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2008 YEAR IN REVIEW: AN ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP



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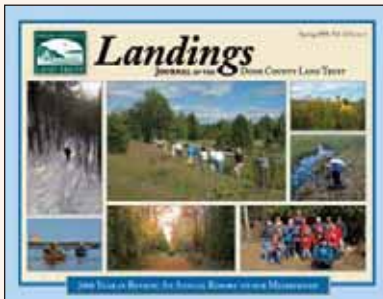
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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the spring edition of Landings! While we patiently wait for the earth and waters to warm, let me bring you back to a snowy February day when the Door County Land Trust welcomed a very special guest to our strategic planning retreat.

For the past 25 years, **Tom Bailey** has been the charismatic leader of the Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC), a land trust serving most of northwest Michigan. During his tenure, he has transformed LTC from a fledgling organization into one of the most successful and respected land trusts in the United States. Today, LTC manages over 150 nature preserves and has protected 38,000 acres.

Tom's participation at our retreat was an opportunity to hear from a true leader of the land conservation community. His visit was especially timely because the Door County Land Trust is in the midst of developing a strategic plan to guide our work for the next five years. While we discussed many issues at our retreat, Tom encouraged us to consider one question in particular: **What are we protecting land for?**

Tom noted that it is easy to know what we're protecting land **from**...inappropriate development and ecological degradation, for example. These are issues we discuss often. The question we discuss less, and the question Tom urged us to consider is "What are we protecting land **for**?" While we know we're protecting land *for* plants and animals and the habitat they need to survive, Tom encouraged us to delve a bit deeper, to consider the human side of this question. Are we not also protecting land *for* us, *for* our community, and *for* our children and grandchildren? If so, then our strategic plan needs to go beyond protecting Door County's wildlife; it must also include goals for how we can use our protected lands to inspire the community, educate our children, parents and elders, and provide meaningful outdoor experiences. In other words, how can our nature preserves improve our quality of life in Door County?!

Managing our nature preserves with this expanded vision is a challenging proposition that raises important issues. How do we offer the community enhanced opportunities to visit and explore our preserves in a manner that will not erode their outstanding ecological and scenic values? How much time and money do we allocate for programs aimed at providing recreational and educational opportunities versus critical land management activities like invasive species removal, tree plantings, and wetland restoration?

These are the types of questions we'll address through our strategic planning effort. But our visit with Tom Bailey has already made one thing clear: we will achieve more in the next five years if the special places we protect serve to inspire our community. If people feel a deeper sense of pride in the beautiful views and vistas we're protecting and if our citizenry better understands the importance of preserving the rich diversity of life that is found in Door County, then the Land Trust is more likely to win the support needed to safeguard the many special places still in need of protection.

I encourage you to take full advantage of all the ways you can learn about the places we're working hard to preserve. Start by visiting our recently redesigned website — www.doorcountylandtrust.org. Here you can read about the 25 Special Places we're saving, find out about an upcoming outing, and download directions to a nearby Land Trust nature preserve. With map in hand, you'll be ready to explore a special place you've helped to protect. After all, these nature preserves are for *you*, too!

Enjoy our great outdoors,

Dan

Dan Burke, *Executive Director*



A group of Land Trust supporters learn about the unique ecology of Door County at the 2008 Annual Gathering.

Photo by Julie Schartner

DIRECTIONS TO LAND TRUST PRESERVES

These Preserves are for You!

With your help, the Door County Land Trust has preserved nearly 5,000 beautiful acres throughout Door County. We've been working hard to make many of these places available for the community. The following nature preserves are now equipped with hiking trails and preserve information. We invite you to visit one or all of them soon!

Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve,

Carlsville – over 400 preserved acres offer stunning and panoramic views of the waters of Green Bay as you walk along the Niagara Escarpment. The preserve is located eight miles north of Sturgeon Bay and one mile south of Carlsville Road on Bay Shore Drive (County Highway B.) For upper parking area, take Carlsville Road (County Highway I) west from Highway 42 to Reynolds Road. Turn south on Reynolds. The parking area is approximately 1/2 mile on the west side of the road. For lower parking area: take Carlsville Road (County Highway I) west from Highway 42 to Bay Shore Drive. Turn south at the stop sign. The lower parking area is located on the east side of the road directly across from fire # 5451, Bay Shore Drive. Marked trails depart from each parking area and connect with one another. Hiking is easy-to-moderately easy, except for the bluff slope which is more difficult.

Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond,

Ephraim – a small oasis in the heart of downtown Ephraim, this 27-acre preserve features transitional meadows, a small pond and impressive swatches of rugged Niagara Escarpment. It is located at the corner of Anderson Lane and Moravia Street. From Water Street (Highway 42), turn east onto Anderson Lane. Turn north from Anderson onto Moravia. Look for our sign near the break in the split rail fence. The preserve kiosk is just a short way down the path. An easy 1-mile trail runs the perimeter of the preserve. Note: the Village of Ephraim prohibits parking along the roads. Please park in the village lot on Highway 42 and walk the short distance to the preserve.

Lautenbach Woods Preserve,

Egg Harbor – this 80-acre preserve is a great example of the terrain of the Niagara Escarpment and allows visitors to see first hand the vertical and horizontal fractures in the dolomite rock that underlies much of Door County. An easy-to-moderately difficult, 1.25-mile trail loops through the upper hardwoods and pine forest and down the slope of the escarpment. From Egg Harbor, take State Highway 42 south about 4 miles to County Highway G. Turn right (north) on G and travel about one mile. A parking area and informational kiosk are located on the west side of the road.

Richter Community Forest,

Washington Island – the trailhead and parking area are located just west of the Detroit Harbor ferry dock on Green Bay Road. Take Lobdell Point Road from the ferry to intersection of Lobdell and Green Bay Road. Turn west and follow Green Bay Road approximately 1/2-mile. The Richter trail is an easy, 1-mile hike and connects with a public Town of Washington trail.

White Cliff Fen and Forest Preserve,

Egg Harbor – located just north of the Village of Egg Harbor, the White Cliff Preserve now includes 100 acres. The 1.5-mile trail makes two loops through the old-growth cedar forest. Hiking is easy-to-moderately easy. North of downtown Egg Harbor, turn west off of Highway 42 on Harbor Heights Road. Follow it about 1/2 mile to White Cliff Road. Turn north on White Cliff for approximately 1 mile. Preserve entrance is located on the south side of the road just across from fire #8251. Off-road parking is available at the public boat launch north of White Cliff Road just east of the preserve entrance.

For trail maps, preserve rules and other information, please visit our website:

www.doorcountylandtrust.org



Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve

Photo by Julie Scharfner



Lautenbach Woods Preserve

Photo by Julie Scharfner



Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond

Photo by Dan Eggert



Partners in Preservation

NANCY ATEN & DAN COLLINS, BAY SHORE BLUFFLANDS PRESERVE



Dan Collins & Nancy Aten, Door County Land Trust
Partners in Preservation

Poet and conservationist Gary Snyder said, *"Stewardship means, for most of us, find your place on the planet, dig in, and take responsibility from there...even while holding in mind the largest scale of potential change. Get a sense of workable territory, learn about it, and start acting point by point."*

We have all been moved by inspiring words at one time or another. Momentarily we vow to aim higher, change our ways, commit our time, our lives, our muscles and brains to something our hearts tell us is the real thing. And then we get busy doing other things, like answering emails or cleaning the house.

This is the story of two people who are living the Gary Snyder definition of stewardship. They've found a place on the planet, dug in, and started acting point by point. In the process, they've made a difference that couldn't have been anticipated when they started just over a decade ago. Their partnership with the Door County Land Trust has helped make the Bay Shore Blufflands into one of the premier nature preserves in the Midwest.

In 1997, Nancy Aten and Dan Collins decided to commit funds they had to preserving and restoring a

"We're already seeing the land respond to our efforts and it's very gratifying. We hope we're here long enough to have a positive impact on this place, to leave it better than we found it."

– Nancy Aten

piece of land. "We had some criteria in mind," explains Nancy. "Ideally, the property would be within 3 or 4 hours of Milwaukee, it would have a high ecological value, it would be under the threat of inappropriate development, and it would be part of a larger effort, perhaps on the wish list of some conservation group not quite able to afford it."

They began their search in the Baraboo Hills and Wisconsin Dells area visiting Nature Conservancy sites and pouring over plat books. Eventually, they mailed a letter outlining their goals to the Wisconsin chapter of The Nature Conservancy. "The Nature Conservancy, unbeknownst to us, forwarded our letter to land trusts around the state and Dan Burke of the Door County Land Trust was the first of only two responses we received. He told us about two potential properties in need of protection – one on Chambers Island and one along Bay Shore Drive between Sturgeon Bay and Egg Harbor – and invited us to come up and meet him and one of the Land Trust board members, Mary Standish."

Dan Collins laughs remembering their initial response. "We weren't thrilled about Door County. We had the impression that it was all about golf and fish boils – it was just 'too Door County-ish!'" Or so they thought.

Despite their misgivings, they drove up from Mequon on a stormy, dreary day. Mary Standish took Dan and Nancy to see a property she was passionate about – a beautiful stretch of woodlands along Bay Shore Drive. It was here Mary had discovered one of Wisconsin's largest colonies of the rare ram's head lady's-slipper orchid. The forest was slated for a sub-division and the

Land Trust did not have the financial means at the time to intervene. Surveys and lot lines were in place and a half-mile long road had already been constructed to service the proposed 29 residential lots.

Dan and Nancy found the property compelling. "We were immediately taken with Mary's passion to preserve this place. We liked that the forest was part of a State Natural Area and that there was neighborhood involvement. We had a real sense that Mary and Dan (Burke) were genuine and they understood our vision. By the time we drove home, we knew we had found what we were looking for with the Bay Shore property. Our perception of Door County had changed and we looked at each other and said, 'this could work.'"

Dan Burke, Executive Director of the Land Trust, recounts what followed. "It's a good thing Dan and



Dan Collins (pictured) and Nancy Aten spent many hours clearing non-native Buckthorn in an effort to restore their wetlands.

Photo by Nancy Aten

Nancy were so committed to their convictions because what ensued was a real struggle.” Dan Collins concurs. “We didn’t have nearly enough money for what we wanted to do. We used every penny and took up loads of Dan (Burke’s) time figuring out creative financing. We couldn’t afford to purchase the entire subdivision; we had to subtract six lots. Over many months, we submitted 6 or 7 purchase offers to the developer. We were fortunate, however, that Mary had become such a thorn in his side that he found it easier to sell to us than contend with her. Anyone who knows Mary knows that she is gentle and soft-spoken, but when she sets her mind to something, she’s determined. She was key to our eventual success in saving the land from subdivision.”

In early 1998, Nancy Aten and Dan Collin’s perseverance prevailed and they became the owners of fifty-five acres of some of the most ecologically valuable land in Door County. Upon assuming ownership of the property, they worked with the Land Trust to place a no-development conservation easement agreement on the land. But their work didn’t end there. A few years later, they purchased and protected an adjoining 50 acres.

Just as Mary Standish’s passion inspired Dan and Nancy, their passion has inspired others. Property owners have donated conservation easements as well as lands to the Land Trust and many in the neighborhood have donated money to help the Land Trust purchase hundreds of acres. The Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve now boasts over 450 acres, most of which is open to the public for hiking, hunting, and other recreational activities. (See

“These Preserves are for You!” on page 3.)

In addition to preserving land from development, Nancy and Dan have taken an active role in restoring the lands they own. They worked with the Land Trust to apply for a grant through the DNR’s Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) to eradicate the invasive plant species that are threatening the ecological integrity of their property. The grant requires Dan and Nancy to provide “match” in the form of cash or donated labor.

“We are ‘hands-on’ people,” states Nancy. “We get our hands dirty and our feet wet and it suits our psyche. We’re already seeing the land respond to our efforts and it’s very gratifying. We hope we’re here long enough to have a positive impact on this place, to leave it better than we found it.”

Dan Burke echoes the hope so many others feel when they see what two people have accomplished. “There are special places like the Blufflands all over Door County. What’s been done here can be done elsewhere. It’s all about partnerships and passion.”



Sunset over the wetlands on the Aten-Collins property at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve.

A Fond Farewell to Board Member, Nancy Aten

At its Annual Meeting this past January, the Door County Land Trust Board of Directors marked the end of Nancy Aten’s tenure as a fellow board member. After serving nine years on the Land Trust board, Nancy is stepping down and will be sorely missed!



Nancy served in many capacities. She has been a long time member of the Land Trust’s Land Policy Committee (on which she will continue to serve), helped form our ad-hoc Personnel Committee, and was a member of the Executive Committee for several years. Nancy brought her passion for and defense of the natural world into her decision-making responsibilities as a board member and her opinions were always appreciated and respected. As a professional natural landscape architect, Nancy was able to ask the right questions to help us address the many land management decisions that came before us. Aside from her duties on the board, Nancy and her husband, Dan Collins, have always been quick to host outings and lead guided hikes for the Land Trust. Dan and Nancy have also been instrumental partners in building and maintaining the Land Trust’s Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve.

We look forward to continuing to work with Nancy at the committee level and thank her for all of her contributions to the Door County Land Trust.

Photo by Nancy Aten

BAY SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION *Good Neighbors*

The Bay Shore Property Owners Association and the Door County Land Trust are good neighbors. The two groups are working together to control common buckthorn and honeysuckle on and adjacent to the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve near the shores of Green Bay, west of Carlsville. The Door County Land Trust was awarded an \$18,000 grant with which to hire a professional contractor to remove non-native, invasive plants from 60 acres on the western portion of the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve. To help the Land Trust meet a key grant requirement for “match,” the Bay Shore Property Owners Association stepped forward and agreed to provide 400 hours of volunteer labor removing invasives on lands adjacent to the preserve. An additional 200 match hours are being provided by Door Stewardship Alliance volunteers and the Land Trust staff. The goal of the project is to restore and enhance habitat for 15 at-risk plants and animals including Caspian Tern, Northern Goshawk, Red-Shouldered Hawk, ram’s head and yellow lady’s slippers, and several rare Pleistocene snails.

Jodi Milske, Stewardship Coordinator of the Land Trust, explains how crucial the Land Trust’s partnership with private landowners is. “Invasive species have no respect for property lines. Our eradication efforts are much more effective when we work together with property owners near our preserves. The Bay Shore Property Owners have been wonderful partners. Their work has made our preserve healthier and we’ve helped educate them about eradication strategies and techniques they can use on their own lands.”

HELP WANTED!

“Dynamic, growth-oriented conservation organization looking for very special people to work really hard on Tuesday mornings for low pay.”
(Well, okay...NO pay!)

Do you love being out in the fresh air on a Door County Land Trust preserve? Do you enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded companions? Do you get satisfaction from working with your hands? Would you like to learn to identify and eradicate invasive plant species? Do you want to help protect and restore some of Door County’s most important wild places? Is a granola bar and a bottle of water your idea of a great picnic?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions and are available on one or more Tuesday

mornings between April and October, you’ve got what it takes to join the hardest working, most fun-loving corps of Land Trust volunteers we’ve ever met: the Door Stewardship Alliance, a.k.a. DSA or the “Stew Crew.” All you need is a love of the land and a willingness to roll up your sleeves and don your work gloves; we’ll provide tools and supplies, a season’s worth of important work tasks, and an opportunity to experience our preserves in a unique and very personal way.

What does DSA do?

Here are a few highlights from our 2008 season:

- We planted several thousand shrubs and trees at the Oak Road Wetland Preserve.
- We cut invasive honeysuckle and scotch pine at the Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond.
- We built and installed an information kiosk at the White Cliff Fen and Forest Preserve.
- We assisted the DNR in cutting, bundling and treating invasive Phragmites.
- We cut and treated invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve.
- We mowed trails, posted boundary markers, picked up trash, learned new plants, enjoyed wildlife, sweated buckets, swatted bugs, ate hundreds of granola bars, told countless bad jokes, and immeasurably deepened our connection to this landscape we love.

If you are interested in joining the Tuesday morning “Stew Crew” or would like more information, contact Jodi Milske, Land Stewardship Coordinator, at jmilske@dcwis.com.



Photo by Jack Finger

Land Stewardship Coordinator, Jodi Milske, is pictured in front of non-native buckthorn at the Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS... *"Why We Volunteer"*

Every Tuesday morning between April and October, Door Stewardship Alliance volunteers (a.k.a. the "Stew Crew") are out at one of our preserves building trails for public use, eradicating invasive species and planting trees. Their hands get calloused and their feet get cold. We asked them the obvious question... **why do you do this work for no pay and little glory?** Here are a few of their responses which range, in true Stew Crew fashion, from the glib to the sublime.

■ *It beats going on a diet.*

– Bryan Troutman

■ *Judy and I feel that the Land Trust is doing "THE Important Work" in Door County. Volunteering is an active way to experience Land Trust lands in a hands-on way. And, over time, seeing the improvements to the properties is its own reward.*

– Guy Fortin (and Judy Samida)

■ *I like to do useful work, outside, with like-minded people. Besides, being a weed warrior is quite a satisfying way to dissipate aggression!*

– Karen Wilson

■ *Since I've retired, my wife often asks me if it's possible for me to leave the house and go somewhere. On Tuesdays, I can tell her 'Yes! On a DCLT work party.' Then we're both happy.*

– Bill Utley

■ *I enjoy being able to see all the Land Trust's protected properties, being able to blaze new trails or improve trails, and getting together with all the neat people who love preserving Door County's beauty."*

– Jack VanLanen

■ *I get to help the Land Trust with its overriding mission of preserving land. I get out of the house. And then there are those granola bars...*

– Mike Brodd

■ *I need something to keep me out of trouble until the stars come out.*

– Ray Stonecipher

■ *I look forward to taking out my frustrations on an invasive plant. I'll do anything for a red hat.*

– Ron Klimaitis

■ *I don't enjoy digging holes, cutting honeysuckle, pulling garlic mustard, etc., but I do leave with the feeling that I have helped the land with my own small effort.*

– T.C. Johnson



Photo by Jodi Milske

Door Stewardship Alliance volunteers install an interpretive sign at the Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond. Pictured from left to right: Guy Fortin, Ron Lokken, Judy Samida, Jack VanLanen, Ron Maloney, Ron Klimaitis, Bob Davis, Joe Carpenter, Bob Judd, Kathy Wolff, and Chris Movall.

■ *Doing violence to invasive plants is the only legitimate outlet for man's aggressive tendencies (during peacetime). It is great to see the trees I planted after two or three years and it's an opportunity to get deep into hidden corners of nature.*

– Peter Sigmann

■ *I like hikers to enjoy the trails while they experience the hidden treasures of Door County.*

– John Hermann

■ *Cutting buckthorn and honeysuckle for 4 hours is one of the biggest "highs" one can have.*

– Ron Maloney

■ *I get to be in a beautiful spot with great people AND do a little good for the earth.*

– Glenna Peters

Introducing the Red Cap



Door Stewardship Alliance volunteers will receive a coveted red bill cap upon logging 50 hours of volunteer time. The coveted cap, shown here on veteran DSA'er, Ron Lokken, is embroidered with "Stew Crew" on the back and is a visible token of the Land Trust's appreciation!



2008 Year in Review

An Annual Report to Our Membership



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to fellow Land Trust supporters,

2008 was a banner year for land preservation in Door County thanks to all of you. With your help, we completed many projects including two signature purchases you can be very proud of – the Kreuter Preserve in Southern Door which protects one of the longest stretches of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline in Door County, and the 421-acre Three Springs Preserve near Sister Bay which is the largest conservation project in Door County in over four decades. Thank you for helping us make all of this possible.

We know that in these uncertain times, it's not easy to make the sacrifices that are most important in our lives. But, you are doing it and we are grateful.

For those of you who attended the Midwinter's Feast by the Fire at Bjorklundén this year, you heard our Executive Director, Dan Burke, suggest that one sure bet in these times is an investment in the Door County Land Trust. Our protected properties can only grow in value over the years and we are committed to making these investments more valuable to you through some of our future plans.

In late February, our board and staff immersed themselves in a two-day retreat designed to provide the basis for developing a new, long-term strategic plan for the Land Trust. The sessions were stimulating and productive. One topic that was given significant attention was public use of our protected properties. Finding the balance between sequestering preserves from any risk of disruption and encouraging people to enjoy them up close and personal makes for good discussions.

At last summer's Annual Gathering, I spoke about the land and how its value is intimately connected to our relationship with it. I quoted Robinson Jeffers, outdoorsman and poet: "Integrity is wholeness, the wholeness of life and things, the divine beauty of the Universe... Love that, not man apart from that."

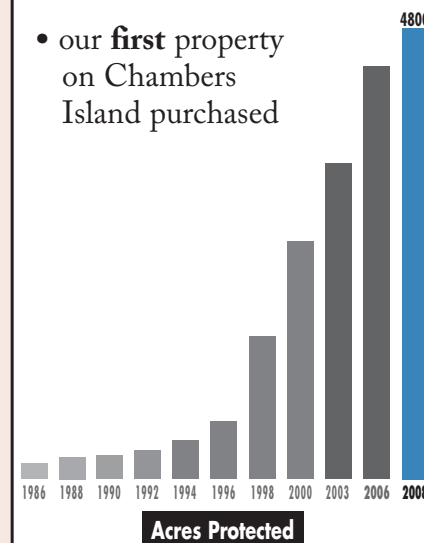
Man was meant to be integrated with our natural world. We need to be able to enjoy the lands surrounding us – to see them, to use them, to feel them, to let them become a part of our lives. Only by doing so will we learn to cherish them and protect them. It is this concept that motivates us to do all we intelligently can to preserve the special places that remain and to make the Door County Land Trust's properties more accessible to all of you. Our challenge is to do this without compromising sensitive areas or endangered species – this is a priority. With this in mind, we will be working over the next several years to make it easier to visit our lands and to improve the quality of your excursions. Stay tuned!

Again, thank you for being such great members and loyal investors in the Door County Land Trust!

Dave Callsen
President, Board of Directors

2008 Land Preservation by the Numbers

- **9** properties protected totaling **600** acres
- **4,000** feet of lakeshore preserved
- **thousands** of feet of stream frontage preserved
- **421** acres protected at Three Springs, the largest conservation purchase in Door County in over 41 years
- our **first** property on Chambers Island purchased



BALANCE SHEET*

2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Current Assets

Checking/Savings Accounts	
Brokerage Account	61,970.71
Checking Accounts	47,554.40
Legal Defense Fund	47,574.82
Money Market Account	366,571.36
Petty Cash	900.00
Total Checking and Savings Accounts	524,571.29

Other Current Assets

Pledges Discounted	-23,700.00
Pledges Receivable	210,155.80
Prepaid Expenses	410.00
Total Other Current Assets	186,865.80

Total Current Assets 711,437.09

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-27,316.18
Fixed Assets - Other	36,181.93
Total Fixed Assets	8,865.75

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Other Assets

Earnest Money	2,200.00
Property Owned	
Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve	2,339,089.00
Reserved Life Estate Property	1,023,239.00
Chambers Island Preserve	84,000.00
Kinsey Bay Shore Property	210,000.00
Ephraim Preserve at Anderson Pond	381,350.00
Hibbards Creek Preserve	106,800.00
Kangaroo Lake Preserve	311,810.00
Kellner Fen Preserve	328,000.00
Kreuter Preserve at Claybanks	2,430,000.00
Lautenbach Woods Preserve	810,000.00
N. Michigan Drive lots	1,800.00
Oak Road Wetlands Preserve	713,000.00
Old Stage Property	48,000.00
Gilsen-Peterson Forest	300,000.00
Picha Forest Preserve at Thorp Pond	136,000.00
Sturgeon Bay Ridge-Swale Property	134,100.00

Washington & Detroit Islands

Big and Little Marsh Preserve	347,560.00
Detroit Harbor Preserve	1,358,674.00
Domer-Neff Nature Preserve	76,500.00
Indian Point Forest Preserve	66,000.00
Little Lake Preserve	1,768,000.00
Mostek Forest Preserve	97,500.00
Richter Community Forest	711,000.00
Washington Harbor View	87,500.00
White Cliff Fen and Forest	1,018,859.00
Woods at Monument Point	366,900.00
Total Property Owned	17,076,960.00
Stewardship Endowment Trust	407,620.49
Vehicles	28,926.79

Total Other Assets 17,727,507.28

TOTAL ASSETS 18,447,810.12

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	40,120.54
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Payroll Withholding	1,059.81
Accrued Wages	20,412.50
Pledges Payable	10,000.00
Prorated Property Tax Liability	15,814.03
Total Other Current Liabilities	47,286.34

Total Current Liabilities 87,406.88

Long Term Liabilities

Sturgeon Bay Office Mortgage	160,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	160,000.00

Total Liabilities 247,406.88

Equity

Retained Earnings	13,172,222.41
Net Income	5,028,180.83

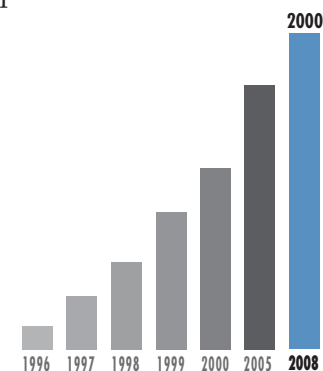
Total Equity 18,200,403.24

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 18,447,810.12

*This is a preliminary pre-audit Financial Statement. If you are interested in obtaining our 2008 Audited Statement, we will be happy to provide you a copy upon the audit completion.

2008 Membership Support by the Numbers

- **90%** of our operational budget is funded by membership support
- every **1** dollar donated by members protected **10** dollars worth of land
- **1,065** households made at least one donation to the Land Trust
- **500+** households made 2 or more donations to the Land Trust
- **3.5 million dollars** in grants were received to purchase lands



Members

2008 LAND PRESERVATION SUCCESSES

Your support of the Land Trust helped make conservation history in 2008! In the span of just a few days last summer, we completed the two largest land purchases in our 22-year history. Our purchase of the 421-acre Three Springs property marked the largest conservation project in Door County in over 40 years. When we purchased 91 acres along Lake Michigan three weeks later, we protected one of the longest, undeveloped stretches of lakeshore remaining in Door County.

In addition to these historic projects, we continued our protection work on Washington and Detroit Islands with five purchases, expanded our Woods at Monument Point Preserve, and completed our first land protection project on Chambers Island. All in all, nine properties representing 600 beautiful acres were permanently protected in 2008. Thank you for supporting our efforts! Here is a summary of the places you helped to protect in 2008:

1 Harold C. Wilson Three Springs Preserve: Liberty Grove

On a windy September afternoon, the Land Trust was joined by the Governor of Wisconsin and the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to announce the Land Trust's purchase of the 421-acre Three Springs property. This acquisition marked the biggest conservation purchase ever made by the Land Trust and, more importantly, protects what had been the largest unprotected parcel remaining in northern Door County.



Three Springs Preserve

Located two miles east of Sister Bay, Three Springs lies in an area which hosts the highest density and greatest diversity of rare plants, animals and natural communities in Wisconsin. The Land Trust purchased Three Springs from George and Jean Reynolds, stewards of the property for nearly 40 years. It is their wish that the preserve be named the **Harold C. Wilson Three Springs Nature Preserve** in honor of the late Harold Wilson who owned the property for many years and operated one of the state's first nature centers here. The

purchase was funded through a mix of state, federal and private funds including grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, and numerous donations from Land Trust supporters. In 2009, we will be adding signage and trails to prepare the preserve for recreational opportunities including hiking, birding, hunting and the quiet enjoyment of nature.

2 Kreuter Preserve: Claybanks

Arguably one of the most breathtaking views in all of Door County, the 91-acre Susan and Nancy Kreuter property along the shores of Lake Michigan in southern Door County has now been protected thanks to a Door County Land Trust purchase this past September. In addition to spectacular bluff-top views, the Land Trust's new **Kreuter Preserve** has nearly 3,000 feet of undeveloped Lake Michigan shore frontage. Funding for this purchase was made possible by a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, donations from



Kreuter Preserve

Land Trust members, and a generous donation from Nancy and Susan Kreuter in the form a bargain sale. The Land Trust will work throughout 2009 to establish a trail system and signage and to prepare the preserve for public use.

3 Little Lake Preserve: Washington Island



Little Lake Preserve

In 2008, the Land Trust continued its ambitious goal to protect the north end of Washington Island's Little Lake and the surrounding forest when it purchased two additional tracts that comprise about 500 feet of shoreline. The **Little Lake Preserve** has become one of the Land Trust's most exciting success stories.

Nearly the entire northern half of Washington Island's only inland lake is now under permanent protection. Membership donations were combined with grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make this purchase possible.

4 Big and Little Marsh Preserve: Washington Island

Big Marsh and Little Marsh are located on the east side of Washington Island along and near the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Misnamed *marshes*, these ecologically important wetlands are actually boreal rich fens that provide critical breeding habitat for the federally endangered Hine's emerald dragonfly and the federally threatened dwarf



Big & Little Marsh Preserve

lake iris. The Land Trust purchased two properties here totaling 45 acres, which brings the total protected acres at **Big and Little Marsh Preserve** to nearly 300 acres. The Land Trust transferred ownership of these two properties to the WI-DNR which will assume long term management in conjunction with its other properties at this preserve.

5 Woods at Monument Point Preserve: Carlsville



Woods at Monument Point

Located about one mile northwest of Carlsville, the **Woods at Monument Point Preserve** features a healthy, diverse forest ecosystem situated above the rock bluff of the Niagara Escarpment. The preserve was expanded in 2008 when the Land Trust purchased a beautiful wooded parcel that was slated for development. A generous donation from Maryann and Tom Bast was used to match a grant from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund. This purchase brings the total acres protected here to over 65.

6 Detroit Harbor Preserve: Detroit Island

Forest, springs, wetlands and pristine shoreline characterize the **Detroit Harbor Preserve** located on Detroit Island and the adjacent southern side of Washington Island. Two purchases on Detroit Island in

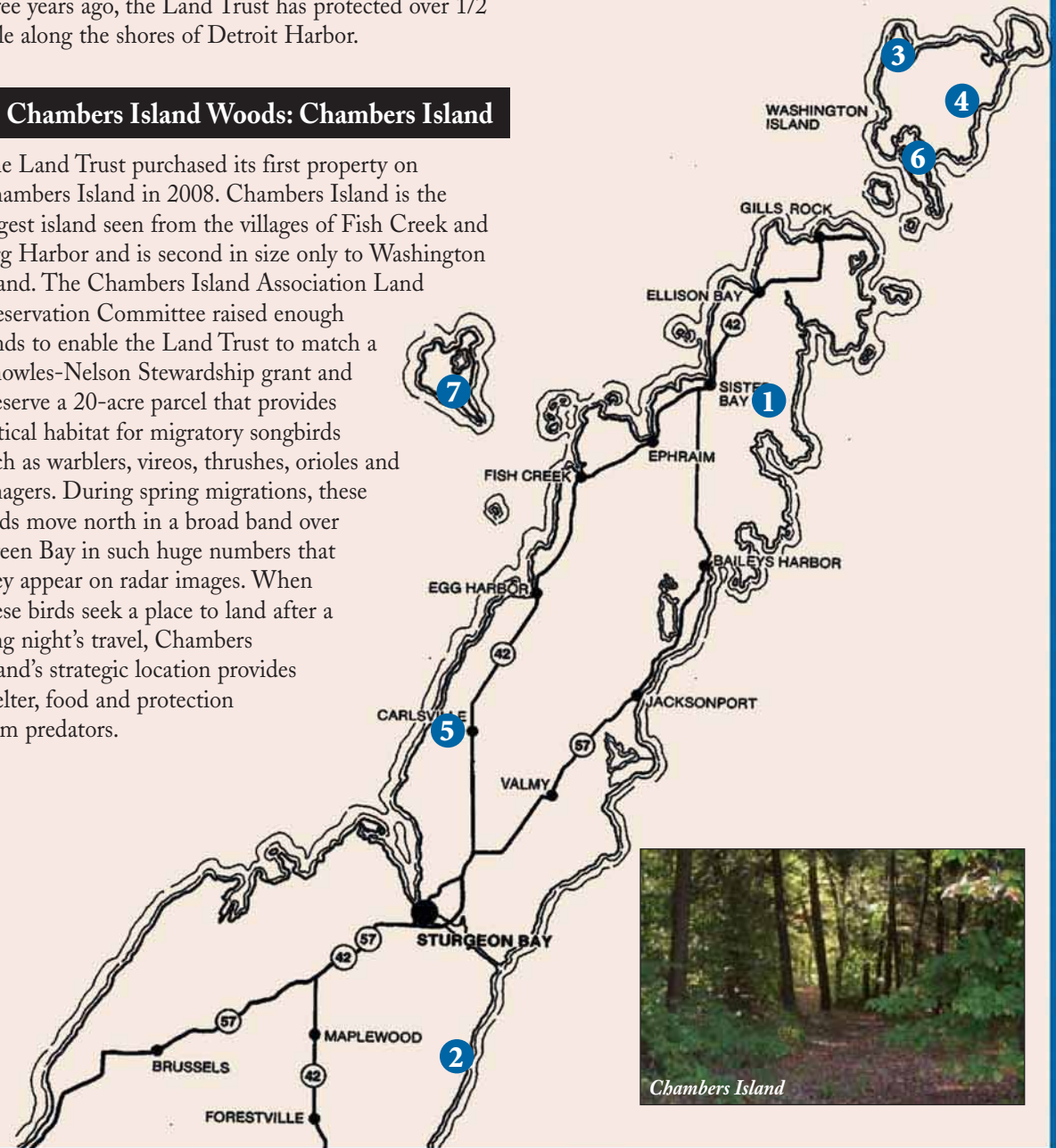


Detroit Harbor Preserve

2008 protect another 1400 feet of shoreline and serve to connect land and lakeshore already protected by the Land Trust. Since our work began on Detroit Island three years ago, the Land Trust has protected over 1/2 mile along the shores of Detroit Harbor.

7 Chambers Island Woods: Chambers Island

The Land Trust purchased its first property on Chambers Island in 2008. Chambers Island is the largest island seen from the villages of Fish Creek and Egg Harbor and is second in size only to Washington Island. The Chambers Island Association Land Preservation Committee raised enough funds to enable the Land Trust to match a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant and preserve a 20-acre parcel that provides critical habitat for migratory songbirds such as warblers, vireos, thrushes, orioles and tanagers. During spring migrations, these birds move north in a broad band over Green Bay in such huge numbers that they appear on radar images. When these birds seek a place to land after a long night's travel, Chambers Island's strategic location provides shelter, food and protection from predators.



Chambers Island

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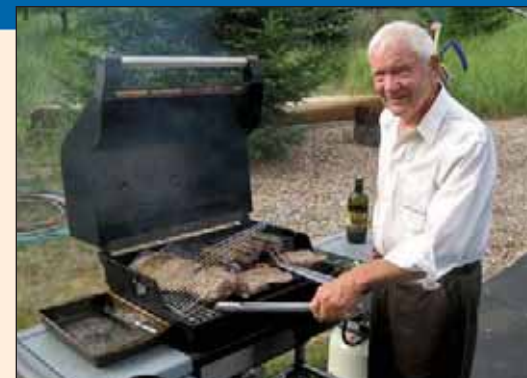


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Dining for Open Spaces chef, Herb Klein

**Thank you to
our 2008 Hosts
and Co-hosts!**

**Dining for
Open Spaces**

The Door County Land Trust sincerely thanks our
2008 Dining for Open Spaces hosts and co-hosts for their generosity
and their hours in the kitchen! The dollars spent hosting these events are
appreciated contributions to the Door County Land Trust.

Nancy Aten & Dan Collins
Cal Bonnavier & Herb Klein
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AVS members support the Door County Land Trust at the level of \$500 or more per year and provide the consistency needed to insure our long term goals. The entire land preservation community thanks them for their commitment to our mission.

DOOR COUNTY LAND TRUST VOLUNTEERS

The Door County Land Trust sincerely thanks our many volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent to help preserve the wild places and open spaces we all love!

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"We pride ourselves on being sticklers for details, but sometimes we fail. If you volunteered your time and your name doesn't appear on our list, please let us know so we may correct our records and extend our gratitude."

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Andy Coulson

Andy and his wife, Jan, have been Door County residents and owners of the White Gull Inn in Fish Creek since 1972. Originally attracted to the area by its natural

beauty, the Coulsons raised their three daughters here and are convinced that the preservation of its natural spaces is critical to the health of the local economy as well as continuing to make the peninsula a wonderful place to live. Enthusiastic supporters of the Door County Land Trust, the Coulsons continue to participate in the Dollars for Open Spaces Program through the White Gull. Andy has served on numerous boards, including 20 years on the Gibraltar School Board, ten years as its president. He looks forward to contributing to the Door County Land Trust Board.



Jim Kinney

Jim and his wife, Susan, lived in the Chicago area for 31 years and raised their family there. Periodically they vacationed in Door County and grew to really appreciate the arts, culture, and last but not least, the scenic

beauty. Jim's career focused on accounting, finance, and information technology, and in his most recent position he was the chief financial officer at a Chicago bank. Given a chance to leave the banking world, he and Susan moved to Door County in 2002. Early in his time here Jim volunteered to be a land monitor for the Land Trust, and has since served on the Board Finance Committee and as a Trustee for the Stewardship Endowment Trust. Jim is currently the Board Treasurer.



Tim Stone

"My first visit to Door County was in 1967 for a business meeting. My wife, Sue, and I were drawn back, like everyone, by the County's incredible natural beauty.

We purchased land in 1980 and built our home in 1984. Within two years we were deeply involved in Door County art, music and theatre. The common thread that ties it all together remains the natural beauty of Door County. I am honored to be on the Board of the Door County Land Trust to help preserve the land that drew all of us here."

MEMORIALS, TRIBUTE & SPECIAL GIFTS

Gifts received between 11/1/2008 & 3/31/2009

In memory of

Michael Barrett

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Properties of Door County

In memory of

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In memory of

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In honor of

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In honor of

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In honor of

My Children

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In honor of

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Bill Andersen
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DOLLARS FOR OPEN SPACES

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Vonnie & Dave Callsen
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*New members who joined the Land Trust between
11/15/2007 & 3/31/2009*

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George and Annette
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Russell and Debra Feirer
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Fiddler's Green
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John Gay
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Charlotte Johnston
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Robert and Martha Judd
Louise and David Keck
Linda and Elmer Keller
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Barbara Klein
Julie and Merritt Knox
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Gloria Koenekamp
Carole and George
Kraemer
Carol Krug
Paul and Fran Krutek
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Mike and Julie Lesica
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Alex Molnar
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Connecting People with Place:

LAND TRUST EVENTS, OUTINGS & HIKEs



Dining for Open Spaces

LAND TRUST EVENTS

Dining for Open Spaces Spring, Summer and Fall, 2009

The Door County Land Trust's popular **Dining for Open Spaces** series returns with a new slate of dining opportunities. Land Trust members invite you to their homes for wonderful brunches, lunches, and dinners – all to benefit land preservation in Door County. The **Dining** season runs from June to October of this year. Details on all of the many meals and adjoining hikes and other activities will be available in the **Dining for Open Spaces** registration booklet to be mailed in mid-May. Watch your mailboxes and reply quickly!

Annual Membership Gathering Sunday, August 9, 2009

Save the date for the Door County Land Trust's 11th Annual Membership Gathering! Conversation, camaraderie, hikes, dinner and other activities make this a popular event. The location of this year's event will be announced in the July invitation mailed to all members. We hope to see you there!

MEMBER HIKEs

Our **"Explore the Door"** outing series offers Land Trust members opportunities to visit the beautiful places they've helped protect. Outings are led by trained Door County Land Trust volunteer hike leaders and/or Land Trust staff.

All **"Explore the Door"** outings are free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register for the hikes listed here and to receive notice of additional events that may be added, please email explore@doorcountylandtrust.org.

Registration for **"Explore the Door"** events is limited. You will be emailed a confirmation of your registration, directions to the event, and any other information you'll need. (If you do not have access to email, please call Kristi at 920-746-1359.)

Woods at Monument Point Preserve

Thursday, June 11 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, June 13 10:00 a.m.

The Door County Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy have been working together to preserve one of the healthiest woods in Door County. **The Woods at Monument Point Preserve** just north of Carlsville now encompasses over 70 acres of permanently protected white pine and hemlock forest. Join us to explore this beautiful preserve which provides nesting habitat to migrating song birds and the Red Shouldered Hawk and hosts a wealth of spring wildflowers.



Woods at Monument Point



Explore the Door Hike Leaders

Highway 57 Scenic Corridor

Thursday, July 9 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, July 11 10:00 a.m.

About half of the lands protected by the Door County Land Trust remain in private ownership and are protected by conservation easement agreements. Nine properties totaling over 300 acres along the Highway 57 Scenic Corridor north of Baileys Harbor are preserved in this manner and help protect the bucolic views we all enjoy. We'll have the opportunity to visit some of these properties and learn more about this important land conservation tool.

A Tour of Washington Island Preserves

Saturday, August 15
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Discover the Door County Land Trust's preserves on Washington Island. Located in four State Natural Areas (**Detroit Harbor, Big and Little Marsh, Coffey Swamp and Little Lake**), these properties are being preserved through a partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and highlight the Island's unique ecology. This day-long field trip will give participants an opportunity to visit and hike in a number of these areas and discover the rare plants and animals they host.



Bissen Property

Photo by Julie Schummer

Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve

Thursday, November 12 1:00 p.m.
or
Saturday, November 14 10:00 a.m.

The Bay Shore Blufflands Preserve just west of Carlsville is one of the premier land preserves in the Midwest and encompasses hundreds of acres of protected lands. The Blufflands Preserve is home to a wide diversity of landscapes including wetlands, forests, fields, and Niagara Escarpment. We'll discuss some of the unique attributes of the Niagara Escarpment and hike the "hog back" to get a panoramic view of Green Bay.

Brussels Hill & Kayes Creek

Thursday, September 10 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, September 12 10:00 a.m.

The Bissen Property on and below the Brussels Hill in Southern Door County is a treat to visit in early fall. Protected by a conservation easement with the Land Trust, Ivan and JoAnn Bissen's 440-acre tract contains the headwaters of Kayes Creek. The creek and connected wetlands host hundreds of waterfowl during the late summer and early fall. If we're lucky, we'll see and hear the sandhill cranes the area is famous for.

Sturgeon Bay Canal Property

Thursday, October 8 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, October 10 10:00 a.m.

Efforts are underway to protect this natural treasure located just minutes from downtown Sturgeon Bay. Over 300 acres in size, this parcel is bordered by Lake Michigan shoreline on the east and the Sturgeon Bay Shipping Canal on the north and contains uplands that were once used to grow potatoes. As we explore the sandy beach and hike through the forested ridge and swale habitats, we will talk about the property's unique ecological features, the work being done here by area high school students, and the interesting human geologic history of this site.



Ship Canal Property

Photo by Julie Schummer

White Cliff Fen and Forest Preserve

Thursday, December 10 1:00 p.m. or
Saturday, December 12 10:00 a.m.

Located just two miles north of the Village of Egg Harbor, the White Cliff Fen and Forest Preserve provides diverse habitat for a wonderful array of wildlife. A wetland fen is found here, as are impressive stands of old-growth

cedar trees and steep bluffs of the Niagara Escarpment. This property was at one time part of the immense holdings of Ferdinand Hotz, a wealthy jeweler from Chicago. Land donations by the Hamming, Klepp, Burkhardt, and Hibbard families helped create this quiet preserve. Come hike our new and improved trail system!

OTHER EVENTS

Door County Festival of Nature

Thursday, May 21 - Saturday, May 23, 2009

This 3-day series of hikes, presentations and workshops is a great way to find out more about the natural wonders of Door County. For more information, please visit www.ridgesanctuary.org/festival.htm.

3rd Annual

Washington Island Birding Festival

Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31, 2009

Birders convene on Washington Island for a weekend of bird-related activities, hikes, dinner and presentations. For more information, please visit www.washingtonislandbirdfest.org.

Washington Island Folk Festival

Friday, July 10, 2009

A favorite Washington Island event! Talented local musicians and storytellers offer a crowd-pleasing evening of folk music. Proceeds benefit the Land Trust. For more information, please call the Land Trust at (920) 746-1359.

Rutabaga Door County Sea Kayak Symposium

Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 12, 2009

Rutabaga Paddlesports of Madison sponsors this annual event and donates part of its proceeds to the Door County Land Trust. For more information, please visit www.everyonepaddles.com.



Sea Kayak Symposium

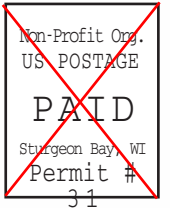
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Door County Land Trust
is to protect, preserve,
and maintain lands
that contribute significantly
to the scenic beauty, open
space, and ecological
integrity of Door County.*



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