



The

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A NEW PARK FOR NORTH WHATCOM COUNTY

Jensens Give Enduring Gift

Don and Judith Jensen have made a most generous, wonderful and enduring gift to the Whatcom County community—a 23-acre forest of towering mature Douglas-fir trees, some over 100 years old. On May 30th of this year, Don and Judith met in the office of their attorney Mark Boyson with County Executive Pete Kremen and Whatcom Land Trust President Cindy Klein to sign a conservation easement and park use easement on this beautiful corner of their 270-acre dairy farm. Whatcom Land Trust will work with Whatcom County Parks to install a trail and small parking lot on what will be known as the Jensen Family Forest Park.



photo: Gordon Scott

Don Jensen enjoys a quiet moment in the forest he and his family have looked after for generations.

After emigrating from Denmark in 1909, Don's dad bought the original farm in 1919. In 1948, he bought an



photo: Rand Jack

Don and Judith Jensen (seated) deliver their gift to the citizens of Whatcom County, witnessed by County Executive Pete Kremen and Whatcom Land Trust Board President Cindy Klein.

additional 80 acres that included the Forest Park site. After some trees were harvested during the Depression to use as log deflectors in stabilizing the banks of the Nooksack River, Don remembers standing by the road to protect the new, young forest from people on the lookout for Christmas trees. And he has been protecting the trees ever since. Don and Judith's three daughters grew up picking huckleberries and playing among these very trees.

When asked why he had protected the trees all of these years, Don summed it up in a very few words, as he is wont to do, "I just liked the trees." "And now,"

Judith added, "we want other people to enjoy them as we have."

County Executive Kremen expressed his deep appreciation to the Jensens for their generosity. "Not only have you preserved a beautiful piece of land, but what is really special about this is that the forest is for the enjoyment of all the people of the community, for today and forever."

Join us in late summer or early fall for the opening of the Jensen Family Forest Park to enjoy the wonders of the beautiful trees the Jensens have been saving all of these years, seemingly just for this occasion. - Rand Jack

Annual Retreat

Whatcom Land Trust's annual Board of Directors and Staff retreat was held on February 11, 2006. The day gave us a time to reflect on the bigger picture of what motivates us to preserve land for the community and how best to put our mission to work.

Favorite Properties

The day began with each Board member sharing a favorite Whatcom Land Trust property. The top properties were Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest, Stimpson Family Nature Reserve and Clark's Point. Board and staff members also discussed what drives their commitment to perpetual conservation of land in Whatcom County; a sample response is below. We are also interested in hearing from our members about motivations for preserving land. (see page 5)

"Conservation cultivates a sense of place in myself and in the community of residents of the area. It is a kind of prayer of hope and intention for the future of the earth and our existence on it in the face of the overwhelming fatalism of our times."

National Accreditation

The Board also discussed participation in the accreditation process being conducted by the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), a national association of which we are a member. Accreditation involves a detailed assessment of how well an organization is implementing LTA's Land Trust Standards and Practices. We see this as an opportunity to gain objective, outside perspectives on how WLT performs its responsibilities.

Internally, the process will engage Board and staff in reviewing and updating policies and procedures. National accreditation will assist us in accessing grants. While the financial implications of accreditation will be challenging, we think the overall value is worth it.

Clark's Point

The perfect ending to our retreat was in the inspiring view of Clark's Point with a short viewing of excerpts from a video interview with Doug Clark. Doug's daughter, Patrice Clark, and her husband Bill Wright, were present for this portion. In the interview, Doug expressed how he transformed from someone excited by development to someone equally excited about respecting and cherishing the land's natural beauty. This transformation led Doug, and his family, to place a conservation easement on the land surrounding their homes, what we know today as Clark's Point.

Many thanks to Tim Wahl and Bellingham Parks for the use of Woodstock Farm for our retreat.

- Cindy Klein, Board President

Volunteer Opportunity

Become a WLT Land Steward!

As Whatcom Land Trust's legacy of preserving and protecting lands in Whatcom County continues to grow, we have increasing opportunities for volunteers to join us in upholding our many land stewardship responsibilities.

Whatcom Land Trust has acquired over 40 conservation easements since 1984. Much of Whatcom Land Trust's success has been through the efforts of volunteers who have monitored these conservation easements each year. We extend a very special thanks to all those who have given their time as land monitors over the years! Thank you!

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Whatcom Land Trust values the role of volunteer stewards, and will be engaging volunteers in caring for the land we preserve in new ways. As a member of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), a national land trust accreditation and training organization, Whatcom Land Trust is aligning our property monitoring standards and practices with LTA's new national standards. To assure maximum consistency and uniformity in our conservation easement monitoring responsibilities, Whatcom Land Trust will now have staff members conduct monitoring of the conservation easements and focus volunteer stewardship activities on our other properties.

As you may be aware, over the past 22 years Whatcom Land Trust has also acquired over 50 properties in fee simple title, totaling over 2000 acres. While these properties carry different legal responsibilities than our conservation easement obligations, Whatcom Land Trust considers its moral obligation to be good stewards of these properties a high priority.

Whatcom Land Trust will now focus the efforts of our volunteer stewards on our fee-owned properties. As a volunteer steward, you have the opportunity to frequent one or more of our properties as often as you like. As no one lives on these Whatcom Land Trust properties, volunteer stewards have more flexibility to visit at your convenience. As a land steward, you can also get involved in management activities on that property. Volunteer monitoring is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the land we are all interested in protecting. If you are interested, please contact Eric Carabba, Property Steward, at Whatcom Land Trust: 650-9470 or eric@whatcomlandtrust.org.

- Eric Carabba

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Glacier Springs & Canyon Creek



photo: Gordon Scott

A Chinook's final resting place in the cool waters of Canyon Creek.

near the Canadian border, tumbles around the backside of Church Mountain and rushes past the Glacier Springs subdivision and the site of the former Logs Resort where it joins the North Fork.

For most of the year Canyon Creek is a beautiful, robust mountain stream, but during the winter its personality can change into a raging torrent carrying logs and boulders big enough to crush houses and wipe out roads. In November 1989, and again in November 1990, Canyon Creek

flooded, washing away several cabins at Glacier Springs and damaging roads and buildings at The Logs Resort. The floods also damaged the habitat of the soon-to-be-designated as endangered North Fork Chinook salmon.

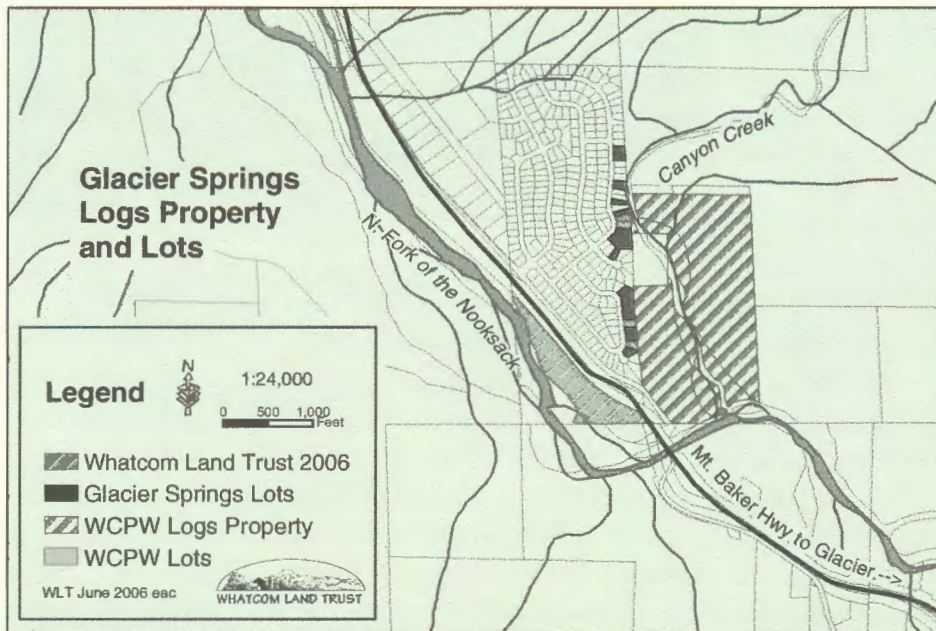
At the time of these floods, local governments did their best to repair damaged roads and build protective barriers to keep Canyon Creek from flooding again. However, these flood control efforts inadvertently damaged Chinook salmon habitat along Canyon Creek. Subsequent scientific studies by the Whatcom County Flood Division determined that even a very large dike would not be able to protect homes and infrastructure at The Logs Resort or in portions of the Glacier Springs subdivision adjacent to Canyon Creek. Whatcom County officials concluded

When a Chinook salmon looks for a place to spawn in the North Fork Nooksack it is likely to head for Canyon Creek near the historic town site of Warnick. Canyon Creek gathers its headwaters in alpine crags

that it was in the public's interest to purchase the vulnerable properties along Canyon Creek and in 2003 joined with Whatcom Land Trust in a partnership to acquire homes and properties along the creek and set them aside for salmon habitat.

Whatcom County Public Works (WCPW), with a grant from Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), and Whatcom Land Trust, with a grant from the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), began talking with landowners along the Creek about a buyout program. Working with willing sellers, Whatcom County negotiated purchases of four lots and The Logs Resort and had the existing structures removed. Whatcom Land Trust provided funds to the County for the purchase of The Logs and acquired 17 additional lots in Glacier Springs next to Canyon Creek.

Under the terms of Whatcom Land Trust's agreement with Whatcom County, The Logs Resort property and the other county-acquired lots will be transferred to Whatcom Land Trust with a restrictive conservation easement retained by the County. The easement will prohibit the building of any structures that could be damaged



map: Eric Carabba

Aerial photo overlay showing properties purchased by Whatcom Land Trust.

by flood waters and Whatcom Land Trust will hold and manage all the properties for salmon habitat. The next time a North Fork Chinook salmon swims up the river looking for a quiet place to spawn it can turn left at Canyon Creek with the assurance that its breeding habitat will be restored and protected in perpetuity.

- Gordon Scott

photo: Gordon Scott

Mt. Baker in the distance, viewed from Canyon Creek.



REI Chair Doug Walker Donates Wilderness Conservation Easement

A chance encounter in 1999 on Lopez Island between Whatcom Land Trust Board member Rand Jack and Doug Walker, a Seattle software entrepreneur and conservationist, has resulted in the protection of a spectacular 38-acre tract of alpine habitat in the Mt. Baker Wilderness Area. Doug's donation of a conservation easement on this property of old growth mountain hemlock, craggy outcroppings and alpine meadows is Whatcom Land Trust's first protection of a Wilderness Area in-holding.

Doug Walker was a founding partner and CEO of WRQ, an integration software company that served nearly 4 out of 5 Fortune 500 companies and had customers in 51 countries. Doug rode his bike 18 miles round-trip to work at this company, listed by *Fortune* magazine as one of the best companies in America to work for. Recently named Chairman of the Board of Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), Doug is a world-class mountain climber and ardent conservationist. He is a member of the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society and serves on the boards of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Seattle Parks Foundation, Green Diamond Resource Company, Harbor Properties, Inc., and NetMotion Wireless, Inc.



photo: Gordon Scott

Wilderness vistas from the Walker Conservaton Easement.

In 2000 the Goat Mountain property was put up for sale, and local realtor Tim Loyd notified Whatcom Land Trust of this unique conservation opportunity. Rand remembered Doug Walker's passion for outdoor recreation and conservation and gave him a call. Doug was excited and soon acquired the property that lies snuggled below the rocky summit of Goat Mountain and is entirely surrounded by the Mt. Baker Wilderness Area.

With this spectacular setting in mind, Whatcom Land Trust and Doug

designed a conservation easement to preserve the land as if it were being managed as part of the surrounding wilderness. Late last year Doug and his family graciously donated the easement to Whatcom Land Trust. Development is limited to maintaining a very small cabin that came with the property, but no tree cutting, no subdivision or residential building, and no mining are allowed. These protections are a fitting tribute to Doug's long commitment to wilderness.

- Rand Jack

Bayes Donation Protects Land Near Interurban Trail Greenway

Another cherished piece of wildlife habitat along the popular Interurban Trail will be protected in perpetuity thanks to Donald Bayes' donation of four city lots to Whatcom Land Trust. The lots lie just west of the trail and next to the

16-acre Chuckanut Wetland owned by the City of Bellingham Greenways program and protected by a conservation easement held by Whatcom Land Trust. The Bayes donation features wetland plants and wildlife that grace the Interurban

Trail with peace and solitude. Thanks to Mark Anderson for helping to facilitate this transaction and special thanks to the Bayes Family for making this legacy gift to our community. - Gordon Scott

New Trail at Simpson Family Nature Reserve

At the moment of this writing, Master Trail Builder Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt is busy at work on a new trail in the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve. By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, the new trail should be done, or if the rain persists, it will be done shortly.

Last year, Whatcom Land Trust, in partnership with Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, negotiated the purchase of 34 acres adjacent to the Stimpson Reserve for \$700,000. The crown jewel of the new property is a five-acre pond frequented by herons, raptors, king fishers and wood ducks. The new, one-mile trail branches from the existing trail, passes through a beautiful forest, crosses a stream and wetlands, and circles the pond.

This addition to the Stimpson Reserve accomplishes three important things. Through a conservation easement held by Whatcom Land Trust, additional rich forest and aquatic habitat are protected, as is the Lake Whatcom Watershed from additional residential development, all while providing a de-



photo: Rand Jack

Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt completing bridge on trail extension.

lectable nature experience for the young, old and in between. It is hard to imagine that the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve could get even better, but it is about to. Walk quietly so as to not disturb the wood ducks. - Rand Jack

LaFarge Bequest Benefits Whatcom Land Trust

Whatcom Land Trust never had the pleasure of meeting Lynn LaFarge and knows very little of her life. We do know she enjoyed swimming, walking in her Drayton Harbor neighborhood, and that she chose to endow Whatcom Land Trust with her estate. Our Conservation staff is seeking an appropriate property to purchase with her generous intention to conserve land in Whatcom County with the proceeds from her estate. We are looking for a project that will honor the trust that Ms. LaFarge has placed in Whatcom Land Trust. Her generosity and support of our mission will ensure future Whatcom County residents have the opportunity to take pleasure in the many healthy activities

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we enjoy in the region. Thank you, Lynn, from a grateful community.

There are a variety of ways in which you too can give to Whatcom Land Trust. Gifts of appreciated securities provide great opportunities to leverage your donation. Individuals can also transfer shares to Whatcom Land Trust and receive a charitable deduction for the current appreciated value of such shares. A deferred gift annuity allows donors to supplement retirement income while making a major contribution to the protection of properties. Holiday gifts, memorials and

honoraria are a great way to recognize someone you care about. Consider giving memberships to Whatcom Land Trust for holiday gifts. We will take care of sending a card announcing your gift to the recipient and include the most current issue of our newsletter. If you are planning to include Whatcom Land Trust in your estate, please give the office a call and let us know of your plans—we would enjoy discussing where you hope to have the most impact in preserving the nature of Whatcom County. Your investment will be a legacy for future generations. When Whatcom County loses open lands, they are lost permanently. When we protect land effectively, we can do so forever.

- Jerry DeBacker

Membership Voices

We'd like to hear from you! Complete the sentence below and email it to info@whatcomlandtrust.org. We'll choose selections to include in the next issue

of the *Steward*. Feel free to attach a photo of yourself to the email so we can include your face with your quote.

I am committed to perpetual conservation of land because...

6th Annual Great Outdoors A

May 13th, 2006 marked the 6th annual Great Outdoors Auction and what a great day it was to be outdoors! The Mount Baker Rotary Building, on the sunny grounds of the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden, was the site of this year's auction. The evening's event included silent and live auctions, gourmet dinner provided by Fools Onion Catering, fine wines from Mt. Baker Vineyards and a dessert auction featuring some of the best desserts made in Whatcom County including one titled 'Quadruple Bypass Chocolate Death'! The spring evening was one of Whatcom County's finest. The sun trickled down through the firs, the music of Bentgrass floated across the lawn and gardens as Board member Bruce Smith, serving as Master of Ceremonies, and Auctioneer Rick Spring moved among the crowd urging bidders to consider one more treasure to be found in the barn. A highlight of the décor was the addition of many items on loan from the Lynden Pioneer Museum and agricultural photos provided by Farm Friends.



photo: Dave Sanford

Action was fast and furious.

Up for bid were many unique items by local craftspeople and artisans, fine dining, invigorating outings and outdoor gear galore. The bidding was fast and furious on items such as weekend getaways to private cabins on the Methow River and

was raised with all proceeds going directly to protecting land along the Nooksack River, a lovely little cluster of habitat we are calling "Little Bear."

The Great Outdoors Auction seeks to bring supporters of Whatcom Land

Lopez Island, a Necky kayak from Johnson Outdoors, a glider ride in the skies of the Fourth Corner, a palatial feast from WoodStone, fishing and float trips on the region's rivers, and numerous works of art by artists including pieces by Susan Bennerstrom and Donna Auer. The highlight for many attendees was the "Save an Acre" –in the course of 5 minutes over \$11,000.00



photo: Eric Carabba

Room for two with river view, bear den on Save an Acre property.

"Save An Acre" saves a Little Bear Home

Everyone needs a safe and secure place to come home to. With the generous donation of 112 supporters at our 2006 Great Outdoors Auction a little black bear's den on the North Fork Nooksack will be protected forever. On May 13th, Whatcom Land Trust supporters donated \$11,076 for the purchase of a 3-acre tract of river front property near Deming. Even though Black bears live in nearly all neighborhoods of Whatcom County they are generally shy and reclusive creatures that stay away from humans when they can. Unfortunately, our growing population and recent development boom is driving our local Black bear population out of their home territory. Hopefully this year's Save An Acre project will help provide an "affordable" den site for one our Black bear neighbors. - Gordon Scott

uction

Trust opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, while enabling them to show their support in protecting the pristine beauty of Whatcom County. This would not be possible without the ongoing help of the many retailers and professionals who offer items and services to Whatcom Land Trust free of charge. The combination of their generosity and enthusiastic bidders resulted in our raising slightly more than \$72,000.00! Perhaps, most deserving of our gratitude are all the volunteers who served on the planning committee and those who did so much on the day of the event. The auction was managed again this year by Renea Roberts, who is masterful at keeping track of all the small details while juggling the big picture with ease—a huge thank you to Renea! As always the Board and staff of Whatcom Land Trust wish to thank all who support the work of preserving the nature of Whatcom County.

And for those who would like to join us next time around, we are always on the lookout for new ideas for outdoor-related



photo: Dave Sanford

The barns provided agricultural ambiance.

auction items and people who wish to join in the fun of developing the auction. Please feel free to contact us at 650-9470 if you or someone you know would like to make a donation to the Great Outdoors Auction 2007.

- Jerry DeBacker



photo: Dave Sanford

Save an Acre created a flurry of bidding.

Auction Philosophy

Our first Great Outdoors Auction occurred in 2001 at the Woodstone factory warehouse near the Bellingham airport. Although cautioned against “special events” as an inefficient way to raise money, we decided to experiment. Thanks to excellent coaching by the late Teri Smith of the YWCA and consultant Gaye Godfrey, the first auction exceeded our hopes and we’ve held an annual event every year since.

Goals for our Great Outdoors Auction have always been clear and kept in strict order of priority: (1) create good will and have fun; (2) reflect the mission and quality of Whatcom Land Trust; (3) raise money to meet our overhead and operating expenses; (4) move around the county: Woodstone, Bellweather, Semiahmoo, White Salmon Lodge, Fairhaven and Lynden.

These goals, of course, are inter-related, with the auction creating a strong ripple effect. What happens afterward can prove more important than the event itself: a hike at Mt. Baker with two Whatcom Land Trust presidents, six days in the Grand Canyon with Rand Jack, dinners hosted by Pete Kremen, a famous author reception in the home of Chuck and Dee Robinson, quiet weekends at a Lopez Island retreat, a local folksinger at a child’s birthday party, Susan Bennerstrom, Thom Wood or John Cole paintings in your living room, a day in the woods with a professional tracker, or picnics at the Nessel Farm.

Another high point every year is Save-an-Acre. What could be more exciting for a Whatcom Land Trust supporter than to watch several hundred boisterous people working together to protect some salmon habitat along a river? That’s simply a conservationist’s dream world! - Bob Keller

Spring Work Parties on WLT Protected Lands

- Eric Carabba

Madrona Point Clean Up

It was a cold grey Saturday morning in February with rain clouds threatening, but that did not scare off a very small group of dedicated volunteers who gathered to clean up Madrona Point.

Madrona Point was donated to Whatcom Land Trust in January 2006 by Mike McCormack, Madrona Pointe developer. This beautiful two-acre rocky point is covered with gnarled Douglas fir and Arbutus. A five-acre lagoon has been formed by the railroad tracks and is frequented by ducks and herons. In the past, the rocky point has also been a summer hangout for hobos. Over several years, quite a pile of garbage had accumulated. It was time to pick it up and pack it out!

A very special thank you to Al Hunter, Bill Hogan, Cary Christensen, Earl Ciley and Susan Templeton who picked up garbage and to Paul Razore of the Sanitary Service Company for 100% donation for disposal of Madrona Point garbage!

Whatcom Land Trust's Property Steward and volunteer stewards are keeping a close eye on the property to ensure no new mess is made. If you live near a Whatcom Land Trust-owned property and would like to be a volunteer steward, please contact Eric Carabba, Property Steward (650-9470 or eric@whatcomlandtrust.org).



photo: Eric Carabba

Volunteers Earl, Susan, and Cary pack out hobo camp garbage

South Fork Chinook - Roos

Whatcom Land Trust owns a 78-acre salmon, eagle and elk habitat property along the South Fork of the Nooksack River. The property was purchased in 2000 from the Roos Dairy with a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant.

A herd of about 70 elk winter in the South Fork Valley and frequently use Whatcom Land Trust's habitat protection property. There are elk highways criss-crossing the property with hair on the barbed wire where they like to cross. While a fence can hardly stop an elk, there was no longer a need to maintain the fencing from the old Roos Dairy pasture.

Thank you to the twenty five volunteers from REI, Chris Sandvig and Chris Moench for effectively removing and packing out over 3000 feet of barbed wire fence in only a few hours. The motivated crew endured a heavy April downpour, but kept on smiling and having a great time, and the elk are happy too!

If you are interested in joining a Whatcom Land Trust work party to remove invasive species and litter, save the following dates for Fall 2006: September 23, October 7 & 21, and November 4 & 18. Work parties will be from 1pm - 4pm. Plan to meet at the Whatcom County Parks Department at 12:30pm to carpool to the work site and return by 4pm. Whatcom Land Trust needs you to volunteer!

Please contact Eric Carabba, Property Steward for Whatcom Land Trust for more information or to RSVP. (650-9470 or eric@whatcomlandtrust.org)



photo: Eric Carabba

Above: REI volunteer Annica Lassen helps remove wire. Below: Volunteers Chris Moench and Chris Sandvig roll up barbed wire.

Thank You to All the Volunteers Who Support Whatcom Land Trust

As our fiscal year comes to a close, we would like to thank all those who gave of their time, energy, expertise and enthusiasm to further the work of Whatcom Land Trust. These volunteers worked in many different capacities and contributed thousands of hours. To you, our volunteers, we express our deepest appreciation. - *Connie Clement*

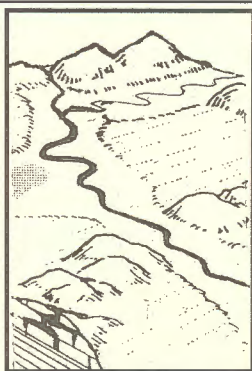
Volunteers from July 2005 – June 2006

<i>Mark Anderson</i>	<i>Kai Bretherton</i>	<i>Chris Gusta</i>	<i>Debra Matteson</i>	<i>Linda Schnee</i>	<i>Wilma Totten</i>
<i>Hilda Bajema</i>	<i>Leslie Brown</i>	<i>Jenny Hahn</i>	<i>Craig Mayberry</i>	<i>Connie Shannon</i>	<i>Eileen Turk</i>
<i>Carl Batchelor</i>	<i>Linda Brown</i>	<i>Sally Hansberry</i>	<i>Kay McMurren</i>	<i>Susan Rossberg</i>	<i>Barbara Turner</i>
<i>Rich Bowers</i>	<i>Leslie Buell</i>	<i>John Harriman</i>	<i>Timothy McNitt</i>	<i>Larry Simpkins</i>	<i>Sarah Vergin</i>
<i>Harte Bressler</i>	<i>James Burgess</i>	<i>Nancy Hart</i>	<i>Larry Miller</i>	<i>Janet Simpson</i>	<i>Laurel Vogel</i>
<i>Rod Burton</i>	<i>Dave Campbell</i>	<i>Lyle Haugsven</i>	<i>Gary Moses</i>	<i>Mardi Solomon</i>	<i>Geri Walker</i>
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<i>Marilyn Boysen</i>	<i>Jessica Grigg</i>	<i>Emily Mason</i>	<i>Lori Schelegel</i>		
<i>Jan Bressler</i>	<i>Chris Guard</i>	<i>Becky Masters</i>	<i>Helen Scholtz</i>		



photo: Dan Sanford

Volunteers assist an auction patron with their Silent Auction pickup.

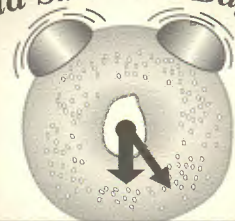


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Summer 2006 Whatcom Land Trust Tours

All tours are free to Whatcom Land Trust members. Suggested donation for non-members is \$5.00 to \$10.00 per person. Call the office to register (650-9470) and get directions to the tour locations.

Nature Photography at Canyon Lake Creek

Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, Sept. 16

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Leader: Roger Weiss, Avid Hiker and Outdoor Photographer

Limit: 15

Come and explore one of Whatcom Land Trust's most unique and ambitious habitat acquisitions, Canyon Lake Creek Community Forest. A guided hike will be offered this summer and fall to the ancient forest. Located in the foothills of Mt. Baker, this 2,300-acre watershed includes 600 acres of 800 to 1000-year-old trees. It is one of the oldest native forests remaining in the Northwest. The site is a living classroom of unique plants, animals, and spectacular tropical fossils. Tour leader Roger Weiss will offer tips on capturing this magnificent place with the camera.

Bring sturdy shoes, water, lunch, rain gear and camera (optional). Registration required. For more information and to register, please call Whatcom Land Trust at 650-9470.

Beach Life of Pigeon Point

Sunday, July 9

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Leader: Doug Stark, Beach Naturalist

Limit: 15

Curious about clams, crabs and other denizens of our intertidal areas? Join Doug Stark of RE Sources' Beach Naturalists program in a visit of this secluded slice of beach nestled between Pigeon Point and Larrabee State Park. We'll explore the shoreline, dig for clams and learn about fascinating features of the creatures revealed at low tide. A WDFW shellfish harvest license is required to take harvested clams. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, please call Whatcom Land Trust at 650-9470.

Inaugural Tour of Extended Trail at Stimpson Family Nature Reserve

Saturday, July 29

10:00am – 1:00pm

Leader: Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Master Trail Builder

Limit: 15

The Stimpson Family Nature Reserve has been enlarged to nearly 400 acres and the trail has been extended! Come walk the new section of trail that encircles a five-acre pond. Learn about the challenges and solutions in constructing a trail in this wonderful community jewel. Dress for the weather and prepare for a 2 or 4-mile hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, please call Whatcom Land Trust at 650-9470.

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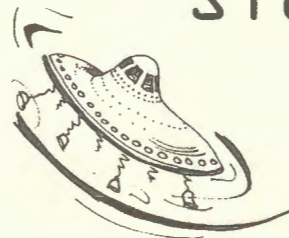
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Whatcom Places Second Edition Coming

As of May 15, less than 300 copies of our book *Whatcom Places* remained in stock. Fortunately, a committee is already at work creating a 2nd edition scheduled to appear in October. Present plans call for the same book updated with several fresh features: a large fold-out county map, a section on place-names, new interviews, and a special chapter on land conservation.

Whatcom Places first appeared in 1997 with a printing of 10,000. It won the Mayor's Art Award and has been the all-time Village Books bestseller (nearly 4,000 copies). We know that it has trav-

eled to Holland, England, Nepal, Laos, Honduras, Germany and many other countries around the world, the perfect gift to hosts and distant relatives. Conceived more as an outreach tool than a money-maker, it has provided consistent income thanks mainly to the local businesses and individuals who donated seed money, along with many volunteer photographers, authors, and editors who donated their talent.

The volunteer-donor tradition continues with the new book committee:

Brett Bauton, photographer

Rod Burton, graphic designer

Dean Kahn, Herald reporter

*Ginger Oppenheimer,
Food Coop & poet-photographer*

*Connie Shannon,
editor & owner of Village Inn*

Chuck Robinson, Village Books owner

Helen Scholtz, librarian & artist

Scott Wheeler, Lithtex printing

The original *Whatcom Places* resulted from the dedication of skilled volunteers. A new version enjoys the same advantage. We hope it will prove just as popular.

- Bob Keller, Committee Chair

Tree of the Year—A Celebration of the Douglas-fir

Whatcom Land Trust hosted the Tree of the Year Art Show at Lucia Douglas Gallery in January. The event culminated Tree of the Year for 2005. It all began with David Suzuki's lecture on his recent book, *Tree: A Life Story*. Tree of the Year has served us well this past year. It was the theme of both our 2005 Great Outdoors Auction and an open



photo: Penny Chadwell

Writing, painting, photography and sculpture were presented at the show.

house during the September art walk hosted by Studio UFO, and culminated with the exhibit at Lucia Douglas Gallery. We are extremely fortunate and grateful that Linda Gardner of Lucia Douglas offered the gallery space to us for the show.

The exhibit invited artists, craftsmen, and wordsmiths

helped make the event a success. Our biggest thank you is to the participating artists. Whatcom Land Trust appreciates the support it enjoys from our local artist community. Look for announcements of the upcoming Fall Artists Studio Tour or call the office for more information - Jerry DeBacker.

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