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Restoring the Lummi Delta Looking to History and Seeing the Future

Sometimes progress might look like you're going backwards in time. On the shores of Lummi Bay, the Lummi Nation and Whatcom Land Trust are looking back in time for clues in order to re-create part of the original salmon landscape of the Nooksack River Delta in hopes of saving Nooksack Chinook salmon. In what may be a historic first on an Indian reservation, we are working together to secure in perpetuity vacant land that will become part of a major Nooksack River estuarine wetlands restoration and preservation project.

The restoration of the Nooksack River's estuarine habitats is a critical goal in the highly altered Nooksack Watershed. The guiding concept for the project comes from studying evidence of the landscape and habitats of the Lummi/Nooksack River Deltas before the rivers were cleared of log jams and diked, and before the lowlands of Whatcom County were logged, leveled, and drained for use as farmland. The improvement of the lowlands for farming was good for settlers. However, it is devastating to salmon, for the changed river hydrology means that young salmon smolts in the upper watershed now are flushed out to sea before they can linger in the salt water marshes and make the all-important biologic adaptation from living in fresh water to surviving in salt water.

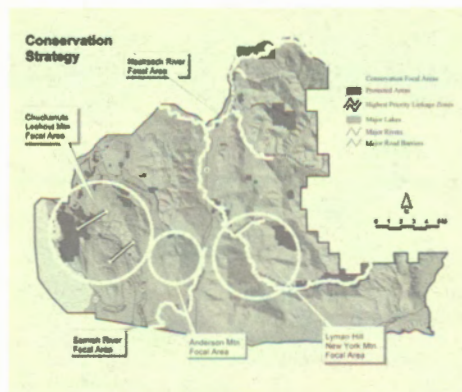


photo: Gordon Scott

Rivers in tidy channels cause trouble for young salmon.

The Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) began the project by studying original records from the first land surveys in the ...continued on page five

What is the C2C Region?



map from Cascade to Chuckanuts plan

The Chuckanuts to Cascades (C2C) region is a biologically unique area in western Washington that lies between the Pacific Ocean and the northern Cascades. The region is not only rich biologically, but also culturally. The region has changed over the last one hundred and fifty years as natural ecosystem composition, structure, and function has undergone significant alteration at the hands of humans. Today, ...continued on page nine

Facebook

2009 is our 25th year! Like most 20-somethings, Whatcom Land Trust has a Facebook page. Come join us on Facebook!



New Intern

Kerri Love is a native of Eastern Washington who spent her weekends and summers roaming the slopes of the North Cascades. Inspired by the beauty of the land and its inhabitants Kerri is working toward a degree in Environmental Planning and Policy in an effort to balance preservation of our environment with intelligent and sustainable growth. New to the Bellingham area Kerri can be found exploring trails in the C2C corridor, running with her two dogs, or riding her bike along the coast.

Board Elections

At the annual board retreat on February 7th, officers were elected and re-elected. Rich Bowers is our newly-elected President; Mary Dumas is now Vice-President. Harte Bressler continues as Treasurer and Rod Burton remains Secretary.

Passing the Torch

by Chris Moench

This past January marked the end of my two years serving as president of Whatcom Land Trust. Those years saw significant growth and change for the organization. Our support in the community blossomed as measured by the increase in our supporters from 777 in 2007 to our current 1162. We moved to a larger office to accommodate the space needs of staff, interns, and numerous volunteers. Most importantly, the Trust followed through on its commitment to steward the properties under its protection and to bring additional land under its care.

In these two short years the Trust has achieved conservation of many beautiful and ecologically important properties including Lily Point, Point Whitehorn, the Samish River Wetlands Complex, key parcels in Lake Whatcom Watershed, and several conservation easements on farm land. Credit for those accomplishments goes to the hard work and wisdom of our staff and my fellow board members, particularly Rand Jack. Credit also goes to the Trust's hundreds of contributing members as well as our partners in government and business. The work of the Land Trust is truly a community endeavor of the most optimistic kind. It has been a true honor to sign my name to the documents memorializing those achievements on behalf of the Land Trust. It is with deep gratitude and a little relief that I depart the position as president and take up a less central role as general board member.

Stepping into the presidency is long-time board member and former vice-president Rich Bowers. Rich comes with many years of experience as both a board member and the executive director for American Whitewater. He has a thoughtful and systematic approach to managing an organization which I think will be a great asset to the Land Trust as it pursues its conservation mission in these economically difficult times.

It was with "these times" very much in mind that the Trust's board and staff convened for our annual retreat February 7th at the Lake Samish Day Lodge. Under the guidance of consultant Donna Erickson, we made a thorough review of the Trust's policies and practices from land transactions to financial management and conflicts of interest. It was all part of assessing the Trust's strengths and weaknesses to assure its fiscal, legal, and organizational integrity with an eye on the possibility of applying for formal accreditation by the national Land Trust Alliance. The board came out of the retreat with the knowledge that your Whatcom Land Trust does its work with integrity and sound practice. Though in some cases we currently lack written policies, our practices are sound and policy can easily be developed. Those policies, written over the next several months, will help to keep the Land Trust a strong, agile agent for protecting the natural heritage of our landscape.

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IT'S MORE THAN JUST A WALK IN THE WOODS

The Story of the Walking Friends

by Marilyn Olsen

In 2004, I moved 2,500 miles from Indianapolis to Bellingham knowing only two people in town. Luckily, one of the two belonged to a walking group, and she invited me to join. Now, thanks in large part to this group, I've met many wonderful friends with whom I now not only walk but also discuss books, knit, travel to interesting places, and explore a wealth of opportunities for volunteerism.

My story is far from unique. In 2001, the Walking Friends was formed for just that reason. "Most of us have had rewarding but demanding careers," said Lynn Bellinger, one of the founding members of the group. "Now we were looking for a chance to be with interesting people and continue to do interesting things but in a less stressful way."

That philosophy was certainly reflected in the formation of the organization. Lynn and the other founders identified 15 or so three-mile trails and printed up a list and a schedule. On a given day, anyone who wanted to walk would simply show up, no RSVPs required. Being Bellingham, soon most walks were followed by coffee and additional planned outings. As friendships blossomed, other groups such as knitting and book clubs were formed. In 2005, after the death of a parent of one of the Walking Friends, the group created a fund to donate to the Whatcom Land Trust in memory of the death of a loved one among the membership.

The group also became a valuable resource for its members. Members old and new were soon helping each other locate doctors, chimney sweeps, and Thai restaurants. Not surprisingly, the Walking Friends' numbers began to increase

and now record keeping has gone high tech. The schedule is maintained electronically. And this year the group agreed that each member would contribute \$10 to the Whatcom Land Trust.

Not surprisingly, some not content to walk just three days a week have formed the Bellingham Walking Friends and have added a Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday option that starts a little later and walks a little slower. But the goal is the same: namely, an opportunity to spend quality time together as we enjoy the wonderful



photo: Marilyn Olsen

and plentiful trails our city has to offer, many thanks to the work of the Whatcom Land Trust. As Lynn has often observed, "It's always been just as much about the talking as the walking."

Eagle Preserve Work Party



Sixteen volunteers enjoyed a sunny Saturday of service at the North Fork Eagle Preserve on February 21. Most of the participants were members of Western Washington University's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. Beta Alpha Psi gives recognition to scholastic and professional excellence and encourages service and public responsibility.

Tasks at the work party included removing blackberry brambles and hauling away debris from the preserve. Sledge hammers and pry-bars were needed to dismantle an old stove and break apart a cast iron bathtub that had been abandoned on the property. Thanks to everyone who participated, and thank you to the ReStore for loaning us the deconstruction tools that we used at the work party.

photo: Steve Walker

Whacking blackberries, picking up junk and debris challenged volunteers at the North Fork Eagle Preserve.

Local Printers Support WLT Multiple Ways

The Land Trust has a variety of businesses that support our work in numerous fashions. We receive donated services, discounted product pricing, employee work parties, and generous financial contributions. In this Business Partner spotlight we wish to focus on a particular segment of the business community, the printers that not only assist us greatly, but go out of their way to insure we are engaging in the best environmental practices and also saving money—which in turn magnifies your donation to WLT.

Copies Now is a second generation family-run printing company serving Whatcom County for the past 17 years. Norman Green, the owner, emphasized

that the company is a service-driven operation, seeking ways to provide the customer with what he/she needs at an appropriate cost. "Copies Now keeps abreast of the current graphic design, print and bindery technologies and is constantly developing new tools to shorten delivery times, improve quality and reduce waste." Norm and his helpful staff also graciously allow us to store our inventory of *Whatcom Places II* in the company's large vault.

Lithtex NW has been committed to supporting a wide variety of non-profit organizations across western Washington since its formation in 2002. Scott Wheeler, who served on and provided invaluable advice to our book committee states, "There are so many fantastic organizations in our area that provide services that make the Northwest such a great place to be. We are fortunate to have been strongly supported by this community. Giving back to the community that sustains us is extremely important." We know we are just one of the non-profit organizations that receive assistance with printed materials for marketing and outreach efforts from LithtexNW.

The same can be said for Premier Graphics; the Land Trust, The Boys & Girls Club, Conservation Northwest, The Nature Conservancy, Whatcom Hospice Foundation, Northwest Youth Services and St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, are just a few of the local and regional non-profits they serve. "For the last 14 years, Premier Graphics has been a proud business partner of the Whatcom Land Trust. As an organization, Premier Graphics takes great pride in assisting local, regional and national non-profit organizations with personal, creative project consultation and special not-for-profit pricing. We look forward to partnering with the Whatcom Land Trust for many more years to help preserve natural places

in Whatcom County," writes Tegan Cutler. Premier Graphics also provided us with some much-needed shelving when we moved into our new office last year.

If you have seen our bright and colorful float at any of the local parades you are looking at the handiwork of Applied Digital Imaging. A.D.I. started in 1987 as Steve's Blueprinting, Inc., and is owned by Steve and Donna Edquist. Donna points out that, "Over the course of time we have developed solid relationships with many local businesses and non-profits. We understand the valuable services local non-profits provide in our community and have worked hard to help them be successful. There have been times when we have been overwhelmed with requests from very worthy organizations and we have had to sit down and focus on what are the most important issues to us. We certainly give discounts to non-profits across the spectrum but there are a few that we work very closely with. Steve and I have enjoyed working with the Boys and Girls Club, the Whatcom Hospice Foundation, Sustainable Connections, Whatcom Land Trust, Bellingham Food Bank, and Bellingham Bay Rotary, to name a few. We feel that it is our responsibility as good citizens in this community to provide a safe and sustainable place to work and to give back to our local community."

You will find all of these businesses, and perhaps most importantly, their employees, engaged in our community and supporting organizations in numerous ways. For that we are grateful and encourage you to support their businesses in these challenging economic times.

To learn more how your business can become a Business Partner of Whatcom Land Trust please contact the office at 650-9470.

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Looking west toward Lummi Island, wetlands in the Lummi Delta await restoration.

1880's, interpreting the geomorphic history of the delta, and employing state of the art remote sensing and expert wetland assessments. From this research LNR fashioned a plan to restore the Lummi Delta to a functioning salt water estuary. In March 2007 LNR was awarded a grant from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Ecology's Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program to implement this vision. The goal of the project is to permanently preserve and restore 246 acres of Nooksack River estuarine wetlands and restore tidal hydrology and fish access to 7.35

miles of slough and 38 acres of palustrine (marshy) wetland habitats. The project includes restoring estuary sloughs that were filled to create farmland, removal of culverts blocking fish passage, replanting

fall of 2008 with the purchase of 40 acres of vacant pasture and former hybrid-poplar plantation adjacent to the Lummi River. As their partner in the project, Whatcom Land Trust holds

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of native trees and shrubs, and even removal of some seawall dikes to allow salt water to once again inundate the delta.

LNR initiated the project in the

a conservation easement over the property. The project is complicated by Federal jurisdiction over tribal lands on the reservation and the always-present challenge of restoring natural ecological functions in a highly altered landscape.

Whatcom Land Trust is proud to partner with the Lummi Nation in this historic and ground-breaking salmon restoration project.

Flooding Affects Properties; Closes Ro

Steve Walker

Whatcom County declared a flood emergency on January 7th to help officials deal with flooded roads and mudslides caused by several days of heavy rain.

Water over the roadway closed both Highway 9 and the Mount Baker Highway. Mudslides hit homes and Bellingham's Auto Row on Iowa Street was under water for several days.

The January flooding impacted some WLT preserves and easements. A hillside slid on the Kenney Creek Eagle Roost Conservation Easement and Bell Creek overtopped its banks and scattered debris on the Bell Creek Preserve. Most significantly, the road to Canyon Lake Community Forest was damaged in several places. This is particularly unfortunate, given that the road had reopened just last August after repairs of the damage that occurred in October of 2006. It is uncertain when public access to the Forest will be restored.

Photos: Whatcom County Parks

Damaged sections of the Canyon Lake Community Forest access road.



Earthquake Research in the Nooksack

With permission from Whatcom Land Trust, a team of earthquake researchers, led by Dr. Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, buried a seismometer on the Racehorse Creek Preserve last year. The greater Nooksack River confluence area, where the Racehorse Creek Preserve is located, is among the most seismically active regions of Whatcom County. In the past 20 years, over 220 earthquakes, including a magnitude 5.2 event in 1990, have been recorded there by the Pacific NW Seismic Network. However, because

there were few seismometers in the immediate area, smaller earthquakes, with magnitudes less than 1, often went undetected. Thus, to better understand the reasons for the elevated level of seismic activity surrounding Deming, researchers at Western Washington University deployed a temporary network of seismometers surrounding the locale. They hope that their data, when combined with the long-term earthquake catalogue collected by the permanent regional seismic network, will illuminate some of the pro-

cesses at work in the crust that underlies the Nooksack confluence vicinity.

During the study, a large number of microearthquakes were identified on the WWU instruments. These quakes were too small to be detected by the regional network. The process of locating and analyzing these earthquakes is still underway, but WWU researchers are excited to see if the data help delineate the locations of regional faults. The data may also provide insight into crustal stresses in the area.

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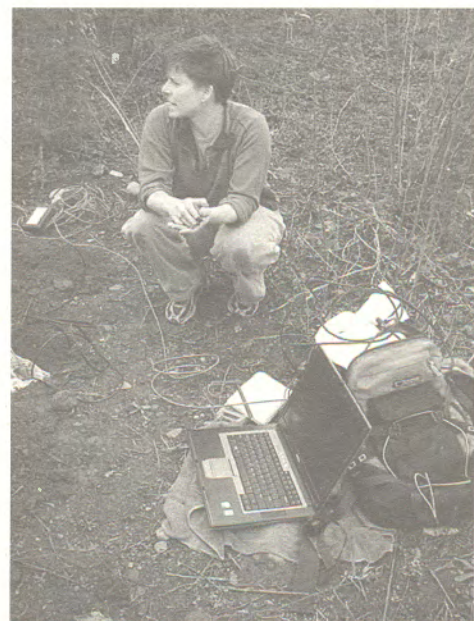
River Confluence Zone

Dr. Caplan-Auerbach, assistant professor of geophysics at WWU, is a seismologist whose research has focused largely on volcanic earthquakes and the seismic signals associated with ice avalanches. Landslides and avalanches produce a seismic signal that is easily distinguished from the groundshaking produced by earthquakes. The avalanches that the professor studies are unusual in that they also exhibit a sequence of signals prior to failure—they give warning before the avalanche occurs.

Prior to arriving at WWU in 2006, Caplan-Auerbach spent five years monitoring active volcanoes with the Alaska Volcano Observatory. This project represents one of her first forays into the seismology of the Pacific NW.

Photo Steve Walker

WWU seismologist Dr. Jackie Caplan-Auerbach waits for data from a seismometer buried several feet below ground to record groundshaking in earthquakes. This instrument was part of a small network deployed to investigate earthquakes in the Deming region.



Emergence of Spring at Edfro Creek

Saturday, April 4 10:00am – 1:00pm Limit: 12

Leader: Doug Huddle

The salmonberry begins to cover the forest floor, bleeding hearts emerge, the trail is wet, but all around are signs of spring! Join Doug Huddle for a moderately strenuous hike through this relatively remote area of the South Fork of the Nooksack River. Doug's passion for the outdoors is contagious, and he is particularly inspired by this area in the spring months.

Comfortable, waterproof footwear at least calf high is necessary. Walking sticks and good gloves are encouraged. Bring a sack lunch and water.

Forestry of WLT's Steiner Property

Saturday, April 18 11:30am–1:30pm Limit: 15

Leader: Kate Odneal

Come explore this 230-acre forest near Glacier purchased by Whatcom Land Trust in 2007. Kate Odneal, a specialist in forestry planning, will take us on a hike along the North Fork of the Nooksack River that begins with a scramble along a dry river bank. We'll see very large spruce trees and Chinook salmon habitat, and identify native vegetation. Bring a sack lunch and water and dress for the possibility of inclement weather.

The Grand Opening of Point Whitehorn Park

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)

11:00am–1:30pm

The official opening of this beautiful park is an event not to be missed! The ceremonies will begin at 11:00 with a brief presentation by County Executive Pete Kremen and representatives of Whatcom Land Trust. The group will then enjoy the ¾-mile trail through the wooded wetlands to the scenic overlooks and down to the beach. A -2.8-foot tide will allow visitors to experience the sea life that is often hidden from view. Local specialists in marine life will be available to provide information. This is an event the whole family will enjoy!

To get to Point Whitehorn, take Grandview Road west, past the refinery. Grandview Road eventually takes a 90-degree turn to the left and becomes Koehn Road. Follow Koehn Road about 1 mile. The park entrance is on the left.

1st Anniversary Celebration and Naturalist Tour at Lily Point

Saturday, April 18 10:00am Limit: None

Leader: Point Roberts Coven and Ben VanBuskirk, Whatcom County Park Ranger

The Point Roberts Coven (activists integral in fundraising at Point Roberts to preserve Lily Point), and County Parks Ranger, Ben VanBuskirk, will lead visitors along the bluffs and beaches at Lily Point. Come celebrate the first year of preservation of this phenomenal area. No registration necessary. Carpooling encouraged. Meet at the kiosk at the end of APA Road.

Neotropical Birds at Stimpson Family Nature Reserve

Saturday, April 25 10am–1:00pm Limit: 15

Leaders: Paul Woodcock and Tom Pratum of the North Cascades Audubon Society

Neotropical migrant birds are the songbirds that represent 340 of the 600 species of North American birds. As spring begins, more than 300 species of neotropical migratory birds head north to breed and raise young in the United States and Canada. In the fall they return to warmer climates in tropical regions of Central and South America. Join Paul Woodcock and Tom Pratum of the North Cascades Audubon Society for a survey of neotropical birds at Stimpson Family Nature Reserve.

Animal Tracking at Rutsatz

Saturday, May 16 10am–1:00pm Limit: 15

Leader: John McLaughlin

Tracking is an excellent way to document the presence and activities of wildlife. Here's your chance to learn how to do it! Huxley professor (and WLT Board member) John McLaughlin will show you how to discover animal presence by investigating the prints they leave behind – a great way to find out about the animals of our community. This year's tour is being held on WLT's Rutsatz property on the North Fork of the Nooksack River.

Junior Stewards Program Kickoff

Friday, June 26 3:30pm

Bloedel Donovan Multi-Purpose Room

Featuring the Sardis Wildlife Center "Hunters of the Sky" Program

This free event is the beginning of Whatcom Land Trust's summer environmental education program. Children will receive their booklet for self-guided tours and activities to complete during the summer.

Chuckanuts to Cascades

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many people seek out this region for various reasons. Some seek financial wealth in its natural resources, some seek adventure, and others its beauty. Regardless of why people come to the C2C, it is clear there are continuing pressures on the natural fabric of the region that makes it special to so many. The C2C region is at a crossroads. In the face of a rapidly growing human population, the region is poised to become a region like so many parts of the U.S. where humans have totally transformed a landscape at the expense of natural systems. This ultimately leads to degradation of the green infrastructure needed to support human enterprise. Without a concerted effort to control the permanent conversion of the natural landscapes in the region but also restore areas damaged by years of abuse, the natural beauty and richness that attracts people to the C2C region and the hope for ecological sustainability will be lost.

The C2C region, which is approximately 350,000 acres, is one of the last remaining places in the Puget Lowland Forests ecoregion where the combination of forests and open space stretches from the ocean to the Cascade Mountains. A satellite view of the region acquired in 2000 shows how rare it is to have forestlands relatively connected from the Cascades to the ocean. All other natural connections have been severely disrupted by sprawling urban areas such as Seattle and Tacoma or widespread agricultural development.



photo courtesy of NOAA

Satellite view shows C2C connection from Cascades to ocean.

Although heavily impacted by logging and agriculture and limited urban development, the C2C region still contains substantial unconverted land containing many conservation values. It is also one of the few places where enough intact ecosystems are still available for which a comprehensive conservation strategy can be developed. With the proper mix of further land and water protection, progressive forest stewardship, and restoration, the C2C region could become one of the most important conservation anchors for northwestern Washington.

Terry Tempest Williams

“O what a beautiful tragedy!” Those were the words spoken by Terry Tempest Williams’ adopted African son when he experienced a blizzard upon arriving in Utah.

Terry Tempest Williams spent an evening eloquently describing the beautiful tragedies she has observed in her life to 450 people who gathered at the First Congregational Church on January 26th. With both integrity and at times, a sense of humor, she creatively articulated her concern for things great and small, human and inhumane, beautiful and underappreciated. She made a compelling argument that people are hungry for some sort of ecological, biological literacy in order to know where they live and with whom they live.

“I’m not an advocate for getting people angry, but I am an advocate for creating situations that allow people to perhaps widen their horizons and think about the world differently. I’m not one for playing it safe; it is a balance. How do we make these linkages? How do we make these unexpected connections? In so doing, we create a community that perhaps wasn’t there before.”

The Land Trust owes a great deal of thanks to Chuck and Dee Robinson and all of the staff at Village Books, Donna and Monte McAllister for providing Ms. Williams lodging, Lynn & Fred Berman and staff at Pastazza, Eugene & Margarita Vartanyan of Vartanyan Winery, and volunteers Jenni Hahn, Kate Odneal, Carolyn Kincaid, Mary Durbrow, Deborah Dempsey, Connie and Paul Clement, and Kerri Love. The evening was videotaped. If you were unable to attend the event, there is currently an effort underway to broadcast the lecture on BTV10.

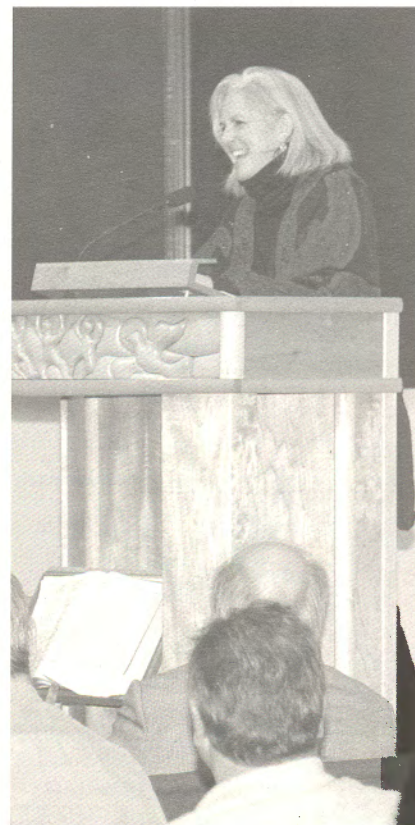


photo: Kelly Heese

Our 9th Great Outdoors Auction



Bidders enthusiastically support the purchase of Corey Slough.

Save May 2nd!

Save the date and help us celebrate! Circle Saturday May 2nd on your calendar because the Great Outdoors Auction 2009 is taking center stage that day! Plan on joining us as we commemorate our 25th anniversary with a Silver Celebration. You will find your friends and neighbors actively bidding on great things to do in the great outdoors, mingling over the silent auction items, enjoying a delicious meal, and bidding up the Best of the Live Auction! Vacation cabin stays, outdoor adventures, fine food and wine, outdoor gear, and exquisite artwork are just a few of the things to be found at the auction. The function begins at 5 pm at the Lakeway Inn. Look for your invitation to the 2009 Great Outdoors Auction to arrive in the mail soon. You won't want to miss it!

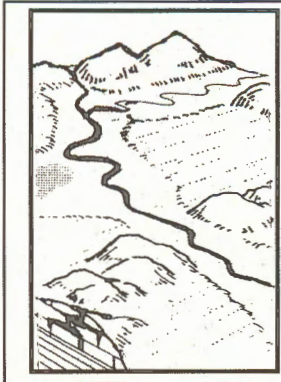


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Delicious... and good for you. The dessert auction brings out the chocolate lovers.

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Do you make a special dessert that "turns heads," "whets the appetite," or is "to die for?" If so, please consider creating a dessert for the WLT auction. Our stunning array of desserts is an auction tradition which continues to reach new levels of sweet decadence each year. The proceeds from the dessert auction provide a significant fraction of the overall earnings. Please consider helping the WLT by donating your culinary and confectionary skills. For more details, contact Carol Rondello at 734-6201 or crondello@comcast.net



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A Tribute to Mark Anderson

By Mary Dumas

A quiet force and kindly presence can create lasting legacies. We at the Whatcom Land Trust are grateful to Mark Anderson for his love of Whatcom County and for contributing his expertise in rural lands and real estate over the past eight years.

Mark's professionalism has served Whatcom Land Trust well. As a board member, he has been instrumental in helping inform land owners of the unique opportunities conservation easements and land donations provide to both individual property owners and communities.

Mark's passion for the history of Whatcom County places and his eye toward the practical has assisted Whatcom Land Trust in achieving several acquisitions and easements, including important creek-side properties and wetlands such as the Harrison property along Kendall Creek and the Bayes property. Mark and Ellie Anderson also donated land at the Forks of the Nooksack to WLT in 2002.

As a foothills resident, it has been a pleasure to watch Mark's practicality and vision at work. He has created a landmark of good taste and purpose at the Mark Anderson Land and Escrow Company's office on Lawrence Road, near Nugent's Corner. Over the past 20 years, the land there has been involved in one of the Northwest's epic battles—BLACKBERRIES. Mark's approach of a steady hand, occasional pigs, a riding lawn mower, and minimal spray has prevailed. The outcome of this long view



Photo: courtesy Ellie Anderson

and patient approach is a commercial pocket of services and jobs tastefully placed in an historic crossroad.

Mark's passion for preserving the special lands of Whatcom County has been the backbone of his participation in Whatcom Land Trust. In his view, "It is critical in this moment in our community history that we do this work." "Mark has provided sound, rational counsel on Whatcom Land Trust transactions over the years," shared Gordon Scott. As Whatcom Land Trust moves forward, we will draw from Mark's patient and practical approach. We hope to deepen our engagement with rural and urban landowners and the real estate community that serves them, to make sure they understand the unique opportunity they have to create new legacies and purposeful partnerships.

Mark has demonstrated that you can do well in business and serve the community's well-being through easements and donations of land and real estate transaction fees. Mark has helped Whatcom Land Trust deepen its understanding of how together we can create mutual benefit and support the preservation of Whatcom County's special places.

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Whatcom Land Trust • By the Numbers

Land protected through the efforts or assistance of Whatcom Land Trust:

Total Acres	9,775
Miles of Riverfront	22.5
Miles of Salt Water Shoreline	7.5
Public Parks Created	13

The Mission of Whatcom Land Trust is to preserve and protect wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interests in land and promoting land stewardship.

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