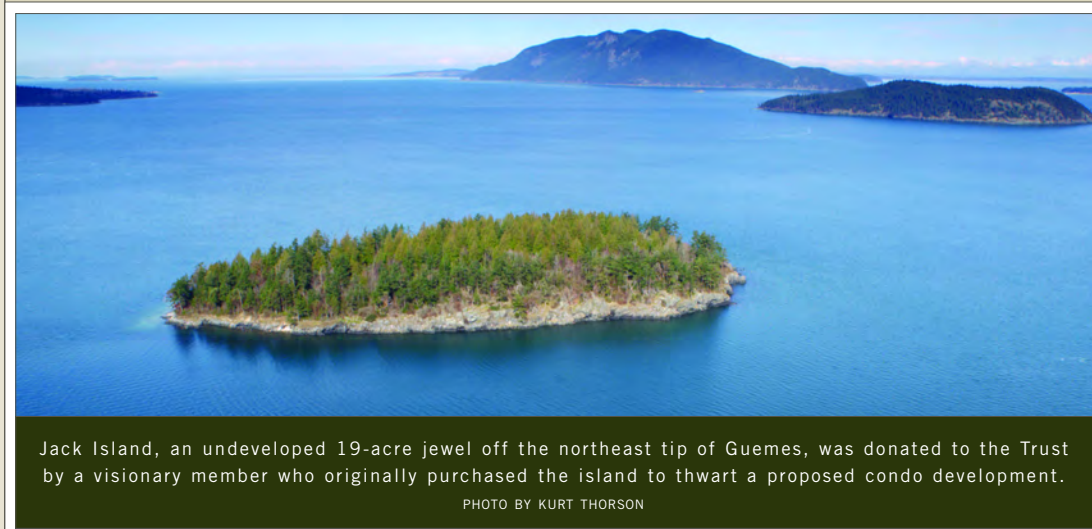
2007 WAS A RECORD YEAR FOR THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST. From wetlands and farmland to undeveloped forests and shoreline, the Preservation Trust completed 25 land transactions in 2007 that permanently conserved over 1,200 acres on eight islands. Our previous record was in 1998, when we completed 17 projects.

"Most of this work was quietly conducted with islanders who wanted to conserve their own land on behalf of future generations," said Debra Clausen, the Preservation Trust's director of conservation. "You've never met a more visionary and generous group of people."

Among many conservation highlights from the year, we protected large farms on San Juan, Guemes, Lummi and Orcas islands; priority wetlands on Lopez, Guemes, Orcas and Shaw; a hillside that towers above the Rosario neighborhood on Orcas Island; and an undeveloped 19-acre island. Working with the San Juan County Land Bank, an energized island community and an adjacent landowner, we also raised \$650,000 to acquire the remaining private land within Lopez Island's spectacular Watmough Bight.

Since its inception in 1979, the Preservation Trust and its members have permanently protected more than 240 properties, 13,000 acres and 28 miles of shoreline on 18 islands within the San Juan archipelago.

More information about this record year, including stories from our education and stewardship programs, will be included in the upcoming "Annual Report" edition of Land & Legacy.



Jack Island, an undeveloped 19-acre jewel off the northeast tip of Guemes, was donated to the Trust by a visionary member who originally purchased the island to thwart a proposed condo development.

PHOTO BY KURT THORSON

TURTLEBACK MANAGEMENT PLAN
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The San Juan County Land Bank, with which the Preservation Trust partnered to protect Turtleback Mountain, is inviting public comment on its Draft Stewardship and Management Plan for the Turtleback Mountain Preserve. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2008, and may be submitted in writing to the Land Bank at 350 Court St. #6, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

The plan serves as a guide for managing Turtleback as a natural area and for protecting the property's native species, habitats, and other noteworthy features, and to enable low-impact, compatible public use. Once finalized, it will direct stewardship of the preserve for years to come. Copies of the draft plan may be obtained at www.co.san-juan.wa.us/land_bank/turtle_back.html, or by calling 360-378-4402.



Preservation Trust member Jennifer Dunbar captured this image of the snow-covered northeast side of San Juan Island. Orcas Island and Turtleback Mountain lay in the distance. In 2006, more than 2,000 people helped us raise the funds needed to protect the 1,578-acre property.

FORMER TRUSTEE
JOINS STAFF

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that former board member Katie Hover has joined our staff to serve as conservation easement steward.

Katie will assume easement monitoring duties from our director of stewardship, Dean Dougherty. Dean and Katie will work together this year as they visit all the Preservation Trust's protected properties. Monitoring protected land and enforcing the terms of our easements in perpetuity are important functions of our conservation work.

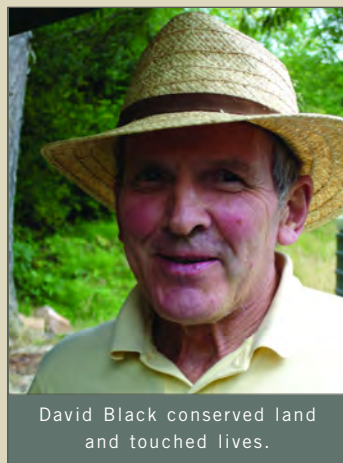
In addition to conducting annual visits to each protected property, Katie will respond to easement owners' enquiries and will meet with them on their land to discuss their easements.

Katie served as a trustee for the past two years. She and her husband Paul LaCrampe own and operate a 30-acre farm on San Juan Island where they grow certified organic produce and raise chickens and sheep. Their farm is protected by a Preservation Trust conservation easement. Katie worked as a librarian in both the public and private sectors before moving to San Juan. She holds a master's of library science from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. She and Paul have a seven-year-old son, Quinn.



Katie Hover of San Juan Island is our new conservation easement steward.

IN MEMORIAM
DAVID BLACK: COMMITTED CONSERVATIONIST



David Black conserved land and touched lives.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we mark the passing of our longtime friend and board member, beloved islander and committed conservationist David Black.

Through his leadership, generosity and extraordinary passion for the San Juan Islands, David helped the Preservation Trust permanently protect more than 12,500 acres of land on 18 islands during his 22 years as a trustee.

"His remarkable legacy will stand in perpetuity to benefit countless generations of islanders and visitors to the San Juans," said Tim Seifert, the Preservation Trust's executive director. "While we miss him dearly, his spirit will live on in the natural places he helped conserve and the many lives he touched."

David joined our board in 1986, seven years after the Trust's founding, and is the second-longest serving trustee in our history. His love for the outdoors and land conservation was universal, but he had a particular passion for the landscapes and lifestyle he found in the San Juans. As a native of Bainbridge Island, he often remarked that the San Juans - particularly Lopez Island, where he and his wife Inez enjoyed their farm - reminded him of the way Bainbridge was when he was a child. He felt a personal responsibility to do what he could to protect the San Juans from the pressures that changed Bainbridge so dramatically.

David was particularly interested in preserving the viability of agriculture in the San Juans, and pushed the Trust to prioritize farmland protection. His family says that he was happiest when he was "getting his hands in the earth," planting the garden, driving his tractor, bringing in the hay or sitting around the fire with family and friends.

Last year's Campaign to Save Watmough Bight on Lopez Island was the last project with which he was involved. While he was very sick, he took great pleasure promoting the effort and watching the community - particularly young people - help save this important landscape. "He seemed to take comfort knowing that the future of conservation in our islands would be in capable, passionate hands," said Seifert.

He attended Seattle's Bush and Lakeside schools, Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and then Harvard and Yale universities. He taught at Lakeside for 18 years and also served as its director of admissions. He served in the Army in Europe just after World War II.

David will be remembered for his integrity, humility, gentle spirit, sense of humor and enduring optimism. His generosity and commitment to serving others during his 75 years inspired all who knew him.

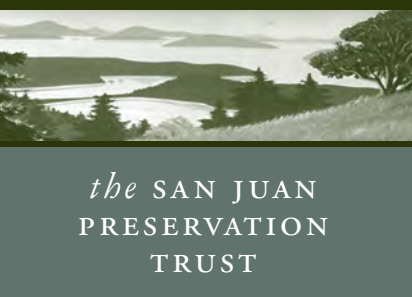
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DAVID CHANCELLOR BLACK

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| Sara and Tom Longworth | Leonard Ware |
| Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garrett | Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hayes |
| Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Forster | Michael and Linda Goodrick |
| Bonnie and Dick Robbins | Grace Nordhoff |
| Betsy and Stan Minor | Anne Hay |
| Michael and Gale Gropp | Tom Alberg and Judi Beck |
| Lyle Summers | Mort and Joan Thomas |
| The Wyman Family | Elisabeth and Edgar Bottler |
| Margaret Enderlein | Hal and Peggy Newsom |
| The O'Donnell Foundation | Marian and George Tolles |
| Mrs. Anne Moldrem | Jane and Pat Rogers |
| Catherine Johnson Mahony | Rick and Meredith Machin |
| Dick and Wilma Footh | Charles and Nancy Givens |
| Mary and Chase Riveland | Brooks and Gretchen Hawkes |
| Gardiner Vinnedge | Carole and David Wallace |
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| Fritz Levy and Nancy Taylor | Steve and Michele Heller |
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| Edmund Swigart | Jack Seeley |
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| Ann Horton and Bruce Clouse | Luann Perkins |
| Bruce and Anne Bloxom | Ernest Jones |
| Brooks and Suzanne Ragen | Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Johnson |
| Harriet O. Davis | Thurston and Catherine Roach |
| John and Mary Hartshorne | Lucie Boyce Flather |
| Anne and Mike Zubko | Donald and Ann Frothingham |
| Chari and Dave Avolio | Jerry and Patricia Gropp |
| Idalice Dickinson | Katherine and Eric Merrifield |
| Judie and Ollie Wilgress | Tim Seifert and Sonya Erickson |
| James Rolfe | Edmund Hayes |
| Linda Sakai | Robert and Berit McAlister |
| James and Christina Lockwood | Sally and Tom Reeve |
| Diana Hennick | Trudy Baldwin |
| David and Jane Williams | Guido and Joan Perera |
| Douglass and Katherine Raff | John and Ellie Roser |
| Susan Wood | Bill Clapp |
| Doug and Janet Footh | Mary Kiesau |
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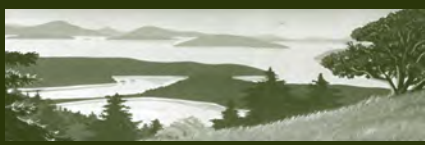
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MEMORIAL GIFTS

Wolfgang Dix <i>Chalmer and Nadine Cook</i>	Birgitte Sofaer <i>Bill and Molly Wolfe</i>
Richard Aiken <i>Mary Bridge and DeAnna Claus</i>	Robert (Bob) Gropper <i>Mina Person Kim and Pam Kaiser</i>
Ivaly Hoedemaker <i>Mari Clack Barbara Bradley</i>	Louise Egenes Malmo and Frances Egenes Johnson <i>Paul and Anne Malmo</i>
Jeff Harbers <i>Holly Harbers</i>	Phil Deane <i>Diggs and Jack Docter</i>
Ivan "Ike" Scherer <i>Molly Powers Dusenbery</i>	Ruby E. Bowyer - for the frogs <i>Ann Orleman</i>
Robert B. Forrester <i>Molly Powers Dusenbery</i>	Dean Reynolds <i>Margaret Philbrick</i>
David A. Burns, Jr. <i>Nancy Szeliga Paul Stoffer Alan and Kristin Busbly</i>	Dorothy Richardson <i>Joan and Roger Crosby Rachel Adams Tim and Alice Volwiler June Crinkley David and Donna Saunders Pat Lein Jon, Merry, and David Lein Barbara Brown Allan and Susan Richardson</i>
Dave and Wilma Burns <i>Bob and Berit McAlister Joan and Jim Mehl</i>	
Doris E. Oliver <i>Keith Gerrard</i>	
Barbara Trimmer <i>Charles and Margaret Mills</i>	Elma Hartman <i>Malcolm and Mary Hickey Doris and Bob Abraham</i>
Dr. Bill <i>Professional Forestry Services</i>	David W. Long <i>CENTERSTAGE Nathan Schejfele Steven Wolf and Ruth Jaeger Ruth Ways Lois Dunlop Timothy Lee and Martha Ways Sue Farmer Robert and Joan Varney Allie Pang Judith Rabinowitz Fraud Section at the Department of Justice</i>
Clyde E. Rice <i>Rosamond Rochefort</i>	
Thomas Arthur Johnson <i>Jonathan Brock and Elaine Chang</i>	
Frederic N. Cleaveland <i>William and Sharon Keech</i>	
John Riese <i>Joanne and Bill Fraser</i>	
Lynne Rogers <i>Joan Roberts</i>	Laurie Retherford <i>Liz Clark and Geoff Lemon</i>
Nancy Caroline Thomas <i>James Smith</i>	Michael J. Sullivan <i>Peg Sullivan</i>
Judith Lynn Taylor <i>Nancy Taylor Mason</i>	Edwin Thorpe <i>Robert Roseburg Mat and Katherine Mottola Suzanne Matsen William Yoakam Patty and Jerry Rasmussen</i>
William R. Munich <i>Gaye Munich Heidi and Dennis Dudley</i>	
John Swanson <i>Carol Churchbill</i>	Lon D. and Lucille Barton <i>Barton Foundation</i>
Eric A. Stein <i>Leonard Stein</i>	Lon William Barton <i>Barton Foundation</i>
Betty Gilson <i>Rachel Adams Fred Ellis Barbara Brown Ted and Donogh Phillips</i>	Jim Gardner <i>Jacquelyn Ashe</i>
	Lloyd and Bertha Davis <i>Marjorie Kilbreath and Dean Townsend</i>



Friday Harbor Elementary students build bluebird nest boxes. From Left to right: Emeron Geiser, Isaac Mayer, Max Mattox and Cameron Clarke.

KIDS SEEING BLUE

FIFTEEN FRIDAY HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS have been seeing blue this winter thanks to an extracurricular after-school program developed by the Preservation Trust.

The Trust has been working to re-establish a breeding population of Western bluebirds in the San Juans. Kathleen Foley, our director of education and outreach, visits the school to talk with students about the natural history and habitat needs of this one-time native of the islands. "These student enrichment sessions seemed like a great way to help us meet our goal of expanding our educational efforts to young people," said Foley.

The class includes children from kindergarten up to third grade. In addition to learning about the natural history of the bluebirds and the importance of preserving their habitat, the children built their own nest boxes and installed them at home. "The primary goal of this program is to get kids thinking about the importance of a depleted species and to get them excited about birds and natural habitat in general," added Foley.

The Preservation Trust is one of four partners in the San Juan Islands Western Bluebird Reintroduction Program, a 5-year cooperative effort to reintroduce the native Western bluebird to its historic range in the San Juan Archipelago. Read more about this project at www.sjpt.org and click on the "Western Bluebird Reintroduction Project" button on the home page.

BENEFITS OF DONATING APPRECIATED STOCK

IF YOU OWN STOCKS AND WISH TO MAKE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST, consider donating appreciated stock instead of cash. You can receive a charitable deduction and avoid tax on the appreciation in value of donated shares.

- 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. You may carry excess deductions over an additional five years, as long as the deduction does not exceed the 30 percent ceiling for any one-year.
- CAPITAL GAIN TAX SAVINGS: You can avoid capital gains taxes you would have incurred if you had sold the shares of stock and made a cash donation.

This approach may work for contributions ranging from \$100 to \$1 million, depending upon your individual tax situation. If you are considering the contribution of appreciated stock, make sure the shares have been held for more than one year and can be considered a "qualified appreciated stock" deduction.

Please instruct your broker to notify us prior to the 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 has depreciated, you can first sell the shares and then donate the proceeds to the Preservation Trust, claim a charitable gift deduction and then claim a capital loss deduction to offset other capital gains. For more information on charitable giving, contact Sven Haarhoff svenh@sjpt.org, or 360-378-2461.

Please discuss your charitable contributions with a tax professional.

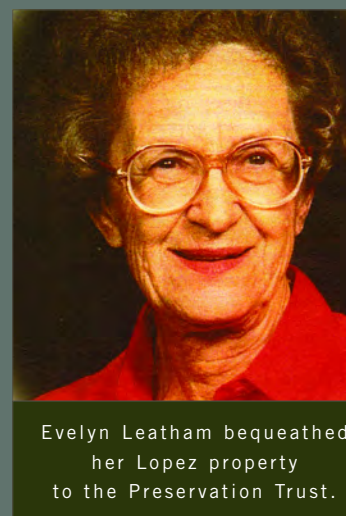
BEQUEST HELPS FUND WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION

Another shoreline property has been protected on Lopez Island, thanks to Evelyn J. Leatham, an islander and conservationist who recently bequeathed her property to the Preservation Trust.

Upon receipt of this generous planned gift we placed a conservation easement on just over six acres of native mixed forest, which includes 319 feet of shoreline. The property contributes to the open space, rural character and scenic value along the western shore of Lopez. A maximum of one single family house is allowed on the property, and no other subdivision is allowed. After placing these permanent development restrictions on the property, the Trust sold the conserved land with its existing house and will use the proceeds to fund further conservation work in the San Juans.

"Evelyn was an amazing woman with a deep passion for the San Juans and our wildlife," said Barbara Estenson, a longtime friend. "In addition to conserving her own land, which she loved, Evelyn would be thrilled to know that her bequest will also fund the preservation of more wildlife habitat in the islands."

If you would like to learn more about how a planned gift can be used to advance conservation in the islands, please contact the Preservation Trust at 360-378-2461.



Evelyn Leatham bequeathed her Lopez property to the Preservation Trust.

HONORARIUM GIFTS

Rachel Adams' birthday <i>Arthur and Yvonne Dodd Margaret Mills</i>	Craig and Susan McCaw <i>Libby Armintrout The Oki Foundation Steven and Laurie Ballmer Charlotte and Doug Guryman Anonymous</i>
David Slawson's birthday <i>Bice Passavant Foundation</i>	Greg Lewis and Catherine Maxson's marriage <i>Bryony Angell and James Mackness</i>
Shaun Hubbard's birthday <i>Bruce and Jackie Hubbard Lauri Galindez</i>	Kimberly Holmes <i>King Holmes</i>
June G. Scherer-Forrester <i>Molly Powers Dusenbery</i>	Fred Ellis Sr. <i>Dr. Carolyn Hangen</i>
Clark Palmer's birthday <i>Jocelyn Palmer-Perry</i>	Doug and Ellen Allen <i>Martin Thornell</i>
Maggie Davis Nelson and Thomas Francis Burchill's wedding <i>Collette Dodd</i>	Kelly Campbell and Shane Farrell's wedding <i>Misti Hickling</i>
Edward David Perera's birth <i>Sheila and Alvin Becker</i>	Todd Renschler and Amanda Schain Renschler's marriage <i>Benjamin Kawaguchi Scott and Katie Renschler</i>
Nancy Taylor and Fritz Levy - Happy Holidays! <i>Sarah Levy</i>	Thor Hanson and Eliza Habegger's wedding <i>Daniel Burghoffer and Janis Olson</i>
Robert Swain <i>Christine Scannell</i>	Michael Rivkin and Jeffri Coleman <i>Jeremy and Angela Foster</i>
Ann and Jerry Moss <i>John Janson</i>	Bob Cooley-Gilliom and Patty Schifferle's marriage <i>Sue Cooley</i>
Lyman and Gretchen Hull <i>Eunice Dreusen</i>	Diane Dear's 50th birthday <i>Bonnie Gibson Roxana and Dean Bacon</i>
Gilia and Bryony Angell's birthday <i>Noel Angell and Emory Bundy</i>	Eva Erickson Seifert's birth <i>Rick and Meredith Machin</i>
Shannon Bundy's birthday <i>Noel Angell and Emory Bundy</i>	Allen Hamm's 70th birthday <i>Tom McArthur</i>
David Will <i>Carolyn Cruso</i>	Lyman and Gretchen Hull <i>Eunice Dreusen</i>
Al Currier and Anne Schreivoig <i>Sara and Tom Longworth</i>	Kasey and Meredith Stanton <i>Caryn Buck</i>
Edward Carlberg - Merry Christmas! <i>Betty Carlberg Karen Carlberg Kristen Carlberg</i>	Debra Clausen and Kim Sundberg - Happy Holidays! <i>Kerry Howard and Mike Murphy</i>
Fletcher Evans <i>Blair and Molly Evans</i>	Bob and Dorothy Drury - Merry Christmas! <i>Amy and Brett Esary</i>
Ralph and Ginny Wedgwood <i>Bill and Barbara Turner</i>	Richard and Carolyn Dixon - 50th Wedding Anniversary! <i>Sally and John Dixon</i>
Matthew, Jana, Madeline, Eamon, and Eric fitch <i>Simon and Rebecca fitch</i>	Bob and Dianne Marshak - Merry Christmas! <i>David Marshak</i>
Sarah, Zachary, and Gabriel Levy <i>Fritz Levy and Nancy Taylor</i>	John Davies - Merry Christmas! <i>Llewellyn Davies</i>
June Vynne - Merry Christmas! <i>Sunny Fenton</i>	Mike and Nancy Krebs <i>Richard and Linda Krebs</i>
Markus Hutnak - Merry Christmas! <i>Uta Hutnak</i>	Frank McCoy <i>Colleen Knowles</i>
The Reeve Family <i>Roberta Goodnow and Daniel Lipkie</i>	Liz Ruff <i>Louise Acheson</i>
Renate Haarhoff-Rose and Ron Rose <i>Sven Haarhoff and Allison Shadday</i>	Rebecca fitch - Happy Holidays! <i>Emilie Long</i>
J.J. Kasper's birthday <i>William Henry</i>	Margaret Vance - Happy Holidays! <i>Emilie Long</i>
Toby and Tina Brown's marriage <i>Sally and Charles Jackson Nancy Schmidt and Joe O'Connell Linda Counts</i>	August Swanson - Happy Holidays! <i>Emilie Long</i>
	Diane Dear and Todd Goldsmith - Merry Christmas!

ANNUAL MEETING

Taking it Outside

This year marks the first time that the Preservation Trust will hold its annual meeting in an outdoor setting. By taking it outside, we hope that our members will be treated to great summer weather (fingers crossed!) while enjoying access to private land protected by the Trust.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. This event will be held on **Saturday, August 2, 2008 on San Juan Island.** The exact time and location will be announced in the spring edition of this newsletter.