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Land Conservancy Chapter Forms on the Oregon Coast

A new chapter of the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy has recently been organized in Bandon.

The Coast Chapter will be the westernmost eyes, ears and feet of the parent organization bringing coastal, wetland and riparian projects to our attention. The Chapter's area of operation will be Coos and Curry counties from the west side of the Coast Range to the ocean.

Begun less than a year ago by a small group of Bandon residents, the Coast Chapter has 19 members including the City of Bandon. Co-chairs, Carol Doty and Myra Lawson, and the chapter secretary, Bob Fischer, are also members of the Land Conservancy's board of directors.

Local experts in coastal ecology, will assist the Coast Chapter in identifying and assessing potential land protection projects. Mike Graybill, manager of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve has offered to assist in this effort.

In addition to protecting wetlands, the Coast Chapter is concerned with protecting scenic view

Sykes Creek Acreage Protected

Last fall the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy was able to help Susan Delles fulfill her dream of protecting in perpetuity her 32 acres of diverse forest land along Sykes Creek near the town of Rogue River. This conservation easement was made possible through a Title III grant from Jackson County that covered the legal and administrative costs. The stewardship funds are being donated by the landowner.

The Lomakatsi Restoration Project, a local non-profit forestry consulting group with Native American ties, conducted a vegetation survey of the property and produced a fuels reduction plan that meets the requirements of the easement. Some of the work recommended to reduce the risk of fire has recently been completed.

This project is an excellent example of how creative partnerships can work to benefit the local community. Many thanks to the Jackson County Commissioners, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, and Susan Delles.



Coast Chapter members join on a monitoring visit near Coquille

areas and significant stands of trees. The Chapter is also interested in helping create urban trails and new community parks in and around Bandon.

The Coast Chapter is planning a Wine Tasting with an Art Display and Silent Art Auction at Lord Bennet's Restaurant in Bandon. It will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 15, 2005. For more information about the Coast Chapter, please call Bob Fischer at (541) 347-4193 or email him at bobfi@oregonfcu.com

New Administrative Assistant Joins Staff

Local masseuse and outdoor enthusiast Kate McKenzie joined the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy staff in November.

"I feel so lucky to be working for an organization where I can combine my passion for the land with



Kate McKenzie

protecting it," Kate says of her new job.

Kate will focus on membership recruitment

and services, coordinating hikes on protected lands, and will also serve as staff to the Lands Committee. She brings extraordinary networking and communication skills to the Land Conservancy as recently demonstrated in her personal membership drive resulting in 10 new members!

Kate has lived in the Rogue Valley for 23 years and is an amateur ornithologist and botanist. We enthusiastically welcome her to our team.

Volunteer Monitor Training Planned

Many of our members and friends have expressed interest in learning how to assist in our stewardship responsibility. If you would like to help out with monitoring protected properties or evaluating potential projects this year, please join Stewardship Coordinator, Su Rolle, for a volunteer training and field trip on Wednesday, May 25, from 9 am to 12 noon in Jacksonville. Please call for more information and to register, 482-3069.

Welcome New Members

Allan Naydol	Dean & Michelle Duarte	Paul Korbulic
Amy Cuddy & Jon Lange	Don Byrd	Peggy Newman
Ann & Paul Brenner	Dr. M. Kirk Gooding	Penny Ritchie
Annette and Lance Pugh	Eco Electric Vehicles LLC	Phillip Patterson
Annie Fuller	Elizabeth Aitken	Robert Ettner
Ashland Outdoor Store	George Aceves	Robert Schwartz
Audrey & Neal Thompson	Grant Oestreich	Roger Butterfield
Bank of America	Greg Freer	Ron Hulteen
Beverly Collins-Wright	Herb Pharm	Ruby Whalley
Bonnie Perry	John & Sarah Rahm	Ruth Smith
Catherin & Jack Goldwasser	Kate McKenzie	Selene Aitken
Cathy & Peter Tronquet	Kurt Bernhardt & Sam Whitford	Shannon Rio
Chrysten Lambert	Marjorie Feldman & Frank Quinn	Sharon Hull
City of Bandon	Mary Lois DeCoursey	Sharon & John Javna
Daphne Stewart & Bob Woods	Melissa Schweisguth	Sidney Davidson
David & Lauren Hall	Monica Schreiber	Tim Brandy &
David Gildersleeve & Eleanor	Pat Acklin & Ken Kigel	Pat Scalo
Savage-Gildersleeve	Pat and Sue Reed	Vickie Crowley
Dean & Donna Ritchie	Patty & Vince Wixon	

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Bird Outing Kicks Off Hiking Series



The community is invited to join us for the first of several "Connecting to the Land" outdoor hikes scheduled on protected properties this year. Pepper Trail, local ornithologist extraordinaire, will lead a hike at Buckhorn Springs on Saturday morning, June 25.

Pepper is a well-known local naturalist and writer. He has written

extensively on the natural history of the Klamath-Siskiyou region and is a regular essayist for Jefferson Public Radio. He is the Conservation Chair for Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and frequently leads birding field trips in our region and around the world. He loves to share his knowledge and love of birds, and is particularly excited about this exploration of Buckhorn Springs, located within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

Meet in the parking lot of the Ashland Bi-Mart to carpool at 8:00 am. Please RSVP to 482-3069.

New Faces at the Conservancy

Three new members recently joined the Land Conservancy board of directors representing the new Coast Chapter of SOLC.

Carol Doty is a land use consultant and has served as an advisor to five Oregon governors concerning industrial lands and recreation.

Myra Lawson is a retired special education teacher who is involved in many community and environmental activities in the Bandon area.

Bob Fischer is the former Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at California State University, Fresno. Bob is a native Oregonian active in the preservation of natural areas and the protection of native plants. Welcome Carol, Myra and Bob!

Conservation Easements 101

Alex Dykema, staff attorney for the Land Conservancy, and Tom Morgan of Duncan and Brown Real Estate Analysts of Eugene, will conduct a workshop for interested individuals on buying, selling, and appraising land with a conservation easement.



Alex Dykema

The workshop will provide an overview of conservation easements from a historical and legal perspective and the most recent methods and requirements for appraising lands which contain a conservation easement.

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Membership Meeting Sunday, May 15

11:00 - 2:00

Hillcrest Orchard, Medford

Join us at the historic Hillcrest Orchard for our annual Membership Meeting and share your vision for land conservation!

We'll tour Roxy Ann Winery and enjoy a complimentary lunch before the meeting.

Soft drinks and wine available.
Please RSVP, 541.482.3069

Monument Project Starts With Donations

Protecting private land in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument got a boost from friends and members at last fall's Conservation Celebration when funds were raised to protect 66 acres of land.

The Monument, which consists of roughly 53,000 federally managed acres, is interspersed with 33,000 acres of privately owned land. Most of these lands are forested and contain many of the unique features which prompted the actual creation of the Monument in 2000. Our goal is to promote healthy ecosystems and more consistent management practices in the Monument through private land conservation using conservation easements.

Many thanks to the following individuals who contributed to this effort: Dapne Stewart and Bob Woods, Tonya Graham, Dan and Lynn Kellogg, Donna and Ken Rhee, Susan Rust, Bill and Eva Marie Morrish, Wayne and Su Rolle, Lorraine and John Roach, Lu Anthony, Carol Moore, Kate Culbertson, Anna Grzeszkiewicz, Tonette Long, Patricia Sempowich, Sam Whitford and Kurt Bernhardt,

Sylvia and Noel Chatroux, John and Sharon Javna, Jack and Catherin Goldwasser, Dean and Donna Ritchie, Diane and Dave Garcia, Heather Brooks and Bow DeBey, Hannah and Jeff LaLande, Sharon Hull, Jean Jones, Darren and Gaia Borgias, Jon and Ginny Deason, Ruth Smith, Angie Clark, David Mizerak, Sara Johnson, Kiah Boso, Vava and Ron Bailey, Elizabeth Udall, Ogden and Cindra Kellogg, Peter and Cathy Tronquet, Porter and Corrine Lombard and Mike and Kathy Uhtoff

This initiative will start with a community outreach and education effort. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project.

Check out our new website!

www.landconserve.org

Are you a website pro?
Please contact us if you can help keep our site updated.

Leave a Legacy of Land

The Southern Oregon Land Conservancy has pledged to care in perpetuity for land that you as a member are helping conserve today.

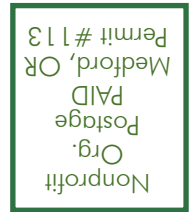
By including the Land Conservancy in your estate planning, you are establishing a legacy of conservation that will stand the test of time and support the kind of work that



Buckhorn Springs

matters to you long after your own lifetime. By leaving a legacy through the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, you will ensure the stewardship of

these vital lands....forever. If you would like to speak with us about including the Land Conservancy in your estate plans, please contact Diane Garcia.



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Message From the President

As much as I had hoped to be President of the Land Conservancy in perpetuity, after seven years at the job I have come to realize that this is not a practical goal. In fact, I now believe that the Land Conservancy has a better chance of lasting forever if we learn how to transfer power regularly and peacefully. This is why I'm so excited to announce that Donna Rhee is taking the reins of the presidency.

Donna brings a ton of enthusiasm to the job as well as experience gained from running her own environmental consulting firm. She also chairs our Education and Outreach Committee.

Since I came on the board back in 1994 I have been involved with conservation easement project selection and monitoring. As I step down from the presidency, I'll be

returning to my original focus by taking over the chairmanship of our Lands Committee. I will be following Susan Rust in this position, who has raised the bar over the past two years. Susan has turned our Lands Committee into a well oiled machine, the real nuts and bolts of the Land Conservancy.

Looking back upon my years of involvement with the Land Conservancy, I get the most satisfaction from thinking about what the forest, farms, ranches, and streams we've protected will be like 50, 100, or 200 years from now. This land will be invaluable to those who follow us. Looking forward I can see so many special places that could still be protected. Our only limit is our ability to imagine what is possible.

Dan Kellogg

Southern Oregon Land Conservancy

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