

SKAGIT LAND TRUST
'09 ANNUAL REPORT

SAVING LAND FOR TOMORROW

The background is a solid yellow color. It features a large, stylized silhouette of a bird, possibly a heron or egret, in profile, facing right. The bird's neck is curved downwards. In the lower right corner, there are several vertical, pointed shapes representing reeds or grasses. The overall aesthetic is minimalist and nature-themed.

SKAGIT LAND TRUST

protects wildlife habitat,
wetlands, agricultural
and forest lands,
scenic open space and
shorelines for the
benefit of our
community and as
a legacy for future
generations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been a remarkable year. In May of 2009, Skagit Land Trust became the 2nd land trust in Washington to receive Land Trust Accreditation from the National Land Trust Alliance.

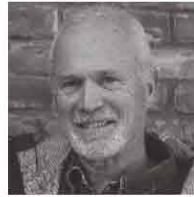
By working with many partners and focusing on regional priorities, Skagit Land Trust continues to be a leader of extensive salmon habitat protection on the Skagit River east of Sedro-Woolley. On the marine side of the county we are culminating a hugely successful campaign to save Guemes Mountain in partnership with The San Juan Preservation Trust and a local steering committee. Due to this campaign as well as our many community events and the publishing of Natural Skagit, Skagit Land Trust is now supported by over 1000 families and individuals, businesses, tribal groups, government agencies, and foundations. Stewarding and managing our owned Conservation Areas and Conservation Easements this past year involved volunteers of all ages. As one staff noted, this downturn year has been pretty busy!

Huge credit for the success of this year's accomplishments go to the staff at the Trust. Their enthusiasm and professionalism did not waver as the budget got tighter. The Trust's board and our counsel gave freely of their time and expertise helping to fill in where needed. And our members, supporters, partners and volunteers have been exceptional. From the Guemes steering and event committees and our 1000 donor families and businesses to the 200 volunteers who helped with stewardship of our properties and special events to our many conservation partners – thank you. It takes a community as generous as this to save land for tomorrow.



Molly Doran, Executive Director

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This has been an amazingly successful year, particularly given the uncertainty of the times and the state of the economy. We have much to be proud of and hopeful about – new lands

protected, new donors opening their checkbooks, and new volunteers giving of their time. When added to our existing base of support, the foundation for further good works is strengthened yet again as we move forward into the coming year.

I do want to remind us all that although we are extremely gratified in our efforts to raise 2.2 million dollars to save Guemes Mountain, every one of those dollars went directly to the campaign and related expenses. Skagit Land Trust continues to depend on each and every one of us to support the ongoing work of the office and its dedicated staff. Both governmental and private grants to the Trust are markedly down this year and consequently we need to have members and friends “dig a little deeper” to insure the doors stay open and the vital work continues. As William James once said, “the greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” And that is certainly our mission at the Trust - protecting and maintaining what makes this place so very special; and doing it for the generations to come. It is our dollars that help insure that the mission becomes a reality. The work never stops, but the rewards are breathtaking.



Rusty Kuntze, President

THE YEAR IN REVIEW: LAND CONSERVATION

After a successful fundraising campaign with hundreds of generous gifts and with assistance of a grant from the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, we secured the beautiful mature forested property called Barr Creek on Sauk Mountain.

PHOTO © ANDREW CLINE

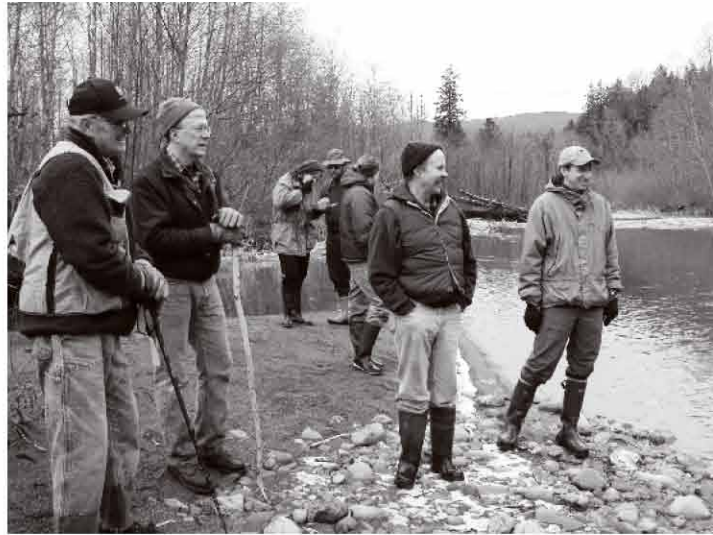


We were fortunate to have Jim Harris lead a hike on the Barr Creek property at the dedication ceremony. Not only did Jim grow up in the Upper Skagit, he was one of its best and most beloved historians. Jim Harris passed away this summer but Jim will always be associated with Sauk Mountain. Above: Kermit and Doris Johnson pose with Reverend Gregory Rickel at the Barr Creek dedication.



SAVING LAND FOR TOMORROW

In the past year we secured four properties for salmon in the Middle and Upper Skagit River with grants from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and in collaboration with the Skagit Watershed Council, The Nature Conservancy and Seattle City Light. To date, Skagit Land Trust has protected 23 miles of shoreline habitat on the river – our partners have also protected numerous miles. The goal is to protect enough that the river can run naturally and create a clean water environment for fish, wildlife and the community.



The Turner Conservation Easement on Mount Erie adjacent to the Anacortes Community Forest Lands was completed through the generosity of Bill and Sally Turner.



We continued our extremely successful partnership with Friends of the Forest and the City of Anacortes to bring acres protected in the forest lands to 1635.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW: STEWARDSHIP



Skagit Land Trust works in partnership with local organizations and agencies to steward vital lands. This tree planting with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group helped restore salmon habitat at a private property on which Skagit Land Trust holds a conservation easement that protects both farmland and salmon habitat.

FROM PLANTING TREES TO COUNTING HERON NESTS, THE TRUST MONITORS AND STEWARDS THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN SKAGIT COUNTY



Over 100 volunteers joined Skagit Land Trust at 12 different field events to help restore and protect our 19 conservation areas. From helping to count heron nests to working hard to plant trees to enhance salmon habitat, volunteers are essential to Skagit Land Trust's stewardship program. The backbone of the stewardship effort is the dedicated team of Volunteer Land Stewards – individuals who agree to “adopt” a conservation area and help monitor and maintain these beautiful places. The pictures at left show land stewards and volunteers working hard at the Minkler Lake and Tope Ryan Conservation Areas to restore an old pasture to native habitat. far left: Sue Edelberg, middle: Michael Kirshenbaum, center: Rick Machin and Jim Johnson.



Skagit Land Trust's March's Point Conservation Area features the largest single colony of Great Blue Heron nests in Puget Sound. The Trust has worked closely with Leadership Skagit and the Padilla Bay Breazeale Interpretive Center to establish a “heron cam” which posts live images of nesting herons on the web.

Volunteers gather every winter to count heron nests – and the occasional heron egg. The number of nests on Trust property has grown from approximately 100 to almost 300 over the past ten years.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW: OUTREACH



The interpretive sign installed at Cascadian Farm (MIDDLE LEFT) was an instant success. BELOW: The first of many ice-cream eaters who will enjoy learning about the land that is protected in front of them. LEFT: Jim and Harlyn Meyer, conservationists and managers of Cascadian Farm.



Events from the rocking Guemes Island Picnic (LEFT) to the sublime Garden Party By The Bay helped to raise both awareness and funds for land conservation in relaxed, fun ways.

CREATING A COMMUNITY CONSCIOUSNESS OF CONSERVATION



Skagit Land Trust published Natural Skagit in November of 2008 with the help of a steering committee and many volunteers. It was an instant local best seller with 2500 copies sold in the first ten months. **BELOW:** The steering committee.



Skagit Land Trust worked with Future Environmental Leaders from Sedro-Woolley Highschool on Stewardship and education projects, including a cleanup and trail project at Cumberland Creek.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

WHERE WE'VE COME FROM – WHERE WE'RE GOING

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARTHA BRAY, SKAGIT LAND TRUST'S CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Martha Bray settled in the Skagit Valley in 1978. “This place had great resonance for me, and still does, with its big verdant floodplain bounded by the wildness of the North Cascades.” She notes that since her arrival, the population of Skagit County has almost doubled and is projected to double again in less than 50 years. “The changes brought on by this growth could drain the resilience and vitality out of the landscape, but it doesn’t have to be that way. I am so glad to have work that lets me push back against this loss.” Martha came to Skagit Land Trust in 1996, when the Trust was all volunteer run. “That was a lucky day for me, when I had lunch with Keith [Wiggers], Gene [Murphy] and Harold [Christenson] (and I didn’t even realize it was a job interview!)”

Highlights of her 13 years at the Trust include the first capital campaign in 1998 to purchase Hurn Field. “This was a turning point for the Trust – the community gave so generously. Now there’s routinely dozens of elk in the meadow where people get to watch them.” Martha says another giant step was in 2001, with an \$800,000 loan from The Nature Conservancy, the Trust purchased lands that included Skiyou and Deadman Islands. “And then, partnering with the Forest Service, we were able to pay it all back

with interest. That project catapulted us to a whole new level, and was the beginning of our incredibly successful work to protect the Middle Skagit floodplain.” Most recently, she says, “I loved the Guemes Campaign. What a compelling story – this tiny island community, against the odds, raises \$2,000,000 for their revered mountaintop!”

Of the future: “The pace of change is so fast,” says Martha. “The impact of population growth paired with climate change is a speeding train on its way. We need to ensure that all the working pieces of the ecosystem are preserved. This means providing enough undisturbed habitat in the right places for native species to adapt.” She notes that accommodating growth will require much denser residential development, which means that “it’s very important to protect accessible beautiful places where people can be in nature.” And finally, “we also have to conserve the working landscapes that produce food, fiber and income for people along with habitat!”

“The Trust has made huge strides on all these fronts,” Martha says, “but we need to expand the toolbox and be very strategic.” She admits it’s a big challenge, “but look how far we’ve come – Skagit Land Trust is in a great place to face the future!”



MEMORIALS & MEMBERSHIP

APRIL 1, 2008 TO MARCH 31, 2009

Skagit Land Trust Members – Thank you for Your Support!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD CHRISTENSON

Howard & Thais Armstrong
Molly Doran & Andrew Cline
John & Ramona Douglass
Bob & Ann Dursch
Elsa Gruber & Charles Pruett
Jerry & Sheila Haegele - Founders
Visionary Fund
Gerb & Tom Hess
Steve & Robyn Johnson
Anne & Jack Middleton
James & Marlene Moore
Gene & Ginny Murphy
Mike & Bonnie Olpin – Founders
Visionary Fund
Shelly & Laurence Parfitt
Karen Radcliffe
Karlen & Connie Walser
June Wheeler
Jan & Keith Wiggers
Lisa & Mark Wolfe

IN MEMORY OF MARIE SMITH

Ellen & Vernon Anderson
John & Nancy Barnard
Chatty Collier
Sheila Cox
Norman & Helen Gowin
Letty Hafer
Dennis & Renee Johnson
Matthias & Bonnie Kerschbaum
Sara & Thomas Longworth
Judy & Gordi Middleton
Ann & Nathaniel Nord
Patricia Paget & Loy Cloud
Thomas & Shirley Short
Frank & Sharon Strle

IN MEMORY OF KAY BARTLETT

Anne & Jack Middleton
Linda Talman
Tom Winn & Mary Wohleb –
Guernes Mountain Campaign

IN MEMORY OF LOIS & BEN ENGLEBRIGHT

Larry & Alba Stevens
Tamara Stevens & Todd Rubano
Annette Woolsey & Jim Shiflett

BUSINESS, FOUNDATION & ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

BUSINESS LEADER \$5,000+
ECANDO (ThinkMill)
Bradford E. Furlong, P.S.

BUSINESS CONSERVATOR \$1,000–\$4,999

Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje, Inc.
Skagit State Bank
Skagit Valley Food Co-op

BUSINESS BENEFACTOR \$500–\$999

Commonwealth Financial Network
Northwest Real Estate Valuation
Windermere Real Estate –
Skagit County

BUSINESS PATRON \$250–\$499

Concrete Nor'West
Frontier Bank
Hampton Inn & Suites, Burlington
Hexcel Corporation
Holiday Inn Express
Landed Gentry Development
The Language Exchange, Inc.
Miller Consulting
Planting Design
Premier Graphics
Skagit Law Group PLLC
Windermere/Northwest – *In honor of Beau MacGregor*

BUSINESS SPONSOR \$100–\$249

Aleutian Boat Works
Cline Consulting, LLC
Graham-Bunting & Associates
Hilde Family Dentistry
Hoekstra & Hoekstra
Johnson Outdoors/ Murray Hamilton
La Conner Maritime Services
Nordic Tugs, Inc.
Seattle City Light
Skagit River Steel & Recycling, Inc.
Skagit Surveyors & Engineers
Skagit Wild Bird Supply
Soto McNett Construction, Inc.
Sunbreak Greetings
Terre-Source LLC

BUSINESS SUPPORTERS \$60–\$99

Bayside Spedalties, Inc.
Christianson Nursery, LTD
Fran Little LLC
Lee Mann Photography
Perennial Pleasures
Ric Merry Photo.com
Sauk Mountain Pottery
Valuation Associates

ORGANIZATIONS

Anacortes Kiwanis Club
Fidalgo Fly Fishers
Friends of the Anacortes
Community Forest Lands
Skagit Audubon Society
Skagit Conservation District
Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team
The Nature Conservancy

GRANTS & FOUNDATIONS

The Burning Foundation
Department of Ecology
The Hugh & Jane Ferguson Foundation
Linnemann Family Foundation
Puget Sound Energy Foundation
Salmon Recovery Funding Board
Samish Indian Nation
The Seattle Foundation – Douglas & Barbara Crim
Sierra Pacific Foundation
Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Temcov Foundation
Tulalip Tribes
WA Dept Fish & Wildlife – ALEA
WA Depart of Natural Resources
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

STEWARDSHIP FUND

City of Anacortes
Ralph & Ruth Heft

MATCHING GIFTS

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Boeing Gift Matching Program
Merrill Lynch Matching Gift Program
Microsoft Matching Gifts
SAFECO

We did it! Guernes Mountain was purchased October 1, 2009 after a hugely successful community fundraising campaign. Now Skagit Land Trust and the San Juan Preservation Trust are working on management plans, trails and property stewardship.

PHOTO © STEVEN BUSINGER

We are grateful to our members whose donations were received between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009.

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

LEGACY BUILDER \$10,000+
Barbara Trask & Ger van den Engh
Estate of Susan Briggs

LEADER \$5000-\$9999
John & Linda Hunt
Vicki Soderberg Parry
In memory of H.D. Parry
John Tursi in memory of Doris Tursi

STEWART \$2500-\$4999
Corwin Ferguson &
Robert H. Ferguson & Elizabeth Ferguson Foundation
Rusty Kuntze & Libby Mills
Scott Magorien & Susan Hayton Magorien
Beau MacGregor
Keith & Jan Wiggers
Annette Woolsey & Jim Shiflett

CONSERVATOR \$1000-\$2499
Anonymous (2)
Joanne Abelson & Chris Goelz
Paul Beaudet & David Wertheimer
Shirley Christenson
Brenda Cunningham & Tim Manns
Family Unity Fund
Ron Feld & Lorna Klemanski
Phil & Kathy Green
Jay Ham & Jan Hersey
Marcia Hunt
Clayton James
Mike & Lisa Janicki
Sue & George Mehler
Deborah North & Robert Coffey
Erynn Stephan – In memory of Nate Rawhouser
Ken & Anne Winkes
Andrea Xaver
Stan Zyskowski

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

BENEFACTOR \$500-\$999
Howard & Thais Armstrong
Mary Kay Barbieri & Linda Jordan
Glenn & Teddie Bordner
Lloyd & Wendy Brown
Mike & Dianne Crawford
Lee & Mary Sue Dallas
Donna Davidson
Kristine & Roger Goodan
Elsa Gruber & Charles Pruett
In honor of Gene Murphy, Keith Wiggers, Andrea Xaver & Ray Taipale

David & Deborah Hall
Bill & Susan Henry
Doris Holmes
Steve & Bryn Johnson
Sean Kelly
Janice Martin & Doug Robinson
Mike & Sharon Minor
William & Diana McGaw
James & Marlene Moore
Gene & Ginny Murphy
Kenneth & Erid Oates
Denny & Laurie Quirk
Richard & Nancy Robblee
Linda Speck & Ken Willis
Tamara Stevens & Todd Rubano
In memory of Lois & Ben Engelbright
Richard & Sharon Stewart
Dennis & Mary Ann Taylor
Bill & Sally Turner
Ben & Sloane Winkes
Jennifer & William Woyski

PATRON \$250-\$499
Ruth & Harry Adamitz
Frances Ambrose & Steve Hunter
In memory & honor of Chester Rosa
Anonymous
Diane Bednarz & Peter Jepson
Lyll & Judy Bishop
Franklin E Bjors
Bob & Nina Boudinot
John & June Brada
Martha Bray & Jonn Day
Ivar & Phyllis Dolph
Molly Doran & Andrew Cline
Maggie & George Downing
Jerry & Marilyn Eisner
Jim Ford
Robert Green
Jerry & Sheila Haegle
Larry & Josie Hedgpath
Ralph & Ruth Heft
Robert & Judith Higgins
Mark & Alison Hitchcock
Jean & Brad Imus
Ryan & Christina Jepperson
James Johnson & Marilyn Kenney
Patricia Karlberg & Robert Keller
Wendy & Hugh Kendrick
In memory of Guy Kendrick
Dick & Doris Kohler
Karen Krub
Hella & Harold Lee
Patsy Botsford-Martin & Dan Martin
Kris & Carl Molesworth
Margaret Potter
Richard & Karen Raisler
Jim Ramaglia
Betty Rockwell
Tom Robbins
Kathleen H. Root
David & Eddylee Scott
Gail Smith & Frances Chalmers
Gary & Ruby Vallat
Vicki Wesen
Don Wick
Sara Young & Wade Melton

Jane Zillig & Paul Ingalls
SPONSOR \$100-\$249
Norman Ainslie
Anonymous
Bob Apter & Brenda Graham Apter
James Asa
Astrid Aamot
David Adams & Greta Movassaghi
Bruce & Gloria Ault
Judy Baker
Kathy Baker & Rich Feldman
Bob & Pat Bell
Kathryn & Richard Bennett
Kristine & Patrick Bickford
Sarah Bishop & John Mailhio
Joseph A. Bock
Ric & Janet Boge
Bonnie & Bud Bowers
Don Brown
Jeff Brown & Margaret Catzen-Brown
Ferdi Businger
Joost A. Businger & Marianne Kooiman
Cathy Carmody & David Deffenbaugh
John A. Carr, MD
Janan & Alan Carter
Dorris Civile
Tom, Beth & Christine Cleland
Noel Collamer
Debbie & Darrell Cornelius
Barbara Corrigan
Larry & Lorry D'Arienzo
Virginia Darvill
Horner & Rosette Dawson
Gene & Marilyn Derig
Bill & Holly Dietrich
Paul Dinnel & Vicki McNeil
Bob & Ann Dursch
Harold & Diane Eiesland
Stew Ellison
Carol & Jon Engels
In memory of Paul Thronsen
Walter Enquist
Tom & Stacy Fawell
Donald J. Finsen
Lin Folsom
John & Lynne Freeman
Barbara French
Mary Froderberg
In memory of John Cole
Roger Fuller & Mary Silva
Karen Gardiner & Philip Brown
Carolyn & Ed Gastellum
Warren & Marilyn Gilbert
Don Gordon
Pete & Dorothy Haase
Ernie & Joan Handelman
Daniel & Marilyn Hanesworth
Donald & Sandy Harper
Lief & Monica Hazelet
Robert & Bev Helton
Morry & Anita Hendrickson
Bill Hood
Linda & John Hunt
In honor of Al Varness
Nancy Husted

Christine Kitch & David Farrow
Beth Kraig & Suzanne Klinger
Robert Knowles
Jim & Balisa Koetje
Jan Kramer
Fayette Krause
Von & Elizabeth Kuehn
Trevor & Carol Kyle
Robin LaRue
Jeffrey Levine
Doug & Laurie Lundgren
Rick & Meredith Machin
Keith & Joan Magee
Ann Magnano & Sheri Boddy
Dean & Lisa Maxwell
Renata & Darren Maybruck
Gail & Michael McCormick
Alec & Sandy McDougall
Cynthia McGuinness
Thomas Mears
Anita Meyer & Josh Greenberg
Anne & Jack Middleton
Susan & Fred F. Miller
In memory... Abby Memorial Fund
James & Gene Mizell
Jeff & Anna Montgomery
Diane Morton & Wendy Cobb
Judi Munn – *In honor & memory of John H. Munn*
George & Mary Newbury
Dick & Joyce Nelson
Therese Ogle
Mike & Bonnie Olpin
John & Shirley Osborn
James Owens
Tom Pasma & Sue Sultze
Loretta Penrod
Robert G. Personius
Fred & Irmgard Poppe
Daniel Posel & Jean Lenihan
Carl & Jane Randolph
Peggy Ratermann
Steffany Raynes & Lin Skavdahl
Peter Rernick & Sandy Krot
Jack & Cynthia Richardson
Terence & Mary Rios
John & Patricia Rose
Andrew Ross & Laura Cailloux
Chuck & Toni Ruhl
Eric & Jenny Sandbo
Rick & Cynthia Sapp
Herb & Christine Sargo
Jim & Levy Scheltens
Luther & Maryam Schutz
Roupen & Shirley Shakarian
Sue & Richard Sigmen
Terence & Lois Slotemaker
Pat Sneeringer
Harriet Spanel
Betta Spinelli & Rich Weyrich
Richard Staples
Jane & John Stephens
Larry & Alba Stevens
Kate Stewart & Deborah DeWolfe
Carol Strandberg
Margaret Studer
Carolyn Sutton & Cort Liddell
Ann & William Tanner
Shawn & Jannette Van Dyken

Tim & Alice Volwiler
Warren & Linda Walz
Barbara Weaver
Russ Weiser
David & Carol Welling
Betty Wells - *in honor of Donald Wells*
Ron & Jan Wesen
Jan Wilson
Suzanne & Carol Wood
Todd Wood & Judy Gamble
Ms. G.O. Wright
Margaret Yeorman
Danielle Young

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

SUPPORTER \$60-\$99
Lynnette Trucco-Baier & Doug Baier - *In honor of Tim Nelson, Brooke Baier & Buzz Melville*
Eric Beamer
Al & Sue Berger
Rick & Laura Bethke
Cathy & Neil Borman
Kate Bratches
Kalman Brauner & Amy Carlson
Kristin Brown & Neil Joyce
Carl Bruner
Jennifer Clarke
Kenneth A. Dahlstedt
Joyce & Cecil Dillard
Sharon & Jim Dillon
Ronald & Elaine Eaton
Doug & Cheryl Everhart
David Fine & Polly Purvis
Brad Furlong & Eileen Butler
Ed Good
William Hayton
Bill Hlavacek & Gail Bohnhoff-Hlavacek
Susan Jepson
Roger Kelley & Darlene Mindrum
Rae Kozloff
Anne & Bob Kurtz
Jere LaFollette & Wende Sanderson
Candace L Lower
Malcolm Maderwald & Wendy Gray
Ingrid & Bruce McBane
Jeff McGowan Family
David & Eileen Moreland
Paula A. Ogden-Muse & Jeff Muse
Doug & Leslie Noblet
Gordon & Joanne Odegaard
Lorna & Dennis Romano
Dee Raudebaugh
In memory of Keith Raudebaugh
Kay Reinhardt & Jeronimo Squires
Craig & Heather Romano
Allen Rozema & wife
Debra & Michael Scott
Ann Slutsky
Jack Stephens & Ellen O'Neill Stephens
Cecil & June Thomas

Bill & Laurie Wallace
Ryan Walters
In honor of Adela Walters
David & Pat Young
Patricia Youngman
PARTNER \$40-\$59
Anonymous
Judy Allen
In memory of Mary Louise Brown
Dick Anderson & Lynn Reed
Graydon & Joyce Baker
Meredith Baker
John & Nancy Barnard
Liz & Michael Bart
Barbara Bashaw
Ken Berg & Jan Weydemeyer
Coizie & Dicken Bettinger
Hazel Blakeslee
Rich & Feryll Blanc
Peter Browning
Paul Blum & Alison Zak
David Capps & Monika Willers-Capps
Bob Carey & Kari Odden
Carol Carnahan
Daniel Casey & Sally Weakley
Casey - In memory of Art Lang
Maggie & Larry Collinge
Lee & Leigh Cooley
Cathryn Nixon Cowan
Barbara Craner
Allen Craney
David & Clara Duff
Dunton's Body Shop, Inc
John & Marie Erbstoerzer
Suzanne Fogarty
Alix Foster & Rick Shorten
Richard Fritsch
Karen A. Lewis-Hart & Derek Hart
Maxine Gow
Carol Hays
Jean & William Heflin
Helen Heneks
Cherie and Howard Holman
Pam & James Hoyle
Steve & Dian Jahn
Elmer & Jean Johansen
Janette Johnson
Rebeckah Johnston & Paul Koubek
June Jordan
Carl & Paula Knuth
Eric & Laura Kraig
Debra & Doug Lancaster
Estella B. Leopold
Lisa & Ian
In honor of Jim & Fran Ford
Laurie Lloyd
Susan Macek & Dave Buchan
Donald & Mary Magness
William & Laurel Malcomson
Teak & Anne Martin
L. Heather McCauley
Morna McEachern & Grant Brockmeyer
Janet McKinney
Todd McNett & Liz McNett-Crowl
Jeremy Means
Robert & Barbara Meier

Ric & Diane Merry
Maggie Miller & Larry Stiles
W.M. Mohundro
Kit Muehlman
Judy & David Olson
Laurel O'Neil
Simon Ottenberg
Beth Owens & Greg Roberts
Kathleen Walsh Packard
Mark Pearson
In memory of Al & Edie Pearson
Daniel Penttila
Paula Peterson
Walter & Cathy Pfahl
Jacqueline & Robert Prescott
Lynn & Norman Prewitt
Robert Raymond & Dorothy Downes
Stan & Cheri Relyea
Lauren Rich
Harold & Irene Richardson
Susan Richardson
Rebecca Rosencrans
Denise & Ronald Runyan
Gordon Scott
Robert & Joan Skeele
Gary Slater
J. Allen Smith
Jay Smith & Susan Wood
John Smith & Cheryl Harrison
Terry & Kathy Stevens
StoneArt Tile & Design
Richard & Daphne Storwick
Tom Strawman & Janet Nuetzmann
Steve & Frederica Sulzbacher
Linda & Stephen Summers
Nancy Swalling
Ken & Linda Taylor
Mary & Bob Taylor
Bill & Ann Testerman
Debbie Thulen
Bob Vaux & Kristen Murphy
Dederick Ward & Susan Parke
Sarah Welch & Jon Riedel
April & Brian Williamson
Stedern Wood
Jana & Mike Woodmansee
Robert & Kay Wuerth
Carrie Zerjav & Nathan Moore
In honor of Marcia Hunt
FRIEND \$30-\$39
Evelyn Adams
Kathryn Alexandra
Linda & Thomas Ackerman
Olga Amigud
Jennifer Bendemire
Richard Bergner
Julie Blazek
Gary & Heidi Bletsch
Brian Bluhm
Jon & Ann Bowman
Joe Bucek & Mary Heath
Eileen Coan & Ross Mc Conahey
William Colvin
Barbara Cooper
Suzanna Dentel
Woody Deryckx
Jack & Sonjia de Yonge

John & Ramona Douglass
Ron & Fonda Downs
Earthbound Used Books
Phyllis L. Ennes
Rita & Donald Fisher
David Fredericks & Patricia Anderson
Dianne Gaughan
Dan Gould
Judith Hartford
Dyvon Havens & David Slabaugh
John & Nancy Hinton
Gladys Bailey-Hudec
Lauren Jaye & Billie Robinson
Thomas & Lane Johnson
Laura Jones
Linda Johnson
Paul Johnson
Leah Keefer
Earl & Jean Keeney
Barbara & Gene Kiver
Nancy & Les Larsen
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Lisser
Father Paul Magnano
Jeff and Ann May
Jennifer McCoy
Diane McLeod
Bobbi Krebs-McMullen
Steve & Betty Miller
Allane Onkst
Mary S. Paxton
Representative Kirk Pearson
Mary Pease
Howard & Carol Pellett
Ray Perry
Dena Petersen & Ann Buzaitis
William & Sally Pfeifer
Allen & Debra Rossman
Donna Schram
Anne Schwartz & Mike Brondi
Cathy Scott
Robert E. Scott
Dan Senour
David & Kathleen Smith
Laura Smith
Carol Strandberg
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tjersland
Richard & Carol Treston
Gina Van Hess
Patricia Verd
Elise & Duff Walker
Barbara Wells
June Wheeler
Robert C. Woolley
Phillip &Carolynne Wright
Jack & Sonjia de Yonge
Mary Maxwell-Young & Ian Young

ASSOCIATES

Ellen & Vernon Anderson
In memory of Dale Dow
Charles Ayers
Dan & Donna Brauer
Robert Burden
John & Merydee Carlson
Patricia Chambers & Mark Hallmark
Leslie Eastwood

Jim & Ann Falk
 J.N and L.B Furin
 Lance Goeke
 Louise Harris
 Rose Hill
 Edward & Valerie Jensen
 Debi & Henry Kelly
 Marcia & Marvin Lindseth
In honor of Louise Willis
 Philip & Anne McCracken
 Molly Pencke in honor of Jason
 Boyd
 Elizabeth Perrin
 Howard & Kathy Shapiro
 Williams & Nulle, PLLC
 Rosann Wuebels & George
 Reeves

IN-KIND

Ace Hardware
 Adrift Restaurant
 Debbie Aldrich
 Aleutian Boatworks
 Anacortes Cinemas
 Anacortes Meats
 Thais Armstrong – Art by Thais
 ArtScan.com
 Bayside Sweets & Treats
 Bertha Bridge
 Big Lake Trees
 Sarah Bishop & John Mailhiot
 Bliss Dog Yoga
 Glenn & Teddy Bordner
 Breadfarm
 Brown Lantern Alehouse
 Bunnies By the Bay
 Burton Jewelers
 Ellen Bynum and Stewart Toshach
 Calico Cupboard Cafe & Bakery
 Cameron's Living Room Dining
 Capelli Salon
 Cascade Mall
 Charley's Greenhouse
 Cheesecake Cafe'
 Christianson's Nursery
 Colonial Manor Baking
 Commodore Stewart
 Compass Wines
 Consumer Rental Center
 Costco
 Cottons
 Brenda Cunningham & Tim
 Manns
 Carole Cunningham
 Donatello Flowers & Gifts
 Dr. Dennis Edmonds, DDS
 Niabi & Brian Drew
 Edison Eye Art Gallery
 Edison Tavern
 Edward K. Newbold
 Elisabeth's Cottage By The Sea
 Epicure
 Farm to Market Bakery
 Kathleen Faulkner
 Ron Feld & Lorna Klemanski
 Friends of Skagit County
 Bradford E. Furlong, P.S.
 Gere-a-Deli

Greek Islands Restaurant
 Phil Green
 Shirley Haley
 Janet Hamilton
 Happy Donuts
 Hedlin Farms
 Highland Animal Clinic
 Hoyle Speech-Language Services
 Impressions Salon
 Paul Ingalls
 Clayton James
 Jean's Plant Farm
 Peter Jepson
 Johnson Outdoors
 Shelley Johnson
 June Jordan
 K & J Catering
 Karl's Paints
 Kerstins Restaurant
 Christine Kitch & David Farrow
 Krispy Kreme
 Rusty Kuntze and Libby Mills
 Trevor Kyle
 La Conner Country Inn
 George Lawson
 Lee Mann Photography
 Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje
 Cora & Mark Lijek
 Lincoln Theatre Center
 Foundation
 Little Mountain Pottery
 Lost Arrow Arborists
 Lowell Garden Design
 Malliard's Landing Nursery
 Mark & Alison Hitchcock
 Mark's on Pine
 Mary Davis Lighting
 Darren Maybruck
 Anne Martin McCool Gallery
 Jeremy Means
 Mike & Jean's Berry Farm
 James & Marlene Moore
 Mountaineers Books
 Museum of Northwest Art
 Native Springs
 Nell Thorn Restaurant
 Next Chapter Books
 North Cascades Institute
 Megan Scott O'Bryan
 Beth Owens
 Jim Owens
 Tom Pasma
 Pasek Cellars
 Penguin Coffee
 Phil Green
 Pickford Cinema
 Premier Graphics
 Mary Revello
 River & Main Merchants
 Rebecca Rosencrans
 Julie Rousseau
 Ruby Sue's Tea & Treasures
 Rumours Hair Design
 Linda Sanford
 San Juan Toffee Company
 Sauk Mountain Pottery
 Belinda & Bruce Schuster
 John Scurlock
 Dr. Luther Schutz
 Nicole Scott

Sedro-Woolley Earth Corps Club
 Seeds Bistro & Bar
 Sempre Italiano
 Shop Curator
 Skagit Cycle Center
 Skagit River Boutique
 Skagit Valley Publishing
 Skagit Soils
 Skagit Valley Gardens
 Skagit Valley Healing Arts
 Skagit Wild Bird Supply
 Slough Food
 Linda Speck
 Step Outside
 Studio 29
 Stratum Group
 Ona Strikas
 Linda Summers
 Sunbreak Greetings
 Suzanne Fogarty Photography
 Taylor Shellfish Farms
 Thai House
 The Galley Restaurant & Bar
 Theatre Arts Guild
 Ryan Walters
 Warren and Linda Walz
 Watermark Book Co
 Russ Weiser
 Well's Nursery
 Brian and Dyani Wetcher
 Wild Thyme Personal Chef Service
 Jan & Keith Wiggers
 Wilson Picture Frames, Inc
 Jan Wilson
 Wyman Park
 Laura Wynn & Theo Antikas
 Andrea Xaver
 Xtra Special Cakes

NATURAL SKAGIT

Thank you to the 97 volunteer contributors who made *Natural Skagit* possible. Photographers, writers and teams are recognized in the book.

GUERMES MOUNTAIN CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the many and generous supporters who have contributed to date to the Guemes Mountain Project on Guemes Island. We will be sending out a flyer listing all contributions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APRIL 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009

Rusty Kuntze, *president*
 Mark Hitchcock, *vice-president*
 Janice Martin, *secretary*
 David Hall, *treasurer*
 Robert Apter
 Glenn Bordner
 Bob Boudinot
 Brenda Cunningham
 Ron Feld
 Ralph Heft
 Steven H. Johnson
 Karen Krub
 Curtis A. Miller
 Pat Sneeringer
 Russ Weiser
 Keith Wiggers
 Andrea Xaver

STAFF

Molly Doran, *executive director*
 Martha Bray, *conservation director*
 Michael Kirshenbaum,
stewardship director
 Jane Zillig, *land specialist*
 Renata Hoyle Maybruck,
*development & communications
 director*
 Diane Bednarz,
administrative assistant
 Alayna Dupont and Susan
 Edelberg, *volunteer coordinator*
 (Americorps)

Bradford E. Furlong P.S.,
general counsel

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Paul Calver
 Jim Ford
 Jay Ham
 Jan Hersey
 Lee Mann
 Carl Molesworth
 Diane Morton
 Gene Murphy
 Jeff Muse
 Dave Scott
 Terry Stevens
 Kate Szurek
 Ken Willis

Managing Editor: Diane Bednarz
Editor: Molly Doran
Design: Benjamin Drummond
 bdsjs.com



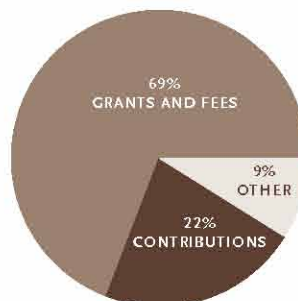
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009 (AUDITED) AND 2008 (REVIEWED)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2009	2008
Cash	221,188	359,354
Pledges, receivables, other	413,855	118,629
Investments (for land & stewardship projects)	990,657	1,201,268
Conservation Land	3,030,845	2,543,616
Total Assets	4,656,545	4,222,867
Liabilities	19,040	35,988
Net Assets	4,637,505	4,186,879
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	4,656,545	4,222,867

REVENUE



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC SUPPORT & OTHER REVENUE

	2009	2008
Contributions (cash and in-kind) – unrestricted	144,739	236,519
Contributions – restricted for special projects	476,448	380,364
Grant and fee income	839,486	149,613
Investment Income and interest	(197,153)	44,030
Special events (net)	31,700	0
Book sales	76,113	0
Total Revenue	1,371,333	810,526

EXPENSES

	2009	2008
Conservation easement purchases	403,000	0
Land and stewardship programs	387,757	326,569
Management and fundraising	130,132	137,247
Total Expenses	920,707	463,816
Net Income	450,626	346,710

EXPENSES



CAPITAL PURCHASES

	2009	2008
Equipment	0	1,033
Land	838,000	0

The condensed financial statement presented above reflect Skagit Land Trust's financial statement for the year ending March 31, 2009 which have been audited by Judy C. Jones & Associates, LLC Certified Public Accountants.

FINANCIAL NOTES

- 1 Guernes Mountain campaign pledges received by SLT on March 31st 2009 were a total of \$340,426.
- 2 A \$403,000 grant was received from the Washington Department of Natural Resource (DNR) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 6 funds) to assist the Trust in purchasing the Barr Creek property. Skagit Land Trust matched this grant with \$223,065.
A \$71,352 grant was received from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) for the Jungers (Cumberland) acquisition. Skagit Land Trust matched this with \$12,591. A \$195,500 grant was received from SRFB for the Day Creek (Berquist) acquisition. It was matched by \$35,000 of in-kind support by Seattle City Light.
- 3 The market value of the Barr Creek property was diminished by \$403,000 following the placement of a permanent conservation easement on this property. The CE is held by DNR.
- 4 The Trust purchased the Barr Creek and Day Creek Conservation areas plus and an in-holding in Cumberland Peninsula (Jungers). There were two conservation easement donations. Conservation easement donations are carried at no market value on the Trust's accounts per accounting recommendations.



PO BOX 1017, 325 PINE STREET, SUITE B
MOUNT VERNON, WA 98273
WWW.SKAGITLANDTRUST.ORG

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
MOUNT VERNON WA
PERMIT # 195

BELOW: BARR CREEK PROPERTY © CHRISTINE KITCH
ON THE COVER: SAUK RIVER © JOHN SCURLOCK

'09 ANNUAL REPORT

“The greatest use of life is
to spend it for something
that will out last it.”

—WILLIAM JAMES