



Newsletter
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“I can’t help but think of my grandmother and her yearly springtime saying, ‘the hills have a green velvet dress on.’ I am sure she would be pleased.”

– Ed Baugh

THE HILLS IN THEIR GREEN VELVET DRESS

by Jane Zanol

Bev and Ed Baugh remember when they decided to buy 21 acres of land up Number 1 Canyon in Wenatchee. On a beautiful spring day in the mid-1990s, the hillsides were carpeted in green. They saw wildlife on the property and the natural setting appealed to them. Ed thought of building a home there someday.

The Baughs each grew up in the area and are in many ways typical residents. Bev was reared on an apple orchard in the Okanogan, and Ed’s father’s career took his family from East Wenatchee, to Peshastin, to Omak, and back to the Wenatchee area. Ed and Bev have lived in East Wenatchee for 48 years where they raised two children. Both of them spent their careers in education in the East-mont school district.

As the years passed, they noticed a lot of building in the Wenatchee foothills. They came to value open hillsides and didn’t want to see the landscape completely full of houses.

They realized that wildlife like coyotes and hawks was being pushed out of native habitat with so much new development up the canyons. Bev remembers thinking that humans take so much, and we should be more aware of nature as we live our lives. Ed says that it is hard enough for wildlife like mule deer to survive through the winter, and when you add man to the challenge, the result can be starvation. With their compassion for wildlife, they decided that they didn’t want to build on their property or sell it but instead wanted to preserve the habitat for the plants and animals that lived there.



Bev & Ed Baugh

Bev and Ed attended a Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) annual dinner at the invitation of oral surgeon Dr. Francis Collins and were impressed with the organization and its accomplishments. They contacted a former student, Todd Kiesz, CDLT attorney, about their desire to preserve their land, and he put them in touch

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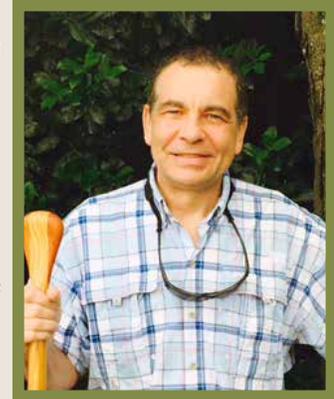
GREAT THINGS AHEAD

Curt Soper
Executive Director

“Of all the questions which can come before this nation, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Hello fellow Land Trust members and supporters. As I stop to reflect on my first six months on the job as your Executive Director, I am struck by two things in particular: 1) the depth of support and strong reputation that has been earned by the Land Trust over the years throughout North Central Washington; and 2) the great potential before us to deliver some new and exciting on-the-ground conservation projects in the next year or two.



Curt Soper

I am happy to report that our active membership now exceeds 1,600 households and it is thanks to all of you that we are able to have a positive impact in our community and connect people to nature. I am also happy to report that the many new colleagues I have met – people within the business community, those working for government agencies, elected officials, our members.....all have a strong and positive impression of the Land Trust and how we do our work.

Our 16-member Board of Directors continues to be an important source of support and guidance and we are fortunate to be welcoming Steve Jacobs to this team this year. Steve is the former Chief Financial Officer for Central Washington Hospital and brings great skills, experience, and a long history as a Land Trust member to the team.

It is up to all of us to deliver on our mission – to “engage communities in conserving, caring for, and accessing the lands and waters that sustain North Central Washington.” We have some exciting new projects in the works that we hope will reach fruition – two large properties in Douglas County with outstanding shrub-steppe habitats; two new projects up valley that could provide new public access and recreational use opportunities; and a new and improved trailhead facility at Saddle Rock being delivered in concert with our partners at the City of Wenatchee, to name a few.

There is much to look forward to and a lot of work ahead, so keep in touch and help us however you can. We appreciate all you do to make the Land Trust a successful and vital part of our community. 🌿

WHOO KNEW?

Great Horned Owls mostly use nests abandoned by other birds. When the resident owls' nest in the barn at Horse Lake Reserve started falling down, some intrepid CDLT volunteers did some "home maintenance!"



Great Horned Owl
photo by Gordon Congdon

A healthy dryland forest, post-treatment

FOREST HEALTH - A HOT TOPIC

by Neal Hedges, Stewardship Director

If you traveled back in time to Mountain Home ridge near Leavenworth circa 1880, you would find an open forest of scattered large ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir standing in glades of bunchgrass and wildflowers. You could see mule deer and elk browsing half a mile away through the open forest. Frequent low-intensity wildfire maintained this park-like appearance by killing small trees and rejuvenating grasses and plants adapted to this frequent-fire regime.

But in decades since, aggressive fire suppression stopped these cleansing fires and allowed trees to fill the gaps, creating forests that are crowded, stressed for water, and susceptible to attack by bark beetles and other insects. The woods were primed for future fires that would burn fast and hot as we saw in 1994 when the Rat Creek Fire raced down Icicle Creek and swept across Mountain Home ridge destroying most of the forest in its path.

The unburned part of the forest remains crowded, stressed for water, vulnerable to insects, and ripe for destruction by the next wildfire. Without treatment through thoughtful management, these trees will not survive the next wildfire that hits the ridge.

Starting later this year, the Land Trust will begin restoring healthy conditions to its 169-acre Mountain Home Preserve by thinning 40 acres of forest that did not burn in 1994. Working in collaboration with our

neighbors to the west, we plan to thin the forest to mimic pre-settlement conditions that were sustained by low-intensity, frequent wildfires. Our work will follow management guidelines developed by forest scientists at the University of Washington, the US Forest Service, and The Nature Conservancy.

Our Mountain Home forest restoration project requires three treatments that will take place over the next 5–10 years.

- FIRST is the forest thinning to remove many 8”–14” diameter Douglas-fir trees while favoring ponderosa pine and larger Douglas-fir. This treatment will create a “clumpy-gappy” forest similar to historical, pre-suppression conditions.

- SECOND will be to remove non-commercial, small diameter trees and prune lower branches on large trees to reduce fuel ladders and create a desired forest structure less susceptible to destructive wildfire and insects.

- THIRD, and most challenging, will be to apply prescribed fire in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies and our Mountain Home neighbors at regular intervals to maintain the desired, open-structured forest.

Follow our progress on our website and look for opportunities to volunteer. 



photo: Dave Hillestad

Thinning the forest leads to open stands of large ponderosa pine & Douglas-fir. This creates improved foraging and nesting habitat for many birds – like the White-headed woodpecker pictured above.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

From October 2016 through February 2017, these individuals have joined the Land Trust. Thank you for your generous support!

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| Bill & Chris Hungelmann | Zona Mckenzie | Wallace Prestbo | Mike St. Jean |
| Icicle Ridge Winery | Oly Mingo | Teresa & Eric Redrup | Stevens Pass |
| Nan & Bob Inn | Juan Miranda | Jim & Carrie Reynolds | Michelle Straus |
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| Shanye Magdoff | Tovah Parsons | Ralph & Rosemary Soper | Kristen Wright Lodge |
| Aren Magnussen | Derek Pickard | Dustin Spencer | Kelly Zellefrow |
| Lorana McCalester | LA Piper | Peter Spiegel | |

GREEN VELVET DRESS

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with the Land Trust. The Baughs decided to donate their land and make a cash donation to fund stewardship of the property. CDLT Executive Director Curt Soper calls their donation “an amazingly generous gift for both wildlife habitat and open natural areas for our community - now and for future generations.”

Ed says, “It wasn’t a loss to us to donate the land because the land is not ours. It is on loan to us.”

Twenty-one acres is not a vast tract, but when added to other land under conservation in Number 1 and Number 2 Canyons, the donation becomes of inestimable value in preserving habitat and open space. 🌿



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Knapweed, that dreaded invasive weed, may have met it’s match! Land Trust volunteer and Wenatchee Naturalist **Bill Deters** has designed and produced a new tool for digging out this nasty invader. He is donating a set to CDLT and is looking for a catchy name for his invention! ...ideas?

2016 ANNUAL REPORT — ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND OUR DONOR LIST ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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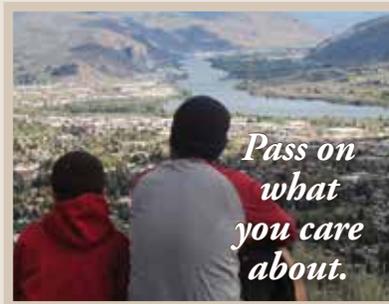
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YOU CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

You can help take care of the lands and rivers you love even after your lifetime by naming the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust as a beneficiary of your retirement account or other asset.

It is as simple as filling out a beneficiary designation form for your IRA, 401(k), pension, life insurance or financial account that is entirely separate from your will – making this an easy way to give.



This is also a flexible way to give. You aren't locked in to the choices you make today – you can easily revise your beneficiary designation anytime, and it is not necessary to change your will.

Retirement accounts are heavily taxed when they are passed on to your heirs, potentially subject to both income and estate taxes. Because the Land Trust is a non-profit charity, we are not taxed upon receiving an IRA or other retirement plan gift, allowing the full value of your future gift to benefit the special places you love.

For more information on how you can make a special future gift, or to let us know if you have already included us in your will or other estate plans, please contact Sharon Lunz, (509) 667-9708, sharon@cdlandtrust.org, or visit the **Legacy Giving** section of our website. We will honor all requests for anonymity.



Above, CDLT's Neal Hedges & Susan Ballinger cover a test spot to prevent spray. They will monitor this spot to compare it to the treated areas.



Steve Jacobs



Hans van Someren Gréve

WELCOME & THANK YOU

The Land Trust is fortunate to welcome **Steve Jacobs** to our Board of Directors. Steve, a Leavenworth resident, is a CPA and served as Controller and CFO for CW Hospital and VP of Finance for Confluence Health and has years of experience serving on non-profit boards. Steve is a strong addition to our board.

Steve was elected by our membership to replace **Hans van Someren Gréve**, who is stepping down after completing two very productive terms on the board. Hans' practical wisdom, good judgement, and humor was an asset to our organization. Thank you, Hans!

OUTINGS EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for outings, learning opportunities and work parties. More online - for details, updates, more events, and to sign-up: cdlandtrust.org or call 509-667-9708.



VOLUNTEER

RSVP Required

TRAIL WORK

Trail Thursdays 3-6pm

- Mar 23 *Castle Rock Natural Area*
- Apr 6 *Sage Hills*
- Apr 27 *Horse Lake Reserve*
- May 18 *Foothills (TBA)*

Saturday Work Parties 9am-3pm

- Apr 15 *Sage Hills/Balsamroot Tr.*
- May 6 *Leavenworth area (TBA)*
(more info: hanne@cdlandtrust.org)

HORSE LAKE TRAIL RUN

Help out at this fun event!

- Apr 29 *7am-12pm*
@ Horse Lake Reserve

STEWARDSHIP

Info on our website or contact neal@cdlandtrust.org

- Apr 22 *9am-3pm fence removal*
@ Horse Lake Reserve
- Apr 25 *6pm Weed ID Session*
- Mar-June *weed control, Foothills*
- May-July *weed control, Entiat & upper-Wenatchee Valley*

WEED ALERT PROGRAM

Learn to ID weeds and stop their invasion into our Foothills. FREE 2-part series.

- Apr 25 & 27 *6-8pm*
@ Wenatchee Public Library

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Plant monitoring, eBirding & more—find out how easy it is to help out! Contact susan@cdlandtrust.org for more info.



OUTINGS

RSVP Required

UPPER VALLEY NATURE WALKS *(Leavenworth area)*

- Apr 6 *2pm @ Ski Hill*
- Apr 18 *5pm @ Ski Hill*
- Apr 19 *9am @ Icicle Ridge Tr.*
- Apr 20 *5pm @ Ski Hill*
- Apr 24 *1:30pm @ Icicle Ridge Tr.*
- May 4 *5pm @ Ski Hill*
- May 9 *2pm, 6pm @ Ski Hill*

WILDFLOWER WALKS IN THE FOOTHILLS

Jacobson Preserve - flowers & views!

- Apr 17 *@ 5:30-7pm*
- May 24 *@ 5:30-7pm*

EARLY BLOOMS WILDFLOWER WALK

- Apr 23 *1-4pm*
@ Sam Hill, Leavenworth

MORNING BIRDING

Beginner to expert - learn to bird!

- Apr 26, May 10 & 24, June 28
7:30-9:45am @ Walla Walla Park (details online)

GEOLOGY HIKE

With geologist Brent Cunderla

- May 13 *11am-3pm*
@ Mountain Home property

BUGS, BUTTERFLIES & BLOOMS

With biologist Phil Archibald

- May 20 *9am-12pm @ Stormy Creek Preserve, Entiat Valley*



EVENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES

@ Wenatchee Valley Museum

“The Bluebird Man”

- Mar 21 *7-8:30pm*

“The Buzz on Native Bees”

- Apr 18 *7-8:30pm*

“Ten Parks that Changed America”

- May 16 *7-8:30pm*

eBIRD 101 WORKSHOP

Put your bird sightings to work for science!

- Mar 22 *6-8pm @ CDLT*

- Mar 23 *9-11am @ WRI*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

“Land Conservation and my PCT Hike” with Hillary Schwirtlich

- Mar 23 *6:30pm*

@ Leavenworth Library

- Mar 30 *6:00pm*

@ Entiat Library

SPRING BREAK NATURE & HIKING CAMP

Kids explore nature in the Foothills

- Apr 3-7 *9am-12pm @ various Wenatchee Foothills trails*

SPRING SHINDIG!

- Apr 20 *7-9pm*

@ Cashmere Riverside Center

EARTH DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Fun, easy way for the whole family to celebrate Earth Day!

- Apr 22 *10am-12:30pm*
@ Jacobson Preserve



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Fireweed *Chamaenerion angustifolium*

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AND LIVELY CONVERSATION.