

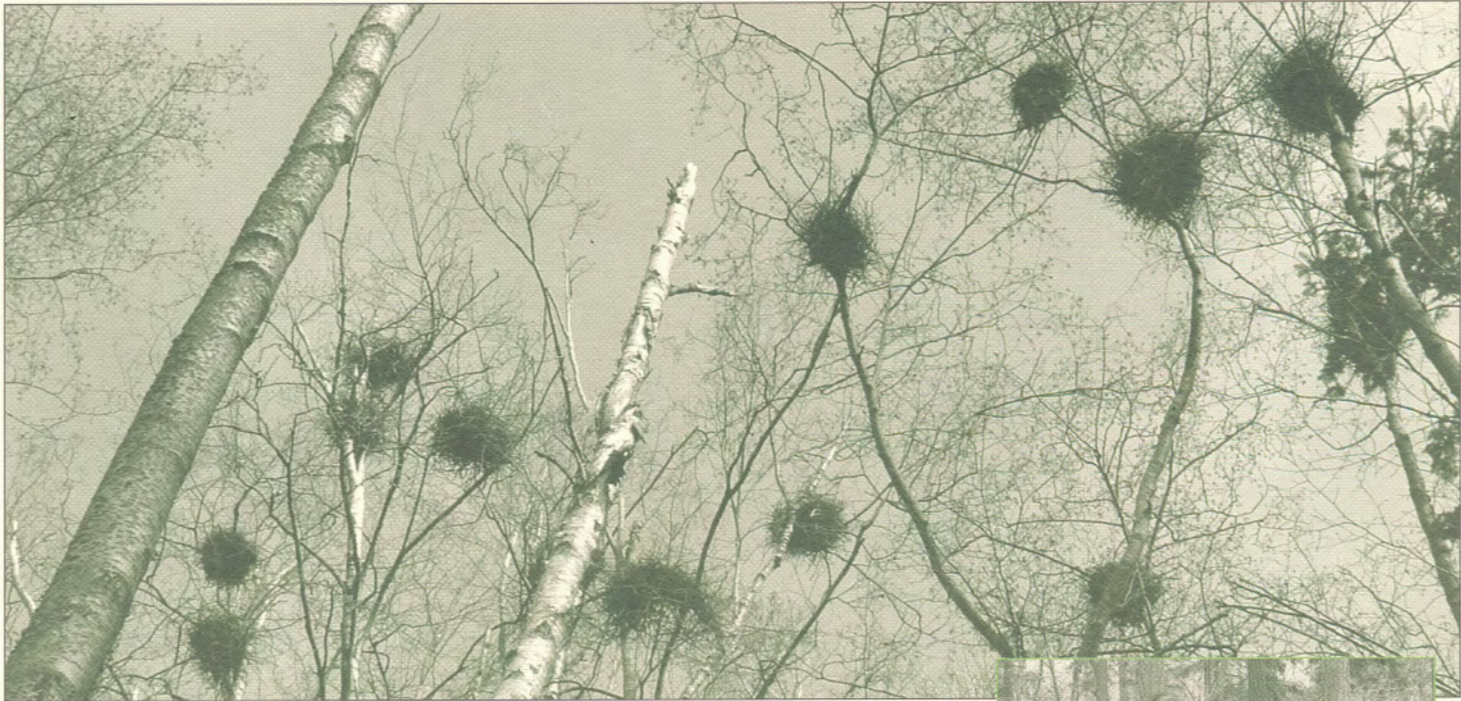


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PARTNERSHIP PROTECTS HERON COLONY

When development threatened the Birch Bay Great Blue Heron Colony, the Whatcom Land Trust brought together a powerful partnership to protect the nesting site of these majestic birds. Whatcom County, British Petroleum and the State Department of Ecology joined the Land Trust to make sure that the herons continue to have a secure, undisturbed place to call home in Whatcom County. The Birch Bay Colony is one of the largest on the west coast with over 300 nesting pairs.

When early this year the Sidwell Family put up for sale three five-acre lots next to the colony, a number of concerned people contacted the Whatcom

photo: Rich Bowers
Above: Heron nests at Birch Bay colony.

photo: Rand Jack
Right: Some of those who made this protection possible: (l to r) Jeri Smith, realtor, Don Gustafson, appraiser, Sara Young, engineer, Bruce Sidwell, seller



Land Trust. Among the first was County Council member and heron fan Sharon Roy. Wildlife biologist and long time stu-

and occupies the primary protection buffer for the colony's southern perimeter. Purchase of this property and securing

“Realtors make their living from the land; I want to give back to the land, to the special places in Whatcom County, by giving to the Whatcom Land Trust.”

– Jeri Smith, Windermere Realty

dent of the colony Ann Eisinger wrote to us that “the Sidwell property is adjacent to the Birch Bay Great Blue Heron Colony

it as a conservation area contiguous with the existing forest reserve is vital to the survival of the Birch *...continued on page six*

Bob Carmichael, thank you for all you've done

The WLT Board would like to gratefully acknowledge the service of board member Bob Carmichael. Bob was accepted onto the board in June 1998 and resigned earlier this year to spend more time with his family, especially his two active boys. While we support the reason for his resignation, we will miss his thoughtful contributions to our discussions. Ever conscious of our mission, Bob helped keep us on task. He generously volunteered his time and expertise to thoroughly reading through document "legalese" from insurance policies to easements. He helped our understanding regarding issues and policies and smoothed the way for many land conservation deals to take place.

Bob is in legal practice with the law firm of Zender Thurston. He has graciously offered his advice in the future, should the need arise. With many thanks for all you've done, Bob!

— The WLT Board

Thank you, Daniél

WLT would like to express its appreciation to Daniél Morgan who served as the Development Director from July of 2003 through April of 2005. Daniél saw us through two successful auctions, our 20th anniversary celebration and numerous projects. Daniél is now headed to England where she will begin her Masters degree in environmental science. Thank you, Daniél, and best wishes!

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Al & Sandy Hunter

"We are far more comfortable in the woods...it's in our nature." — Al Hunter

There are many things that could occupy Sandy and Al Hunter's time, they could devote more time to the maintenance and repair of their home, join their daughter in her missionary work, spend time landscaping the five acre lot, enjoy the grandkids up in Everson, or just traipse about trying to keep up with their young border

collie! But they choose to devote some of their precious time on the jewel we know as the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve. Sandy and Al serve as the coordinators of Whatcom Land Trust's docent program at the reserve. They both mention how they have enjoyed getting to meet the volunteers that lead the nature walks, and seeing the continual improvements made to the reserve trails. They note that they derive particular pleasure from the people who come to appreciate nature and learn something new while walking on the tour

They both enjoy taking the time to cross the road from their house and walk throughout Stimpson. Sandy enjoys that the trail loops back around to its starting point but is particularly thankful for

the sense of solitude that the land and the wood provide. Al notes, "We are far more comfortable in the woods, than in any downtown or urban area, it's in our nature." When pressed to explain where that sense of comfort arises from, they both note that they have always enjoyed recreating in the outdoors. When we talked, Sandy had just returned from leading a 'Women Outside' backpacking trip and Al spoke of the pleasure he gets from just walking about the woods. It should be noted that they both also mentioned their religious beliefs. They serve as Deacons for the 1st Presbyterian Church. "There is the old saw, if you love the Creator, take care of the creation," says Al, as Sandy nods in agreement, "and we believe that- deeply."



photo: Jerry DeBacker

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WLT welcomes Jerry DeBacker as its new Development Director

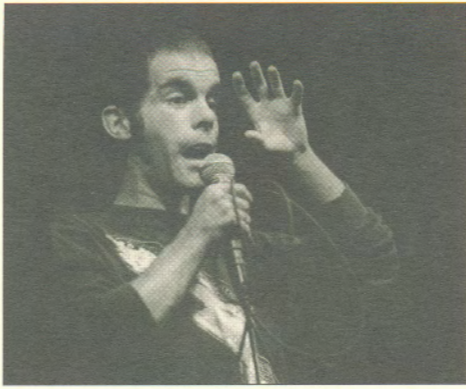


photo courtesy of Brian Flowers

Thanks to the members of the Bellingham Storyteller's Guild, who presented *Stories of Stewardship* as a benefit for Whatcom Land Trust. The tales were told on Friday, July 29th at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center in Fairhaven.

Local professional storytellers Rob Atyk, Doug Banner, Bill Barroch, and Brian Flowers (pictured above) presented an evening of tales about the land and our relationships to it.

The performance may be repeated in the county this coming winter, possibly at the Everson Library. Look for it in the events schedules of the local media.

In Jerry's first month he has set a date for next year's Great Outdoors Auction (May 13th), ushered in the new personnel policy and started organizing an art show for the Tree of the Year celebration. Talk about hitting the floor running! If you've not yet met Jerry, drop by or call the office.

Jerry DeBacker is looking forward to the challenge of serving as the Development Director and organizational manager of the Whatcom Land Trust. Jerry is relocating to Bellingham from Lewiston, Idaho where he and his family have lived for the last 3 years as he acquired a Bachelors degree in History. He states, "In returning to school, my intent was teach at the secondary level. While the college certifies that I am qualified to do so, I myself do not know that I am prepared!"

Jerry, and his wife Ellen, are the proud parents of two daughters, Mariah



photo: Connie Clement

& Shannon. Ellen has over 20 years of experience as a Critical Care Registered Nurse, with experience as an Intensive Care Unit supervisor. Jerry, most recently has worked for Lewis-Clark State College as a coordinator for the Continuing Education and Community Events department. In the past, he has served as Executive Director and Conservation Director for Prickly Pear Land Trust in Helena, Montana.

While both of them were born in the heart of Nebraska, they have spent over 25 years in Montana and Idaho. Throw in a year and a half 'working holiday' spent in New Zealand for good measure and you get the sense that they care about rural, open spaces. Jerry states, "We consider the shift to Whatcom County to be a natural progression of our migration- our concern is that we participate in preserving a community. I see myself as a persuader, and I see my role as one who persuades trust members, and the general public, that we need to invest in protecting our common ground."

The whole family enjoys skiing, river rafting (look for that to show up at the Great Outdoors Auction), hiking, and school and family activities in general. "We are excited about all of the possibilities that the region provides- and we get to help shape the future of the community! It's a privilege to have that opportunity."

Membership Picnic September 25th!

Come join us for a celebration of the membership and volunteers of Whatcom Land Trust on September 25th from 4-7 p.m. at Silver Lake Park! Music by *Bent Grass* will start off the festivities. We will be acknowledging our volunteers and awarding the Land Steward of 2005 Award as well as the Distinguished Conservator Award. Attendees will have the first opportunity to sign up for the fall tours. Whatcom Land Trust will provide the main dish and refreshments. We ask our members to bring a favorite dish to share. Those with last names beginning with A-M, bring a side dish. Those with last names beginning with N-Z, bring dessert. See you there!

Volunteer Opportunities to Help WLT

Whatcom Places Marketing Volunteer – We are looking for someone to visit potential outlets throughout Whatcom County for our book, *Whatcom Places*, and its related package of cards. This task involves talking with shop owners, showing them the book and cards, and asking if they would like to carry them. The award-winning *Whatcom Places* showcases the beauty of Whatcom County through photographs and the written word. A second edition is schedule to be released in December 2006. Call the office at 650-9470, if you'd like to contribute to Whatcom Land Trust in this way.

Spring on the Land

Tearing Down & Replanting

Work parties remove invasive weeds and reclaim habitat

Thanks to a host of volunteers that ranged from Skagit County to Blaine, the Whatcom Land Trust had two very successful work parties this spring.

The first one was on our recently acquired Innis Creek property in Wickersham. For this project we partnered with the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) to plant native trees and vegetation in an open field that borders Ennis Creek, which runs through the property. SFEG and their Washington Conservation Corps Crew were instrumental in acquiring the plants, site preparation, and helping to bring in additional volunteers for the planting event. Most of the plants are thriving and the process is under way of

reclaiming the field and wetland habitat that make this property a unique addition to WLT salmon protection achievements. Thanks to WLT and SFEG volunteers for their help and to the Sehome Starbucks for fueling us up on an early March morning!

In May an energetic group of new employees led by Charlie Heggem from the Bellingham REI store descended upon a nasty row of blackberries along Squires Lake. They worked for hours in the spring sun removing the non-native invasive from the shores of the lake and then ended the day with a hike through the Park. Squires Lake Park is a Whatcom County Park that is protected by a What-

com Land Trust Conservation Easement. Thank you, once again, to REI Bellingham and for your commitment to Whatcom County and Whatcom Land Trust!

Washington Conservation Corps crew cleans-up White Deer property

Remember March? Much of it was rainy and when it was not raining it was wet from the rain. Through almost the entire month a crew from the Washington



photo: Dick Knight

Perry and Reed Welch planted a Spruce.

Conservation Corps (WCC) was hard at work removing debris and old buildings from WLT's White Deer Property. I visited the crew several times during the project and was always greeted with smiles, laughter, and an impressive work ethic. These Americorps Volunteers, led by Crew Leader Michael Koenen, removed nearly 8-tons of construction and other debris from the property. This work was vital to returning the property to forest habitat. This WCC crew won a Heart and Hands Volunteers of the Year award from the Whatcom Volunteer Center this year. In a heartfelt show of support and kindness they donated their award money back to WLT. A huge thank you to Michael and his crew!

This major clean-up project would not have been possible without the help of Paul Razole at Sanitary Service Company and Grant Hill of Regional Disposal Company. Paul donated two 30-yard dumpsters and the debris hauling costs. Grant donated the disposal costs. Thank



photo: Ann Russell

WCC crew at the White Deer property.

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you also to Renee LaCroix at the City of Bellingham, Public Works Department for dedicating the WCC crew's time to the White Deer Demolition and clean-up project. Thank you, again, to all involved for your valuable contributions to protecting Austin Creek and the Lake Whatcom Watershed.

Interested in volunteering to work on Whatcom Land Trust Properties? We are always looking for people to help us monitor properties or participate in work parties. If you are interested in learning more about how to become a Land Monitor please contact Ann Russell at the WLT office: (360) 650-9470 or arussell@whatcomlandtrust.org.

– Ann Russell,
Conservation Specialist

Make A Difference Day - 2005 October 22

Make A Difference Day is a national annual volunteer event. In 2004, 3 million people volunteered on Make a Difference Day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns. Locally the event is coordinated through the Whatcom Volunteer Center (WCV). This year Whatcom Land Trust will be participating in the event and partnering with WCV and REI to work on WLT properties. Interested in volunteering? Contact Ann or Connie at the office: (360) 650-9470 or arussell@whatcomlandtrust.org.

Come help us make a difference in Whatcom County!

Light Shines Through Nessel Barn

photo: Chris Navarre

When the 109-acre Nessel Farm was sold to Whatcom County for use as a public park, proceeds of the sale were placed in the Nessel Foundation, established by the Whatcom Land Trust. All of the funds are directed by the Foundation to the restoration and maintenance of the Nessel Farm. When the historic Nessel barn collapsed under a snow load several years ago, the Foundation decided to restore the barn as close as possible to its original form, including specially ordered 36-inch cedar shakes for the roof. The work was done under the thoughtful direction of Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt and with the skilled hands of Russ and the Savatgy brothers, Pat and Mike. The Land Trust protects the Farm in perpetuity through a conservation easement signed by Tom and Ingeborg Nessel on July 31, 1989.

After prolonged observations and careful calculations, Nessel Farm caretaker Chris Navarre took this spectacular picture inside the Nessel Barn at the only moment in the year that the sun centered in the diamond window at noon and produced symmetry of light on the barn floor. The Land Trust thanks Chris for caretaking the Nessel Farm and for letting us display his artistry.





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HERON HABITAT PROTECTION

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the BP Cherry Point Refinery (Formerly known as the ARCO Cherry Point Refinery) donated to the Whatcom Land Trust a conservation easement over 77 acres, including the heron colony. The highly restrictive easement guarantees the perpetual protection of the nesting site. Three years later the refinery donated to the Land Trust a second conservation easement protecting an adjoining 103 acres of wildlife habitat.

Once again BP came through, this time with a pledge of \$100,000 toward the \$299,000 purchase price and

an agreement to pay half the cost of an appraisal and a wetlands study. David Evans and Associates (with Sara Young and Lillianna Guifarro doing the work) agreed to donate the other half of the cost of the wetlands study. Michael Abendhoff, Director of Public Relations for BP expressed the company's strong commitment to the

BP is proud to partner with the Land Trust to help secure this vital Heron Habitat. We want to ensure this colony thrives for as long as they choose live in our backyard.

– Michael Abendhoff, Director of Public Relations for BP

herons: “BP is proud to partner with the Land Trust to help secure this vital Heron Habitat. We want to ensure this colony thrives for as long as they choose live in our backyard.”

Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremem immediately saw the importance for the County of this acquisition and gave his wholehearted support for use of \$150,000 from the Conservation Futures Fund to protect the herons. With his usual generosity of spirit, Pete said: “When an important part of our natural heritage like the Great Blue Heron is threatened, we are extremely fortunate to have the Whatcom Land Trust willing

and very able to come to the rescue.” The County Council unanimously approved the County's contribution to the property purchase.

This left us \$49,000 short of the purchase price. And so we called Dick Grout to see if the State Department of Ecology could help. Dick said that the Department had \$51,000 in the Coastal Wetlands Fund. “How much did we need?” We replied that we only needed \$49,000, so they still had money left over. Within a few days we had the confirmation that we had what we needed to close the deal and protect the herons. Sharon Roy expressed the thoughts of everyone when she said: “This is a wonderful partnership -Whatcom County, BP, the Department of Ecology and the Whatcom Land Trust – that has come together to make sure that the Birch Bay Heron Colony will continue to thrive. These great birds are an essential part of Whatcom County.”

The land is now owned by Whatcom County and protected forever by a conservation easement held by the Whatcom

Land Trust that guarantees the herons will always have these 15 acres available for their use as they see fit.

We are fortunate to live in a community of generous people, concerned public officials and responsible corporate citizens. Whatcom Land Trust is privileged to bring together a partnership of enlightened local elected officials, a corporation that is a world leader in environmental awareness, and a dedicated state regulatory agency to protect a critical Whatcom county natural resource – the nesting grounds for the Great Blue Herons that adorn our landscape and enrich our lives. – Rand Jack, WLT Board



photo: Ann Eisinger

Bay heron colony.” Though fairly small in acreage, the Sidwell property is critical as a buffer and as a future nesting area. In all likelihood, construction of houses on the lots would force the herons to leave. The land also contains rich wetlands and riparian habitat, a mature Douglas fir forest and an active eagle nest.

Recognizing the importance of the Sidwell property to the survival of the heron colony, the Land Trust Board voted to try to put together a deal. Windermere realtor Jeri Smith volunteered to help the Land Trust with the complex task of negotiating a purchase agreement with the Sidwells. Jeri also volunteered to donate her commission to the Land Trust, as well as a portion of all future commissions. She said that she loved growing up in Whatcom County. “Realtors make their living from the land; I want to give back to the land, to the special places in Whatcom County, by giving to the Whatcom Land Trust.”

Our next task was to raise money. British Petroleum, the industry leader in recognizing and setting an agenda to respond to the dangers of global warming, has a long-standing investment in the health of the Birch Bay Colony. In 1996

Upcoming WLT Tours

Here are the upcoming tours of Whatcom Land Trust properties. All tours are free to Land Trust members. Suggested donation for non-members is \$5.00 to \$10.00 per person. Call the office to register and get directions to the meeting places. 650-9470. **Attendees of the membership picnic get the first opportunity to sign up for tours!**

ARCO Heron Reserve

Saturday, October 8

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Leader: Ann Eisinger, Wildlife Biologist

Limit: 25

Come join us for a slide presentation and talk on great blue herons followed by a visit to the heronry. See Whatcom Land Trust's recent purchase which expands the area around this sensitive site. Wildlife biologist, Ann Eisinger, will provide information on these beautiful birds, and guide you around the rookery. Dress for walking through the brush, and wear boots that cover the ankle.

Squire's Lake

Saturday October 22nd

10 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Leader: Larry Simkins, Whatcom County Parks

Limit: None

Located just north of the Skagit County line, this 84-acre park is possibly one of Whatcom County's best-kept secrets. Join hike leader Larry Simkins, one of the forces behind the park's existence, to discover the dazzling 10-acre lake, beaver pond and amazing views.

Chum and Coho Salmon Tour

Saturday, November 19th

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Leader: Doug Huddle, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Limit: 12

Come celebrate the winter Chum & Coho on this trip along the Nooksack with fish biologist Doug Huddle. See the salmon as they make their spawning trip up the river and learn about their tendencies and challenges from this enthusiastic outdoorsman.

Stimpson Family Nature Reserve

Saturday: November 5th, December 3rd, January 28th

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Leader : Stimpson Family Nature Reserve Nature Guide

Limit: 15

Please join the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve Nature Guides for an all-ages guided walk. This walk will lead hikers through the diversity of habitats encompassed in the over 300-acre nature reserve. Listen for birds, watch for native plants, and learn about the cultural history that has shaped this area of the Whatcom watershed. Please meet at the trailhead on Lake Louise Road, dress for the weather and prepare for a 2 – 3 hour hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



photo: Rich Bowers

Arco Heron Reserve tour



photo: John Pratt

Squires Lake Park



photo: Ann Russell

Maple Creek salmon habitat



photo: Rand Jack

Stimpson Family Nature Reserve trail

A Great Time for a Good Cause



photo: Rich Bowers

Auction attendees enjoy excellent food and wine at Whatcom Land Trust's fifth annual Great Outdoors Auction.

It's something like sending your kid off to college or into the service: the Great Outdoors Auction this year ran without me, better than ever. After I had directed it four years, the Land Trust board appointed Rich Bowers, Mary Dumas, and Chris Moench to chair the committee and oversee our annual event. Much of the detail work fell upon Renea Roberts who did a superb job. All of 40-50 volunteers pitched in. We can't list everyone here, but Becky Masters, Liz Isaly and Andrea Hood did an exceptional amount of work exceptionally well. Consultant Gaye Godfrey always shores up everyone's self-confidence, and without a dedicated Connie Clement in our office the entire event could collapse of its own weight. Any auction is truly a team effort.

This year's team effort netted over \$56,000, an auction record for the Land Trust. \$45,000 of that amount supports our day-by-day operations and salaries. This year the exciting Save an Acre spectacle of direct donations to purchase a specific parcel of land produced an all-time high of \$11,000. These generous dollars, combined with \$8,000 from *Whatcom Places* book sales, has purchased 17 acres of salmon and eagle habitat on the North Fork of the Nooksack River (see next page). Thank you, everyone.

Most auction items aim to provide spice, health and safety to any bidders' life: smoked salmon and organic chicken; a Mariners' game on an August summer night; a week at a nature reserve in Tobago; avalanche safety training from the

American Alpine Institute in memory of Brian Brett; the puffin carved by Rand Jack; a ferry trip for two to Skagway; home-cooked Thai dinners by Chuck and Dee Robinson; a beautiful Necky kayak from Johnson Outdoors; an evening on the *Snow Goose*, or sailing on the *Zodiac*. Hoagland Pharmacy vigorously and successfully bid to be taken deep into the Grand Canyon—"Will they ever return? No, they'll never return. They're the pharmacists who will hike forever on the trails of the Canyon, and their fate is still unlearned. No, they will never return."

But you can return. Next year's Great Outdoors Auction is already scheduled for May 13th. Save the date.

— Bob Keller
WLT Board

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17 acres saved in 5 minutes!

Amid all the din and dining at this year's Great Outdoors Auction, Whatcom Land Trust members took a few minutes out of their fun to do some of the hard work of conservation. In just five minutes Land Trust members raised \$11,129 towards the purchase of the 17-acre Big Spruce Roost tract on the North Fork Nooksack. It was a fulfilling moment to see the enthusiasm of the crowd, feel the excitement build and realize the power of a local community to take direct action in land conservation.

On that remarkable evening the Whatcom conservation community demonstrated its commitment to protecting and preserving the county's natural heritage.

Thanks to you, our members and friends, 1,300 feet of North Fork river frontage, 17.35 acres of riparian forest and several wizened old growth Sitka spruce trees now benefit from the perpetual stewardship of Whatcom Land Trust. The Big Spruce Roost property is strategically located in the center of the Maple Falls Bald Eagle Communal Winter Night Roost. Like the nearby Kenny Creek Eagle Night Roost (protected with a Land Trust conservation easement), winter foraging Bald Eagles roost together in trees during the long and cold winter nights. Biologists believe these night roosts are critical habitat for the eagles as they struggle to survive in winter on spawned out salmon carcasses during the day. During the night the eagles roost close together in the trees, sharing body warmth and perhaps information about the best places to get the next carcass.

Big Spruce Roost is also popular salmon spawning habitat. The strong chum run in the winter attracts the eagles. A much smaller run of native Spring Chinook, listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, still manages to make it up river to spawn on the banks of the North Fork at Big Spruce Roost. Though still recovering from previous logging in the 1990's, the forest on Big Spruce Roost will be augmented, restored and perpetually managed for salmon habitat under a new grant we are hopeful of receiving next year. As an example of how we creatively finance our conservation work, we plan to leverage the acquisition of Big Spruce Roost as match for the new grant.

The glacial melt waters of the North Fork slide quietly over rounded cobbles of the river bed. Morning mist rises off the fresh green alder forest, the smell of sweet spring cottonwood buds is slightly intoxicating. A darting swallow glides effortlessly above the gravel bar island under the watchful gaze of a Bald Eagle perched in a snaggy Douglas fir. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of all Whatcom Land Trust members, Big Spruce Roost has now joined the family of protected lands in Whatcom County.

— Gordon Scott, Conservation Director



photo: Gordon Scott

The newly-acquired Big Spruce Roost property.

Nooksack Bike Tour

On August 27th, 12 people participated in the first-ever WLT Nooksack Properties by Bicycle Tour. This tour, led by WLT Advisory Board member Kerry Thalhoffer, began at the Deming Homestead Eagle Park, meandered up the North Fork Road, and then turned south down Mosquito Lake Road. A greater element of adventure was added to the trip when it was discovered that the bridge at Hutchinson Creek was under construction. The tour participants were undaunted, fording the stream with bicycles in hand. The 26-mile journey ended at the Nessel Farm where the hungry, tired adventurers ate lunch and rested in the satisfaction of completing the beautiful, although hilly, ride.

Hostetler Memorial to Benefit Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest



Del Hostetler passed away in Bellingham in March of this year. He and his wife Rosemary moved to Whatcom County eight years ago to be closer to

photo: Roger Weiss

View from the ridge above Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest.

their children and their families living in Bellingham and eastern Washington.

Del was born and raised in rural north central Indiana where he grew up enjoying hunting and fishing. He carried his love and appreciation of nature and the outdoors with him throughout his life. Through his career as a civil engineer he also developed an appreciation for the practicalities of life, thus providing access to the nature and outdoors that he so enjoyed was very important to him.

As a memorial to his life, Rosemary, with their close friends Roy and Dolores Woodruff of Bradenton Beach, Florida, donated \$10,000, along with other support from family and friends, to fund construction of one of the much-needed bridges on the Canyon Lake Creek Old Growth property. This gift appropriately combines Del's love of nature and wildlife habitat with his more practical interest in helping to assure that future generations will have access to, and will continue to appreciate, the natural areas of Whatcom County. Whatcom Land Trust graciously thanks Rosemary and children David, Susan and Tim for this fitting memorial to Del Hostetler's life.

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The Whatcom Land Trust would like to thank our 2004-2005 Business Conservation Partners for working with us to conserve land in Whatcom County for future generations.

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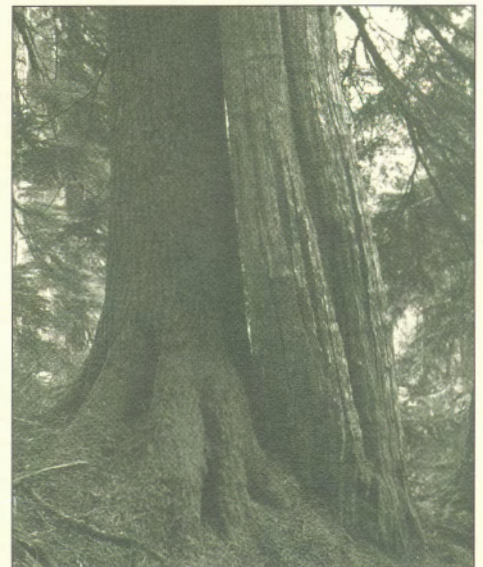


photo: Mark Turner

Thank You, Volunteers!

Much of the work Whatcom Land Trust accomplishes is due to the time, energy and commitment of our volunteers. So, THANK YOU! Whatcom County is a more beautiful, natural place because of your efforts.

The following people volunteered for Whatcom Land Trust in our fiscal year of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005!

Mark Anderson	Gini Bunnell	Catherine Huhndorf	Dane Nickie	Sonya Schaller
Hilda Bajema	Dave Campbell	Al Hunter	Brenda Nores	Lori Schlegel
Carl Batchelor	Julie Carpenter	Sandy Hunter	Joe O'Keefe	Kirsten Shelton
Rich Bowers	Tom Chambers	Steve Irving	Kraig Olason	Larry Simkins
Harte Bressler	Pat Clark	Liz Isaly	Jessica Paige	Dawn Sodt
Rod Burton	Lee Cole	Frank James	Joe Peabody	Mardi Solomon
Bob Carmichael	Lisa Cornwell	Jim Johannessen	Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt	Doug Stark
Mary Dumas	Cheryl Costomiris	Mark Johnson	Jenny Phalen	Liz Stayton
Rand Jack	Nickie Dane	Don Johnston	Briana Ponzer	Dan Taylor
Bob Keller	Scott Davis	Pat Karlberg	Tom Pratum	Joanne Taylorson
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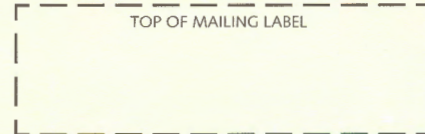
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