



# SKAGIT LAND TRUST

*Saving Land for Tomorrow*

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SKAGIT UPDATE

NEWSLETTER OF THE SKAGIT LAND TRUST

## A Magical Place Preserved Forever

### *Fahey Homestead and Tide Point on Cypress Island Protected by Conservation Easement*

#### **My Grandfather's Legacy**

*by guest contributor Anna Fahey*

In 1930, when my grandfather was just 19, he drove with his mother from Seattle to Mt. Vernon, Washington, and stood on the Skagit County courthouse steps, anxiously watching as a handful of land auction buyers gathered around him. Without much money in his pocket, he knew that if anyone else in the crowd intended to bid on the parcel that he'd come for, he would walk away with a broken heart.

It was his luck — and our family's great blessing — that no one else had come that spring morning to purchase land on Cypress Island — part of the San Juan Island archipelago in Washington's Puget Sound, an island that my grandfather had fallen in love with as a kid. That day nearly 80 years ago, he put a 50 dollar cash down-payment on nearly 100 acres on the north end of Cypress, the place that would anchor our family and shape all of our lives.

A few days ago, I stood with my grandfather — now 97 — in Mount Vernon, not more than two blocks from those same courthouse steps, and he, my brother, my dad and I signed and sealed a conservation easement — another down payment, if you will, that continues our family's stewardship of that land on into the future. A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust to permanently limit certain land uses in order to protect the property's natural characteristics in perpetuity. Perpetuity is a big word, but this contract is meant to last. Our signatures that day made concrete our conviction that the place is not something to possess, rather a place that we have a



Photo by John Scurlock

*The Fahey's 99 - acre property on Tide Point is the largest private parcel on Cypress Island. Its permanent protection under a conservation easement held by Skagit Land Trust adds an important component to the preservation of this island's ecological integrity. Over 90% of the 5,500 acre island is now protected via the DNR's resource area plus preserve system and by private citizens. This is the largest undeveloped island in the San Juans.*

responsibility to take care of and a legacy we want to leave intact.

Cypress is indeed a magical spot. The Northern Straits Salish have inhabited this area for more than 11,000 years. A few hardscrabble homesteaders scratched out orchards and gardens here and there on the island in the 1890s — but didn't last long. There are a few private cabins on the island today. But Cypress has come through the years largely untouched. It is the biggest undeveloped island in

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## From the President

Dear Friends,

After nearly nine years on the board, the last two as president, I truly think of you as friends because we all share a common goal: to conserve the best, most-treasured places in Skagit County.



I am pleased that our financial house is in order and funding continues on the upward curve. Last year we launched our first full scale fund

Sustained by the excellent job we are doing in land protection and stewardship, I have felt free to focus on governance and funding issues during my term in office. I believe we have moved forward substantially in those areas.

In November, the board and staff spent two days identifying critical goals for the Trust's next three-to-five year Strategic Plan. It was exhilarating to see and feel the energy and excitement of all those involved and leaves me with great hope for the future of the organization.

Another milestone was our commitment to seek accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance. We have worked for nearly two years polishing our policies and procedures in order to apply. Last summer we threw our hat in the ring for the 2008 round of applications and were selected, one of only two Washington State land trusts chosen.

Trust leadership, another area of focus, is well on track. Two new committees were established: Public Policy, to help guide us on public issues; and, Investment, to help guide our investment decisions. A consent agenda for board meetings was introduced, helping us focus on important issues, and hopefully keep the meetings shorter.

raising auction and expect it to become one of our major fund – and fun – raising events. We initiated several other fund raising activities and laid the groundwork for a capital campaign. Many of you stepped forward with new and larger donations and major giving has increased significantly. We have also been named in several bequests. Thank you.

Obviously, it took the entire organization to make all of this happen, including a dedicated staff, an active and involved board, and many incredible volunteers. And you, our members and landowners, who are our greatest assets. I am happy just to have been a part of these accomplishments.

At the end of March, I will step down as president and leave the board. However, I will remain within this truly special circle of friends, continuing to serve the Trust in other ways and maintaining my commitment to our mission.

Thank you for your confidence and support. It has been an honor to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marlene V. Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Marlene V.  
Moore, President



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the San Juans — without ferry access, roads, or much human impact. Parts of the island have been logged over the years, but today the forest on the majority of the island is magnificent and healthy 100-year-old second growth.

People who know the island, either by exploring its rocky beaches, hiking to panoramic views from Eagle Rock — a jutting rock cliff on the north end — or circumnavigating it in a kayak, develop a fierce loyalty to Cypress. My family, along with a handful of other landowners and concerned neighbors, spent several decades working to protect the island's natural integrity. Starting in

the 1960s, private developers bought up huge portions of the island and began proposing subdivisions and extensive

development. During my childhood, plans were lined up for a 5-star resort that would take up three quarters of the island, including a golf course, air strip, and marina. Almost overnight, the island would have been transformed from a pristine gem to the most densely populated island in the San Juans.

Citizen action and visionary state leadership saved Cypress from that fate. In 1975, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources purchased its first parcel on Cypress. In the late 1980s, the mandate of the DNR had changed slightly; the state could now hold land considered especially unique or fragile without logging it. The last of its kind, Cypress qualified as one of the first Natural Resource Conservation Areas and DNR began a concerted effort to protect it. In 2008, on the 5,500 acre island, DNR owns 4,800 acres. An Aquatic Reserve surrounding the island has been created by the State as well. These special places are managed as a “public trust” by DNR for the benefit of current and future citizens of Washington State.

The easement process with Skagit Land Trust led to some pretty unusual dinner-table conversations for our family over the last year. There was no question about our intentions: To preserve the place as it is today, to continue our stewardship beyond our lifetimes. But thinking through the details, forced us to imagine the world 10, 50, 100 years from now — and beyond. We wound up working through some tough questions — and facing some tough realities — about our hopes and fears for our family, our region, and for humankind.

Our family's conservation easement is small in the face of all this. But every family would benefit from conversations like the ones we've had drafting it, looking seriously a decade or two — or ten — into the future and imagining the world we'd like to leave behind. And we all have a responsibility to help protect our grandfather's old home place — or whatever place our souls call home. ■

*Thanks to my dad, Nick Fahey, for help with this article and for leading the Friends of Cypress Island for all those years. Thanks to Bob Rose and Skagit Land Trust for their dedication to conservation. And thanks to my grandfather, George E. Fahey, for being as visionary at 19 as he is wise at 97.*

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***The last of its kind,  
Cypress Island qualified as  
one of the first Natural  
Resource Conservation Areas.***



*Top photo:  
Three generations of Faheys sign  
the Tide Point Conservation  
Easement. From left: Nick, George  
and Anna (Joe Fahey and his  
family live in France).*

*Middle photo: The Fahey conser-  
vation easement allows for  
traditional homestead use on 13  
acres limited to 2 cabins or homes.  
The 87 acres of forest will be  
managed as a sustainable forest.  
The vision for the 100 year old  
forest stand is to encourage it to  
evolve to “old growth” condition.*



*photo by John Scurlock*



# Stewardship Update

## March's Point:

The annual heron nest count at March's Point revealed a dramatic increase in the number of nests on Trust property, with more than 100 new nests observed. Thanks to our dedicated group of returning nest counter for craning their necks skyward all day to do the count!



photo by Lee Mann

## Cumberland Creek:

Thanks to the efforts of new Volunteer Coordinator Alayna Dupont, 15 youth from the Sedro Woolley High School Earth Club joined us for an educational work event at SLT's Cumberland Creek property in early December. After touring the peninsula with land steward Jim Johnson and learning about salmon habitat, the group got to work clearing blackberry and other brush away from seedlings planted earlier in the year.

## Interpretive Project:

In addition to the new displays for Hurn Field (see article below), Skagit Land Trust is in the midst of designing interpretive signs for several additional properties. Thanks to grants from the Lucky Seven Foundation and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we will be installing displays in 2008 at the Trust-owned Butler Flats property, at the Fidalgo Bay conservation easement, and possibly other locations. We're thankful to have Brenda Cunningham and Tim Manns assisting with this project.

## New Nank-Hewitt Land Stewards:

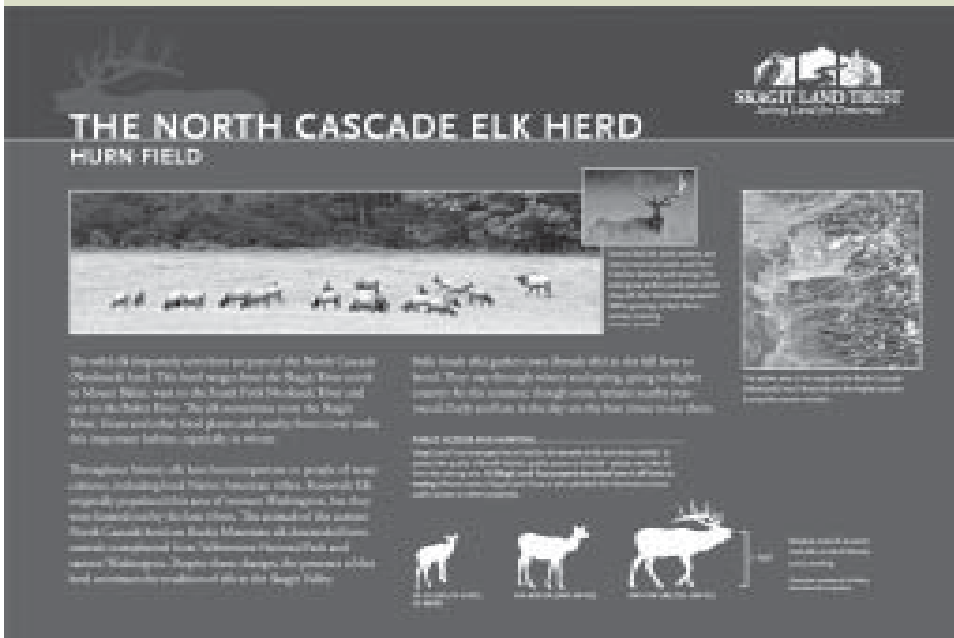
Welcome to our new Nank-Hewitt Land Stewards, Steffany Raynes and Lin Skavdahl. These Marblemount residents are well-located to steward the Nank-Hewitt property along the Skagit River off of the Rockport-Cascade Rd.

## Stewardship Field Events:

Check the Trust web page ([www.skagitlandtrust.org](http://www.skagitlandtrust.org)) for a regularly updated calendar of opportunities to get outside and help steward the land or email Alayna at [trustad@fidalgo.net](mailto:trustad@fidalgo.net).

## Hurn Elk Field Interpretive Pullout Nears Completion

On February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Skagit Land Trust will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the official completion of the Hurn Elk Field interpretive project with the installation of three beautiful interpretive displays. The WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and in particular Mike O'Malley worked diligently to get funding for this pullout. Skagit Land Trust has many other partners in this project who helped us with the pullout and interpretive signs. They include the Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Skagit Community Foundation; Bodinot & Skodje, U.S. Forest Service, Lee Mann, Brenda Cunningham and Tim Manns and many volunteers. We invite you to join us at the dedication.



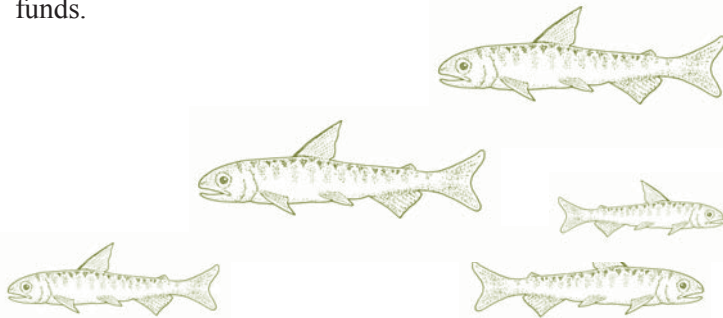
*One of three interpretive displays that will be installed at Hurn Elk Field. Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.*

## PRESSENTIN PARK EXPANSION

A productive collaboration will lead to the expansion of Presentin Park in Marblemount. Skagit County Parks and Recreation, Skagit Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy are working together on a project to purchase nine acres from a local landowner. This nine acre parcel borders Presentin Park as well as land owned by The Nature Conservancy. It will provide additional recreational opportunities on the upland portion of the nine acres while also restoring and protecting salmon habitat in the flood plain.

This land acquisition will result in approximately ½ mile of additional protected shoreline along the Skagit River and side channel. It also extends the wildlife corridor that currently exists on both sides of the Skagit River.

The protection of salmon habitat on part of the nine acres is made possible through the new grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and support of Skagit Watershed Council. Skagit County is providing the other portion of funds.



## SKAGIT LAND TRUST RECEIVES GENEROUS NEW GRANT FOR SALMON HABITAT PROTECTION

In a continuation of our productive partnership, Skagit Land Trust (SLT) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) joined together to submit an ambitious new grant proposal to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). We are excited to announce we have been funded to purchase additional prime salmon habitat east of Sedro-Woolley along the Skagit and Sauk River and tributaries. The grant will fund 85% of the \$2.3 million project cost, with SLT and TNC providing the matching dollars. This proposal was the largest proposal funded and ranked #1 out of 15 proposals received by the Skagit Watershed Council our lead entity for the Skagit.

Several property owners have already expressed an interest in working with SLT and TNC as part of this project. A separate SLT proposal to purchase a small but key floodplain parcel in the Cumberland Creek area was also funded by SRFB. Thank you to Skagit Watershed Council and SRFB for their confidence in our ongoing work.

## Barr Creek on Sauk Mountain - Join the Protection Effort!

The 45-acre Barr Creek property borders U.S. Forest Service land on Sauk Mountain. Located in The Skagit River Bald Eagle Natural Area, the property includes the beginning of the historic, east-flank, Sauk Mountain trail. The mature forest of the Barr Creek Property is of a quality and condition that is uncommon on private land and it supports a wide array of wildlife. The forest is home to a documented bald eagle night roost. Its pristine creeks are suitable habitat for the endangered bull trout. The forest has not been harvested for over 90 years and is habitat for many bird species and, given time to develop, will become appropriate marbled murrelet habitat.

We have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the landowners. We have received an endangered species grant from US Fish and Wildlife, raised funds and committed our own funds and now have \$600,000 of the \$700,000 project price in hand. We hope to close on this property this spring and thus are asking assistance from our community to finish this final \$100,000 stretch of the campaign. This will protect one of Skagit's jewels. Thanks to the many supporters who have contributed to date, including the generosity of the Norcliffe Wildlife Foundation and The Charlotte Martin Foundation, we are well on our way. **If you have not yet given to this campaign, we urge you to join with us and others and help us to protect Barr Creek.**



*One of the large cedars on the magnificent Barr Creek property located in the heart of the Skagit Bald Eagle Natural Area.*

## Passages

It is with great sadness that we write of the loss of several long-term Trust supporters.

**Patricia Hegg Brown.** Pat and her late husband Bob established the Hegg Benson Opportunity Fund for land protection in 1999 and over the years gave very generously to it. The fund was named in honor of Pat's family – both sides were Skagit pioneering families. Later this year we will dedicate the Hegg-Benson trail on the Barr Creek property. It is fitting of Pat and Bob's conservation actions that this trail is a place of supreme beauty and tranquility surrounded by nature.

**Don Parry.** Don was a longtime Trust supporter and stewardship volunteer. In 1996 he and his wife Vicki generously donated a 75-acre wetland property at Barney Lake to the Trust. Barney Lake is one of the wildlife jewels of our county. We owe much to Don for his belief that Barney Lake needed to be protected for all time. We will install a plaque at Barney Lake in Don's memory. He is greatly missed.

**Fred Darvill.** Fred was well known for his hiking books, backcountry medicine and his help protecting such places as Ebay's Landing and Mt Baker. Fred was also well know locally for donating a conservation easement on his and his wife Ginny's property on Little Mountain and for installing a trail through the property for public use. We are deeply indebted to Fred for the natural legacy he leaves.

**Susan Briggs.** Susan was an ardent supporter of conservation and land protection in the Skagit, in the San Juans and on Guemes Island. She included several conservation non-profits as part of her permanent legacy. Her thoughtful gift to the Trust will be used for Guemes Island and surrounding marine area protection.

**Barbara James.** Barbara passed away last year but her legacy lives on. We are honored to have received many generous gifts in her memory. She loved the Skagit and was inspired by the landscapes here. We are pleased to be protecting more of the land she loved in her memory.



*Skiyou Island. One of the many properties protected with the assistance of the Hegg-Benson Opportunity Fund.*

### **Note from Alayna DuPont, Volunteer Coordinator:**

*Hello!*

My name is Alayna DuPont and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator at Skagit Land Trust. I came on board in October. I am a Washington native and I recently completed my B.A. in Environmental Policy from Western Washington University. After my work here, I aim to continue my education in the environmental field by pursuing my Masters degree in environmental management and resource conservation.

I have been impressed with some of the fun events that we have had in the last couple of months. In October we discovered what seemed like an endless amount of tree protectors that needed to be removed from the trees

that were planted at our Tope Ryan property four year ago. With some determined and hardworking volunteers, we have managed to remove more than half of the protectors! In December, about 20 students from Sedro-Woolley High School's EarthCorps club came out on a snowy day to clear some trails and cut back blackberry at our Cumberland Creek property. In addition to these field events, we also hosted the Heron Tour at Samish Island this year. 50 people who came out!

I cannot thank our volunteers enough for all of their hard work and and commitment.

Thanks again, and I hope to see you all in the New Year!

*Alayna*



*Volunteers at Hurn Field show where a new interpretive sign will go.*



## Land Trust Event News

**Conservation Breakfast:** The 1st Annual Conservation Breakfast was held on September 13th at the CottonTree Inn in Mount Vernon. 80 local business leaders, SLT members and friends came to the breakfast to learn more about the Trust and to raise money for local voluntary conservation efforts. Over \$7,000 was raised during breakfast! This year's Conservation Breakfast will be held on September 18, 2008.

**Dr. Philip Mote event:** Over 200 people came out this fall to the Lincoln Theatre to listen to Dr. Philip Mote speak about climate change and the impact of global warming on the Northwest. Dr. Mote was part of the IPCC group that recently won the Nobel Peace Prize and is a Professor at the University of Washington. The event was a partnership with the Lincoln Theatre and is part of our effort to help create a community awareness of conservation.

**Holiday Open House:** Skagit Station was packed full of Trust members and friends on December 6th as we celebrated the Holiday season with great food and beverages supplied by SLT board members. Be sure to mark December 4, 2008 for this year's Holiday Open House!

**Auction Update:** News flash! On January 26th we raised \$35,000 for land conservation at our 2nd Annual Auction "Save Land - Have Fun". Thank you!

## Wetland in-lieu mitigation arrangement between Skagit Land Trust & The Skagit Valley Herald

The Skagit Valley Herald and Skagit Land Trust recently finalized a wetland in-lieu fee mitigation arrangement. This agreement satisfies the US Corps of Engineers and Washington Department of Ecology's requirements for mitigation required for site modification that occurred in 1999 at the Herald's new headquarters on Anderson Road. For eight years the Herald, Corps and Department of Ecology tried to find a way to mitigate for 3 acres of wetlands filled. The situation was atypical as the Herald was permitted to commence site modification and fill the wetlands but was later required to mitigate. Thus on-site mitigation or avoidance was not practical. In 2006, Stedem Wood, publisher of the Herald proposed that they give the mitigation payment to a local wetlands project. The Corps agreed it would offer greater conservation benefit to spend the mitigation monies on an independent conservation project rather than try to do on-site mitigation. Skagit Land Trust was the recipient due to our history of protecting local wetlands and the wetland projects we proposed.

In December 2007, \$225,000 was released to Skagit Land Trust from the Skagit Valley Herald. These funds will be used to acquire wetland properties and conduct wetland enhancement or restoration. This will protect and replace functions, characteristics and values of aquatic resources and associated habitat that were destroyed when the 3 acres were filled. We hope to protect, restore and/or enhance 7 acres of open water and another 15 to 20 acres of associated wetland when we leverage this money with other funds. The geographic scope of consideration of projects are sub-basins in the Mount Vernon vicinity including the Nookachamps. The Corps must sign off on our final use of the funds but so far, two projects we have proposed have preliminary authorization. We are proceeding with both projects due to their high conservation value although the mitigation funds will likely be applied to one project only.



*Trust members enjoying themselves at the 15th Annual Picnic and Holiday Open House.*



## Thank you!

To **Brenda Cunningham and Tim Manns** for their work designing the Hurn Field interpretive signs.

To **John Scurlock** for his overflights and aerial photos of Trust properties and conservation easements.

To the following community members for taking part in our focus groups giving us their thoughts and ideas about the Trust's direction in the future. This information helped us greatly in our strategic planning session in November. Sarah Bishop, Dave Scott, Pete Haase, Jack de Yonge, Lee Mann, Jim Eberhardt, Nan Laney, Brenda Cunningham, and MaryJo Newbury (community members); Rick Machin (San Juan Preservation Trust, community member); Denise Crownbell (Seattle City Light); Shirley Solomon (Skagit Watershed Council); Allison Studley (Skagit Fisheries Enhancement); Greta Movasagi (National Forests – Wild & Scenic); Ellen Gray (Sustainable Farming Network); Pat Bunting (wetlands specialist); Scott Andrews (public policy and stewardship); Don Gay (biologist, US Forest Service); Bob Vaux (Skagit County Parks); Paul Dinnel (Marine Resources Committee); Steve Hinton (Skagit Systems Cooperative); Peggy Bill (Cascade Land Conservancy); Ken Osborn (Grandy Lakes Forest Associates); Marc Dubowski (Salmon Recovery Funding Board); Jeraldine Halberg (Skagit County); Linda Sanford (community member, real estate); Allen Rozema (Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland); Allen Mesman (farmer and SPF), Bob Carey (The Nature Conservancy).



## Skagit Land Trust's 16th Annual Meeting Friday March 21 2008, 6-9pm at Fidalgo Bay Resort



The following board candidates are up for election or re-election at our Annual Meeting:

**Karen Krub** – election. Grew up in Mount Vernon and now residing outside of LaConner. B.S. in Resource Development from Michigan State University. J.D. from Yale Law School. Currently senior staff attorney with Farmers Legal Action Group.

**Kathryn Bennett** – election. 30 years experience in non-profit management and development including positions with the Island Hospital Foundation, the Casey Family Program, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the American Red Cross. Member of Rotary. Graduate of Leadership Skagit & co-chair of LS curriculum and leadership development.

**Ralph Heft** – re-election. Owner of Big Lake Trees. Retired from the US Bureau of Land Management. Current chair of Stewardship Committee and leading Trust's Accreditation Committee. Has served on Stewardship Committee for 9 years. Member of board since 2005.

**Bob Boudinot** – re-election. Civil engineer with a focus on hydraulic engineering. Partner in Leonard, Boudinot and Skodje, Inc. Current chair of Land Protection Committee. Member of board since 2005.

**Pat Sneeringer** – re-election. Right of Way representative, Puget Sound Energy. Lawyer. Farmer's market board member. Board member & serving on Land Protection Committee since 2003.

**Andrea Xavier** – re-election. Fourth generation Skagit County landowner. Retired Region Business Administration, WA DNR, Northwest Region. Co-chair, Save Big Lake Society. Member of Farmland Legacy board. Board member of SLT since 1999, currently serving on Development and Communications Committee. Trust President from 2001-2003.

### Proposed Amendments to Skagit Land Trust By-Laws

These proposed changes are presented to the membership and will be voted on during the business segment of the Annual Meeting, March 21, 2008 at Fidalgo Bay Resort. Each membership has one vote.

#### Article IX, Financial Affairs:

Section 4. Disbursements. - If approved, the current wording in this section will be deleted in total. It will be replaced with the following wording:

*Disbursements shall be made only in accordance with a specific authorization or a general budget approved by the Board of Directors and on such terms as may be established by the Board.*

The Board of Directors has developed and approved a policy establishing the specific terms by which and by whom disbursements may be made.

The full wording of the deleted portion will be available at the annual meeting along with the new wording as shown above.





## New Grants Received

**The Burning Foundation:** \$20,000 as part of a three year grant of \$55,000 to assist the Trust in applying our conservation strategy in Skagit County.

**The Charlotte Martin Foundation:** \$15,000 as a matching grant for community contributions towards the protection of Barr Creek.

**The Linnemann Family Foundation:** \$30,000 to assist with conservation activities on Guemes Island including pursuing the protection of Mt Guemes.

**The Lucky 7 Foundation:** \$10,000 to help with outreach and access projects on Trust-owned properties or conservation easements that allow public access. Projects include adding interpretive signs, viewing areas and low-impact trails.

**The Norcliffe Wildlife Foundation:** \$10,000 as a matching grant for community contributions towards the protection of Barr Creek.

**Nysether Family Foundation and the Mark and Vickie Fund of the Nysether family Foundation:** \$2000 total for the purchase and protection of Barr Creek.

**Skagit Valley Food Co-op:** 4% Friday on October 24, 2008. Save the date!

**Temcov Foundation:** \$2000 in support of our land protection and stewardship programs.

**Tulalip Tribe:** \$4,000 for protecting wildlife habitat in the Skagit.



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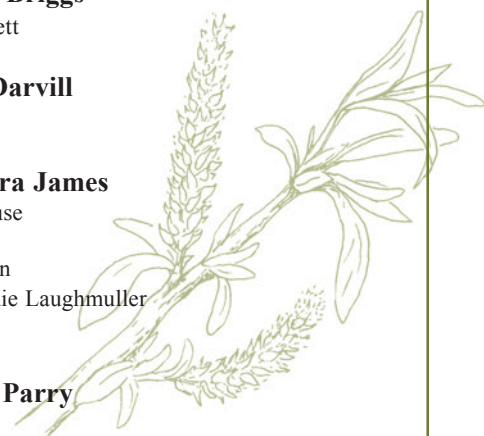
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**March 21 - Annual Meeting** – Fidalgo Bay Resort @ 6pm.

**Barr Creek Protection Celebration** – To be announced.

**June 21 - Solstice Van Tour** – Upriver properties

**August 16 - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic** – Bowman Bay, Deception Pass.

**September 18 - Conservation Breakfast** – Cottontree Inn @ 7-8:30am.



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