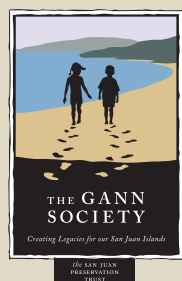


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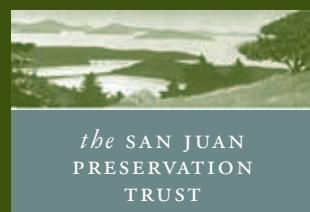
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GOLDEN INDIAN PAINTBRUSH ON SAN JUAN ISLAND. PHOTO: KURT THORSON

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## MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE THROUGH THE YEARS

I AM VERY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST WAS RECENTLY AWARDED ACCREDITED STATUS BY THE INDEPENDENT LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION COMMISSION. The result of more than 18 months of work, we were subjected to a detailed external review of our governance, financial management, systems and policies. To be honest, it was a little bit like preparing for a trip to the dentist after a long hiatus: we knew that we had to do it, but we didn't really know what we were going to find. As the San Juan Preservation Trust has completed more transactions than just about any other land trust in the country, we held our breath and hoped for the best as we pried open hundreds of old project files.

Our efforts were well rewarded. We reacquainted ourselves with the people behind our favorite protected properties and their motivations for protecting them. We compared the dreams of our early supporters – some long deceased – against our accomplishments to date. And we gratefully discovered that our attention to detail and permanence was just as diligent in 1980 (the year of our first transaction) as it is today. While our practices have certainly evolved over our 33 years (for example, we no longer draw our property maps by hand with pencils!), we couldn't have hoped for a more positive review. Just as our nature preserves will live on in perpetuity, we can say with certainty that this organization is also positioned to stand the test of time.

Despite this gratifying experience, we still get much more excited about saving land than we do about saving our records. We are on the verge of announcing several major new acquisitions that – with your help – would add over 1,000 acres and 2 1/2 miles of shoreline to our network of SJPT-owned preserves. As we continue our fundraising campaign to pay off our bridge loan on Vendovi Island, we have broken ground (with the Washington Trails Association) on a new trail system that will enhance the visitor experience on that magical island. Whether you attend one of our outings, venture to one of our preserves, or join us on Shaw Island in late July for our 5th Annual Summer Social, we hope that this will be the year that you learn more about our work and take advantage of the remarkable places that so many have made available to us.

TIM SEIFERT  
Executive Director

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### HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE THIS YEAR:

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 "Venturing to Vendovi"  
(departs from Anacortes)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold  
and a Land Ethic For Our Time*  
film screening at San Juan Island  
Library

SATURDAY, MAY 19 **33rd Annual Meeting**  
(Friday Harbor Yacht Club)  
followed by "Golden Indian  
Paintbrush Restoration"  
field trip (San Juan Island)

THURSDAY, MAY 24 "Tripods on Turtleback"  
workshop (Orcas Island)

SATURDAY, JULY 7 "Wandering Waldron"  
field trip (Waldron Island)

FRIDAY, JULY 13 "Venturing to Vendovi"  
(departs from Anacortes)

SATURDAY, JULY 28 **5th Annual "Summer Social"**  
(Shaw Island)

### ANNOUNCING OUR SPRING AND SUMMER OUTINGS!

It's time to celebrate the beauty of our islands. All Preservation Trust members are invited to join us for one (or all) of our upcoming outings and events.



KURT THORSON

Stay up to date on the latest land conservation news from the San Juans by subscribing to our periodic email which we call our "Postcard from the Islands." Please go to [www.sjpt.org](http://www.sjpt.org) and sign up for email updates. We promise not to share your address with anyone.



STAFF PHOTO

JAN HESSELL:  
2012 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Jan Hessel is perhaps the longest-serving volunteer for the San Juan Preservation Trust. For almost two decades, Jan has been the land steward of the 30-acre Turtlehead Preserve, donated by Ruth Perkins in 1990. Jan has made monthly climbs to the top of the preserve, reporting any irregularities or concerns about the property to staff. "It's a magical place," comments Jan about the "Knob," as it is also known. "I like to look out to Vancouver Island and the other islands, sometimes even Mt. Rainier and the Olympics. I think my favorite time is the spring when the flowers are blooming. It couldn't be more beautiful."

Even though the property is now owned and permanently protected by the Preservation Trust, caring for the land will remain a family affair. Jan has passed the Turtlehead stewardship torch to her nephew, Pete Hessel.

Thank you, Jan, for caring for the Turtlehead Preserve these many years.



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## NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST!

When the land trust movement began to take shape across the country in the 1970's, it was primarily driven by volunteers meeting in living rooms, well-meaning but largely without direction. What these volunteers lacked in experience they made up in purpose: they were resolved to find a way to permanently protect privately-owned natural treasures in their own communities. The legal tools for achieving these goals arose from this vision, and these fledgling localized efforts together became the foundation for a powerful national movement.

Over the past several decades, land trusts have evolved into sophisticated enterprises requiring professional staff, effective board governance, strong financial capacity and – especially – a high level of accountability to land owners, donors, communities and the general public. A national association was created to provide support and professional development, and more recently, an independent accreditation commission was formed to ensure that land trusts are engaged in the long-term protection of both the land and the public interest.

In February, The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, announced that it has awarded national accreditation status to the San Juan Preservation Trust. The Preservation Trust joins a prestigious group of 157 other land trusts (out of 1,700 nationally) that have achieved this distinction since this new accreditation program was launched in the fall of 2008.

It is our hope that this distinction will confirm to you that the work we're doing today meets the highest national standards for excellence, upholds the public trust and ensures that our conservation efforts are permanent.

## 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 19, 2012 // 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

San Juan Island Yacht Club

PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS AND RESERVATION FORM.

### Members Vote for New Candidates for Board of Trustees

Our 2012 Nominating Committee is comprised of: Keith Gerrard, Chair (Shaw Island), Margie Carper (Orcas Island), Lola Dean (Shaw Island), Will Hamilton (San Juan Island), Harvey Himelfarb (Orcas Island) and Alice Hurd (San Juan Island). The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for members' consideration and vote. Please vote using the inserted ballot and envelope and return to the Preservation Trust's Lopez office with postmark dated prior to May 14, 2012. **Meet the Candidates: Tom Bayley, Steve Jung, Mary Miller and Ron Woodard.**

### TOM BAYLEY, ORCAS ISLAND

Tom Bayley, along with his brothers Frank and Doug, incorporated the San Juan Preservation Trust in 1979 and served for one year as its very first Treasurer. Before assuming his current position as President of C.D. Stimson Company in Seattle, Tom was a copywriter for Bantam Books in New York and a landscape and garden designer. He currently serves on the boards of People for Puget Sound and the Pendleton and Elisabeth Miller Charitable Foundation, and served on the Meany/UW World Series board, the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance board and The Nature Conservancy's Philanthropy Committee. A native of Seattle, Tom has a BA degree from the University of Washington and an MA degree from New York University. He maintains a home near West Sound on Orcas Island.

### STEVE JUNG, ORCAS ISLAND

Steve Jung retired in 2008 after 22 years of service as Executive Director of Internal Audit and Institutional Compliance Emeritus at Stanford University and the Stanford University Medical Center. Before joining the Stanford Internal Audit Department, he served 17 years at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) in Palo Alto, California, and Bangkok, Thailand. Steve is a Certified Internal Auditor with bachelors and masters degrees from the University of New Mexico and a Ph.D. in educational research from Arizona State University. He is currently Vice President of the Orcas Island Community Foundation, Treasurer of the Coffelt Farm Stewards, and Treasurer of the Eagle Lake Community Association, all on Orcas Island. Steve's hobbies generally involve travel to and hiking in lovely places.

### MARY MILLER, ORCAS ISLAND

Mary Miller is a native of Washington State and has lived on Orcas Island since 1999 with her husband Steve, who is Facilities Manager for YMCA Camp Orkila. Before moving to Orcas, Mary was Senior Fraud Analyst at SeaFirst Bank in Seattle, and volunteered for the Seattle Aquarium and Big Brothers of King County. She currently manages several island properties for Orcas families. From 1999-2006, Mary was a naturalist for Eclipse Charters, where she worked with the public to promote conservation of the San Juans' ecological diversity. She has provided administrative and fundraising coordination for several island non-profits, and has served on the board of the West Sound Community Club. She and her husband love to travel and enjoy camping and hiking in the Pacific Northwest.

### RON WOODARD, SHAW ISLAND

Full-time Shaw Island resident Ron Woodard is a skier, outdoorsman and pilot. He spent 32 years of his professional career at The Boeing Company, holding several top executive positions, including President of Boeing Commercial Airplanes and deHavilland Aircraft. More recently, Ron co-founded and chairs MagnaDrive, Inc., an industrial torque transfer equipment company. He has served on several corporate and non-profit boards, including Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Continental Airlines, Coinstar, University of Puget Sound and Seattle Symphony, for which he was Board Chair for 11 years. Ron and his wife Carolyn keep very busy raising six grandchildren, ages 5-17.

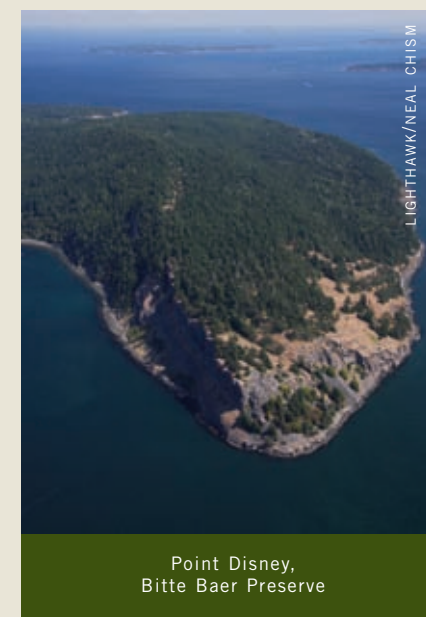
## NEW WALDRON PRESERVES

IN MARCH, The Nature Conservancy of Washington State transferred title and stewardship responsibilities for two cherished preserves on Waldron Island to The San Juan Preservation Trust. Purchased separately in the early 1970's with the support of donations from the Waldron community, the 269-acre Cowlitz Bay Preserve and 208-acre Bitte Baer Preserve were among the very first private lands to be permanently conserved in San Juan County.

"The San Juan Preservation Trust and the people of Waldron Island are the ideal partners to care for these iconic lands," said Karen Anderson, the Conservancy's Washington director. "We know that these preserves will be well-stewarded into the future."

The Bitte Baer Preserve, which is adjacent to another 216-acre preserve already owned by the Preservation Trust, includes the sandstone face of Mt. Disney and hosts one of the largest intact Garry oak ecosystems in the San Juan archipelago. The Cowlitz Bay Preserve, which was acquired in 1971 to thwart a proposed subdivision, hosts extensive high-quality wetlands and almost 4,000 feet of beach-front, including tidelands with forage fish spawning habitat and eelgrass beds.

In addition to transferring the two preserves, The Nature Conservancy has also conveyed a stewardship endowment to the Preservation Trust that was created by donors at the time these properties were originally preserved. The resident caretaker, Tony Scruton, will be retained by the Preservation Trust.



Point Disney,  
Bitte Baer Preserve



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## 1. TIPTOP HILL, *Stuart Island*

The George Gund family donated an 83-acre conservation easement on **Stuart Island**. This iconic property, known as **Tiptop Hill**, hosts rare Garry oak savannah and old growth forest, connects several other properties already conserved by the Preservation Trust, and is highly visible from numerous vantage points throughout the islands.



On top of Tiptop, Stuart Island

## 2. BEAVERTON MARSH, *San Juan Island*

The Preservation Trust purchased 40 acres of **San Juan Island's Beaverton Marsh**, the largest wetland system in San Juan County. Along with the San Juan County Land Bank, which now holds a conservation easement on this parcel and owns several adjacent wetland parcels, we will manage a restoration project on the marsh that will increase waterfowl diversity.



Beaverton Marsh

## 3. PHELPS PRESERVE, *San Juan Island*

The **Phelps Preserve**, 20 acres of prime agricultural land within **San Juan Island's San Juan Valley**, was recently donated to the Preservation Trust by the family of Doug Phelps. The Preservation Trust now owns land or holds conservation easements on over 1,000 acres in this fertile and scenic valley.



Phelps Preserve

## THE SAN JUAN PRESERVATION TRUST 2011: YEAR IN REVIEW

CONSERVING OUR MOST IMPORTANT ISLAND PLACES. In 2011, with our strategic Conservation Plan as our guide, we acquired key land and easements.



## 4. JOHNSON PRESERVE, *Orcas Island*

After donating a conservation easement on this small shorefront property several years ago, Sara Jane Johnson transferred ownership of this **Orcas Island** property to the Preservation Trust. Our new **Johnson Preserve**, which features 115 feet of undeveloped shoreline on Harney Channel, is part of the San Juan Islands Scenic Byways corridor.



Johnson Preserve

## 5. VENDOVI ISLAND PRESERVE

**Vendovi Island:** The Preservation Trust purchased Vendovi in late 2010 for \$6.4 million, approximately half of its appraised value. Generous support from one (anonymous) lead donor came in two forms: a \$3 million outright gift and a \$3.4 million bridge loan. To pay off this loan, we've raised over \$600,000 so far including the first \$250,000 phase of a 3-year \$1.0 million challenge grant. With \$2.8 million still outstanding on our \$3.4 million loan, the "Campaign to Save Vendovi Island" is now in full swing.



Vendovi Beach

## CARING FOR OUR LAND AND ITS INHABITANTS

ONCE WE PERMANENTLY PROTECT LAND, WE THEN BECOME ITS STEWARDS IN PERPETUITY.

**LAND RESTORATION:** Restoration work mostly involves removing invasive plant species that have encroached upon native grasslands and forests, and occasionally reintroducing endangered species. Invasive plant removals in 2011 were performed on Jack Island, Vendovi Island, the Turtleback Mountain Preserve (Orcas), and several smaller preserves. Reintroduction of Golden Indian paintbrush was conducted on San Juan Island.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** In 2011, we worked with volunteers and partners to improve and create trails on Preservation Trust preserves for enhanced visitor experience.

**PRESERVE AND CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING:** As our network of conserved properties grows, so does the scope of our land stewardship responsibilities. In addition to managing our own preserves, Preservation Trust staff conducted annual monitoring visits on approximately 250 privately-owned properties with conservation easements.



Kathleen & Bluebird

**WESTERN BLUEBIRD REINTRODUCTION:** The Preservation Trust has been a lead partner in the successful Western Bluebird Reintroduction Project, an effort to reintroduce the extirpated Western bluebird to our islands. During the five-year project period, over 90 breeding bluebirds were successfully relocated to San Juan and Lopez Islands, 300 volunteers pitched in to help, and a "Disney Conservation Fund Hero" recognition was bestowed upon Kathleen Foley, our Program Director.



Restoration crew on Vendovi Island

## ABBREVIATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*As of December 31 (in thousands)*

	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 188	\$ 321
Pledges & other receivables	56	76
Investments	6,543	6,556
Conservation land	21,341	20,739
Other	28	92
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>28,156</b>	<b>27,784</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities	32	54
Long term debt - Vendovi note	2,799	3,301
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>3,355</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,325</b>	<b>24,429</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 28,156</b>	<b>\$ 27,784</b>

## ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

*For the Years Ended December 31 (in thousands)*

	2011	2010
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
General contributions, grants, fees, & other	\$ 594	\$ 568
Bequests (for unrestricted purposes)	1	19
Gifts of land	460	1,150
Investment income & interest	132	650
Restricted contributions for land acquisition, stewardship, endowment and other	613	3,127
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>5,514</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS</b>		
Conservation programs	620	466
Administration and fundraising	284	314
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>780</b>
Conservation easement acquisitions	0	90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND ACQUISITIONS</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>NET RESULT</b>	<b>\$ 896</b>	<b>\$ 4,644</b>

These abbreviated financial statements are derived from the fully annotated financial statements submitted to the board of trustees. The financial statements for 2010 were audited by Sanders & Sanders, CPA, and the financial statements for 2011 will be audited later this year.

## ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY

Ranked in the top 2% in the country in number of properties protected (among over 1,700 land trusts), The San Juan Preservation Trust is working just as hard to strengthen the long-term integrity of our organization.

**ACCREDITATION:** After a rigorous year-long process, we were thrilled to recently learn that the Preservation Trust is now a fully accredited land trust.

**CONSERVATION DEFENSE INSURANCE:** A new private insurance pool is taking shape to help land trusts defend their conservation easements and preserves, and in 2011 the Preservation Trust agreed to become a charter participant in this program.

**FINANCIAL AUDIT:** Every year the Preservation Trust engages an independent auditing firm to review our financial processes and internal controls. We are pleased to report that we have received another clean bill of health. A copy of our IRS Form 990 and 2010 audited financial statements are available on our web site ([www.sjpt.org](http://www.sjpt.org)).

## PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION

Our 2011 accomplishments were made possible with the support of 2,530 donors, 380 volunteers, and these inaugural members of our new business "Preservation Partners Program":

Preservation Champions	Preservation Partners	Preservation Guardians
Crow Valley Pottery	Blossom Grocery	Executive Conversation
Rozewood Environmental Services, Inc.	Islanders Bank	Islanders Insurance
	Kris King Design	San Juan Vineyards
	Lopez Village Market	
	Outdoor Odysseys Kayak Tours	

### Preservation Advocates

Advanced Building Consultants, Inc., Beach Haven Resort, Brown463, Cypress Island Lumber, The Delta Company, Duck Soup Inn, Friday Harbor Dentistry, Island Market, Olympic Lights B&B, Orcas Landing Hotel, LLC, Pacific Cascade Services, Pawki's Pet Boutique, PP Holdings LLC, Robert Edson Swain, Royaland, Sea Quest Kayak Expeditions, Skagit Gardens, Turtleback Farm Inn, White Construction Company

### Preservation Supporters

Acanthus, Anderson Design, Camp Indralaya, Equine Affaire, Inc., Gilles Consulting, Healing Arts Center, Kestrel Enterprises, Laird Norton Company, Midnight's Farm, Salamander Forge, Inc., Skagit Wild Bird Supply, Thirsty Goose Farm