

# Natural Landscapes



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Preserving Nature on Private Lands

## Campaign for the Coast Success Story: Land Protected in Musquodoboit Harbour

The Nature Trust is very excited to announce the acquisition of a new coastal property, as part of its **Campaign for the Coast** initiative. The 74 hectare Musquodoboit Harbour Conservation Lands include almost 400 metres of scenic undeveloped coastline, 853 metres freshwater shoreline on Narrows Lake, a 13 hectare barrens ecosystem, salt marsh, and representative Acadian coastal forest with dense spruce and fir stands.

Coastal habitat faces significant and increasing threats in Nova Scotia, and less than 5% of coastal habitat protected to date, so the protection of this site and other coastal properties is particularly notable. The Musquodoboit Harbour area, including this property, has been designated a *Ramsar Wetland of International Importance*. It is an important migratory stopover and winter habitat for several species of waterfowl, including Canada geese, black ducks, blue-winged and green-winged teal, golden eyes, and some Harlequin ducks, a rare species. This Nature Trust property is also a nesting area for many species including Bald Eagles. The rugged topography of the property has made it relatively inaccessible to the public, so damage from recreational use on the property is negligible.

The property ownership was officially signed over to the Nature Trust on May 1, 2003. Through our **Campaign for the Coast and Land Stewards Project**, four volunteer monitors have already been trained to assist staff in monitoring and stewarding the property.

The purchase of the Musquodoboit Harbour Conservation Lands was made possible by two generous donors, Dr. Eric Cleveland and Margaret Grant. Dr. Cleveland, a long-time conservationist and major supporter of the Trust, provided most of the funding for the purchase, and donated five coastal lots that form part of the Conservation Lands. The



Musquodoboit Harbour Conservation Lands

retired psychiatrist immediately recognized the important ecological value of the Musquodoboit Harbour property and felt it was far too beautiful a property not to protect in perpetuity. "It was worth it," says Dr. Cleveland. And indeed, this property is valuable to the Nature Trust and to land conservation in Nova Scotia. See our next issue of *Natural Landscapes* for a feature on this very special conservation donor.

Margaret Grant enjoyed many summers in the Ship Harbour area where her family swam, enjoyed picnics and long walks on the beaches. For over 50 years her family has been part of the community. Her uncle, Dr. Gerald Wallace Grant, trained in Edinburgh and came to Nova Scotia during the war. Here he met his wife Frances and settled in Nova Scotia, where the countryside reminded him of his homeland. When Dr. Grant died a number of years ago his estate went to his wife with the understanding that the nieces and nephews would also benefit. Dr. Grant's

wife passed away recently and Margaret received an inheritance from her uncle. Margaret wanted to honour him by protecting wild lands in the Musquodoboit area and so, she donated \$15,000 to the Nature Trust towards securement of this property. She states, "I want other Nova Scotians to understand the importance of investing in our very special places in Nova Scotia."

Our special thanks to Margaret Grant and Dr. Eric Cleveland for making this conservation project possible. Through the generosity and passion of donors like them, the Nature Trust is able to protect Nova Scotia's special natural places.

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# Nature Trust News

## Executive Director's Message

Bonnie Sutherland

It is exciting to be back at the Nature Trust after a year of maternity leave. It has been an eventful year here, and I would like to sincerely thank all the staff, board and committee members, and volunteers who helped out so generously during my leave. All the efforts and accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

Our land securement program has been growing significantly. In addition to the four properties secured over the past year, we look forward to finalizing securement of several high priority properties in the coming months. This will protect important coastal, lakeshore, old forest and rare plant habitat.

The Nature Trust's focus in moving forward is to build a strong and sustainable organization to ensure effective private land conservation results in the province over the long term. To this end, we have received three foundation grants in support of major capacity building initiatives. Our first goal is to enhance our land securement and stewardship capacity. We also aim to enhance our organizational infrastructure and resources. We will be working to enhance the "climate" for private land conservation in the province (removing taxation, financial, and legislative disincentives). Our final goal is to build our fundraising capacity to a sustainable level. We will be calling upon our many

supporters and volunteers to help us in this effort, and look forward to your involvement. A huge thank you to the **Donner Canadian Foundation**, the **Chawkers Foundation** and the **George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation** for their generous capacity-building grants. It is encouraging to discover foundations with the vision and courage to provide leadership in moving beyond purely "project-based" funding to strategic investment in capacity-building for key conservation groups that can make a significant impact in addressing conservation issues.

All of us at the Nature Trust would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Margaret MacDonald who has lead our

Board of Directors over the past 2 ½ years. Margaret has given a tremendous amount of her time and energy to the Nature Trust as our president. We appreciate her efforts, and the supportive, conscientious and committed leadership she has provided. We look forward to her continued involvement on our fund-raising committee.

Martin Janowitz stepped into the role of Board President earlier this month. As a

former Executive Director of Clean Nova Scotia, National Operations Manager at Jacques Whitford Environment Ltd., and volunteer on many environmental Boards and Committees, Marty has a long-standing involvement with environmental issues both within Nova Scotia and nationally. He has already proven invaluable as a spokesperson, ambassador, facilitator and mediator for the Trust, and we look forward to his leadership on our Board of Directors.

Many thanks as well to departing Board members Brenda Sanderson and Bob Walden who helped to strengthen our fund-raising program, and Sylvie Oulette, who served as secretary for the Trust. We welcome Anil Mohan, one of our keen and dedicated property committee members, to the executive committee and Board. We also say farewell and many thanks to one of our founding members, Rob McCleave. Rob has devoted much time, energy and talent to the Nature Trust since its early days, from providing important legal perspectives on our work to helping out with land securement and providing vision and leadership as our Board President.



Martin Janowitz



Margaret MacDonald

## The Nature Trust Staff Team

In exciting staff news, we welcome on board a highly skilled and very keen land securement coordinator, Duncan Bayne. Duncan brings a wealth of relevant professional experience through work with the Nature Conservation



Duncan Bayne, Jennifer Pinks, Steve Morse, and Beverly Colpitts

Council in Scotland, and as a professor of natural resources. Duncan's competence in building effective relationships with landowners, expertise in natural areas

selection and planning, and accomplishments in conserving land through acquisition and legal agreements will be pivotal in helping the Nature Trust to build a strong land securement program. We welcome Duncan wholeheartedly to our staff team.

Our sincere thanks to Doris Cameron, who competently "held the fort" and weathered the challenges of an interim Executive Director position over the last year. We are pleased that Doris has agreed to continue working with us, as coordinator of our development program. Her strong fund-raising abilities, creative ideas, and network of contacts will be great assets in helping us to move forward in our capacity-building work and fund-raising program.

Over the past several months our

staff team has undergone several other changes. We bid farewell and thank you to four conservation project staff: Karen Potter, Donald Sam, Meredith Flannery and Toby Rowe. Karen Potter has been involved in nearly every facet of the Nature Trust's operations from conservation projects and landowner outreach, to membership management and fund-raising. Her enthusiasm, willingness to help out where needed, and ability to work well with people throughout the organization will be greatly missed. Donald Sam, another long-standing staffer, made excellent contributions in building our land stewardship capacity, initiating and carrying out the Fundy Shorebirds Stewardship Project, and providing a high level of scientific expertise for the organization.

# Nature Trust News

Meredith Flannery did an admirable job coordinating the Coastal Plain Flora Project. Her strong organizational skills, attention to detail and success in building a strong community stewardship program for endangered flora will provide lasting benefits to the Trust. Toby Rowe coordinated the Forest Legacy Project over the past two years. She did great work in initiating new components to our old forest program, and in working with landowners to build support for stewardship of forest properties. Her willingness to take on a project in an area of conservation science completely new to her, and to wrestle with a very challenging project was greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Monica Whyman, who provided tremendous fund-raising research for us. Although only here for a short period, she provided a strong base for us to continue the development of our Major Gifts Program.

Heather McKinnon came back on board for the summer to help with the landowner outreach and community



*Karen Potter, Donald Sam, Toby Rowe and Meredith Flannery (left to right)*

stewardship for the Coastal Plain Flora Project. Heather's positive attitude and commitment to land conservation, energy and willingness to take on many different tasks with us, will be missed.

Steve Morse brought endless energy, conscientiousness and a

willingness to work hard in all the diverse tasks he did for us as a project assistant. We appreciate the support of the *On-Site* Program for partnering with us to bring Steve on board.

Many thanks to all our staff who are moving on. We appreciate all you have given to the Nature Trust and wish you the best.

## Volunteers

The Newsletter Committee welcomes two new volunteers. **Jennifer Duncan** is an Environmental Engineering student at Dalhousie University. She is an animal lover who enjoys hiking, camping, and canoeing. **Tiffany Thornhill** is also a Dalhousie University student working towards her Masters degree in Biology.

Special thanks to Robyn Arenburg for her help with our new accounting system.

## 2003 Annual General Meeting

*by Greg Lukeman*

On April 22nd, a beautiful Earth Day evening, thirty-five Nature Trust members, volunteers and staff gathered at the Nova Scotia Community College on Bell Road in Halifax to see what the Trust had been up to over the past year. The 2003 Annual General Meeting kicked off at 7:00 pm with the usual business: approval of minutes, presentation of financial statements, approval of fees, and appointment of the auditor. The acting Executive Director, Doris Cameron, relayed the progress the Trust had made over the past year and highlighted for the audience a sampling of its activities, from educational nature walks, to major project work, to fundraising initiatives. She thanked staff, volunteers and supporters for making that work possible, and for their ongoing commitment to conservation in Nova Scotia.

Bob Waldon then presented the Fundraising Committee report and spoke of the fundraising challenges in a climate of ever-tightening budgets. He gave the details of some upcoming initiatives and encouraged those gathered to support where they could.

Always a highlight of the AGM is the Properties Committee Report as it is a chance to actually see what is being

protected. Committee Chair George Alliston captivated the audience with slides and stories of our recent acquisitions and introduced the properties the Trust is in the process of protecting. Currently, the Trust has secured over 1800 acres in the province for protection and conservation. This portion of the evening never fails to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of wilderness conservation, and leaves one rejuvenated and emboldened for the coming year. Sometimes the magnificence and importance of what we are protecting can become obscured by the difficulty of the protection process. Thanks to George for reminding us what this is all about.

Crucial to the success of any nongovernmental organization is a dedicated and passionate Board. The Nature Trust is fortunate in that regard, thanks in part to the judicious nominations from the Nominating Committee. Committee Chair, Henry Fuller thanked departing board members Brenda Sanderson, Sylvie Oulette, and founding member of the Trust, Rob McCleave. Their contributions of time, energy, passion and, especially in the case of Rob, vision, have helped to shape the Trust into the pre-eminent land conservation

organization in Nova Scotia.

They will be missed, but their departure also marks the arrival of new board member Anil Mohan, and another three year term for Richard Nickerson. We're confident the influx of new talent will continue to guide the Nature Trust with sure hands.

With the business portion of the evening concluded, guest speaker, Andrew Hebda, Curator with the Museum of Natural History, gave a humorous and highly interesting presentation on non-native species. He challenged commonly held assumptions about invasive and introduced plants and animals, illustrating the myriad pathways by which a new species can be introduced, and under what conditions a non-native species can become harmful and, thus, invasive. Thanks to Andrew for capping off the evening in such an interesting and entertaining fashion.

If you missed the 2003 AGM, keep an eye on our newsletter, *Natural Landscapes*, and online ([www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)) for the announcement of the 2004 AGM. Don't miss your chance to experience the work you support!

# Conservation News

## Family's "beautiful, magical place" protected

by Tiffany Thornhill

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust (NSNT) is pleased to announce the protection of the Captain Arnell Conservation Lands in Purcell's Cove. This twelve hectare property features frontage on two lakes, exposed granite outcrops, Jack Pine forest, and uncommon flora including the threatened Lady-slipper orchid.

This property is especially unique as it is a relatively large protected green space within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Securement of this property is also particularly notable because it required the agreement from seven brothers: Roger, Nigel, Kenneth, Peter, Rob, Chris, and Nick Field, came to consensus on donating the land to the NSNT for preservation.

Their decision to protect the land was influenced by their family heritage and their love of the land. All seven brothers want the land to remain undeveloped. Since each of them has children, they were concerned that if the land was divided amongst the children, there would be little chance of similar consensus being reached regarding land management. This motivated them to make a decision for conservation now. From a more sentimental point of view, the land is attached to their family history, as well as childhood memories, which they wished to preserve. Purcell's Pond is also on the property. It has been a popular swimming hole for the family. The Field brothers wanted to ensure that the pond be kept pristine for future generations to enjoy.

They requested that the protected area be named after their great grandfather, who had originally bought the land that they have so enjoyed. Their great grandfather was a sea captain named Captain Arnell. He had a cottage in Purcell's Cove and, subsequently, bought more land in the 1920's when land was relatively inexpensive. That summer, he and Ben Purcell spent their time marking the boundary of the land with iron rods drilled into the exposed granite. Their formidable amount of work belies that even then, they thought the land was special and should be protected.

After researching other conservation organizations, the Field brothers decided that NSNT was the best organization to conserve their land. The NSNT combined their efforts with the Halifax Field Naturalists (HFN) to procure the land.

The land extends from the edge of Flat Lake in Spryfield to 200 feet from the Purcell's Cove road along the coast. One of the brothers described the land as being a



"beautiful magical place." Pockets of mountain laurel and blueberries can be spotted in amongst stands of Jack Pine. Numerous species of songbirds and waterfowl frequent the area. There are breathtaking views of Halifax Harbour atop barren granite outcroppings. The unique drainage characteristics of the property are important in maintaining the ecological integrity and quality of the Flat Lake

watershed.

We congratulate and thank the Field family for their contribution to the preservation of a wild and natural area of Nova Scotia. We would also like to thank the contribution of the Halifax Field Naturalists in the acquisition of this valued property. This land protection inspires hope and goodwill for the future of conservation in Nova Scotia.

The Halifax Field Naturalists (HFN), although a non-profit organization, had earned some money from hosting the Canadian Natural Federation Conference eight years ago. They decided to use this money for the protection of land. They began to contact conservation organizations. First, they looked at the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), but the scope of NCC's conservation efforts was not well-suited to HFN's objectives. Since the HFN's primary concern was to preserve land within and around the HRM, they redirected their search to local conservation groups such as the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. The president of HFN, Bob MacDonald, considered the land a "really nice fit" with what they were looking to do with their money. They wanted to aid in protecting land that was freely donated, and with this, a project that would allow them to have some ongoing stewardship with the land. The HFN made a donation of \$5000, which aided in the surveying and evaluation of the land for its acquisition. They have plans for ongoing projects on the Captain Arnell Conservation Lands, including a bio-inventory of the land to be carried out by some of the local experts affiliated with the HFN. Bob MacDonald was impressed that the Captain Arnell Conservation Lands was "still unspoiled, relatively wild, and had only been walked in." This makes it a prime candidate for the HFN bio-inventory of its fauna and flora.

# Conservation News

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## Leaving a Legacy – A Personal Perspective

by Doris Cameron

When Jack and Darlene Stone were involved with the birding society they decided to donate property near their home on Moody Lake to protect natural bird habitat. It was through their involvement with the Nova Scotia Bird Society and Ian MacLaren, former Nature Trust President, that they were introduced to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. Over the years they have volunteered and supported the Nova Scotia Nature Trust in many ways. Most significantly, they were the very generous donors of additional parcels of land on Moody Lake to the Nature Trust.

Last year while they were reviewing their assets, their financial planner, Steve Trasker, suggested that they take out an insurance policy for their favourite charity. "We were so excited,"



Jack and Darlene Stone

says Darlene, a psychologist with the IWK Children's Hospital, "by taking out an insurance policy we were able to give so much more than what we would otherwise have been able to give."

It was also an easy way to give. The Stone's pay a monthly premium for the insurance policy and the premium is tax deductible. It is also separate from the rest of the couple's assets which will go to their estate.

"But this is also a gift to many generations to come," stresses Darlene. "It sets an important example. We should always give something back to our communities. That's what being part of a community is all about."

*If you would like to have more information about planned giving, please contact the Nature Trust office at (902) 425-5263.*

## Project News

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### Nature Trust's Forest Legacy

by Jennifer Pinks

The Nature Trust's *Forest Legacy* project has recently been completed. The two year project has made a positive contribution to the conservation of old forest in Nova Scotia through formal land protection, landowner outreach and stewardship, and building a foundation

for further securement of old forest sites in years to come; certainly, project results with a lasting legacy. The Nature Trust would like to thank the NS Habitat Conservation Fund, Shell Environmental Fund, The George Cedric Metcalf Foundation, Environment Canada's

EcoAction Community Funding Program, Davis Conservation Foundation, the NS Department of Natural Resources, and NS Department of Environment and Labour for their kind and generous support for the project.



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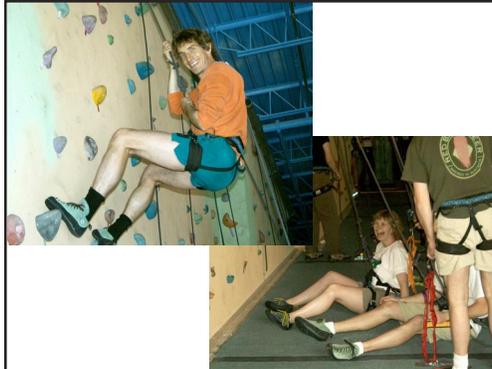


# More Nature Trust News

## Climb for Conservation

by NSNT Special Events Committee

The Nature Trust's Special Events Committee decided to try something a little different for a spring fundraising event this year. On June 7, during Environment Week, the first annual *Climb for Conservation* was held, raising over \$5000. Eleven teams of four keen and energetic participants were challenged to raise a minimum of \$400 per team to climb the walls at Beyond Gravity Climbing Gym. The team from Department of Environment & Labour won first prize for the highest team pledges, raising a total of \$635. Our very own Board President, Margaret MacDonald, won the top prize for highest



*Wall-Climbing Participants (above)*

pledges raised by an individual. Team 'Beyond Gravity Geckos' won bragging rights for reaching the Summit. Thank you to all the participants and volunteers for their fundraising and hard work.

A special thanks to the major supporters of the event: Go for Green and Municipal Contracting. Thank you to Great Ocean Natural Foods, Empire Theatres, Beyond Gravity Climbing Gym, Putting Edge, Mike Vavra of ArtWorks, Mountain Equipment Co-op, The Trail Shop, and The Adventures Outfitters (TAO). Plans are underway for next year's Climb for Conservation.

## NSNT Guided Walks

By Heather McKinnon

This year the Nova Scotia Nature Trust hosted three Coastal Plain guided walks. These walks can be described with one word: WET! At the beginning of August, the province received a significant amount of rain, which flooded shorelines and put most of the coastal plain plants underwater. If not for the enthusiasm of the participants, walks would not have been possible. Although the water level at Quinn's Meadow Bog was knee deep, everyone jumped in and this high water level actually made it easier to spot several patches of Long's Bull Rush. A washed out bridge forced us to change

the location of the Gillifillan Lake Walk to Wilson Lake where, unfortunately, the plants were still submerged. It rained during the walk at Ponhook Lake, but participants were still eager to continue, until the thunder and lightening started. Hopefully we will have better weather for the Coastal Plain walks next year.

The weather conditions were excellent for the three Properties and Forest walks we hosted and these walks

were well attended. Toby Rowe, Forest Legacy Project Coordinator, guided the first walk of the season at the Meander River property, an outstanding example of an intervale floodplain, where many different plant species including provincially rare species were observed. At the Aylesford Mountain property walk, George Alliston enlightened participants with the property's intriguing history, as well as its natural attributes. Unfortunately, Leif Helmer's Cloud Lake Wilderness Area "Keep it Wild" Workshop, planned for this October, was rescheduled to next spring.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you next year. Special thanks to our guides, Toby Rowe, George Alliston; Leif Helmer, Department of Environment and Labour, Protected Areas Branch for his efforts to organize the Cloud Lake Walk; and Carol Jacquard and Dave MacKinnon, who did a great job making the most of the wet weather conditions.



*Quinn Meadow Guided Walk Participants (above)*

*Aylesford Mountain Property Walk Participants (left)*

# Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!



Executive Director

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Fund-Raising Coordinator

Enthusiastic senior fund-raiser sought for dynamic, fast-growing land conservation charity. Focus on major gifts/sponsorships.

See [www.nsndt.ca](http://www.nsndt.ca) or fax 429-5263 for application information. Closes January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Due to anticipated numbers of applicants, only candidates elected for an interview will be contacted by the Nature Trust. To all who apply, we thank you for your interest in working with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**10th Anniversary Committee** 2004 marks the Nova Scotia Nature Trust's Ten Year Anniversary. Volunteers are needed to help carry out our anniversary festivities.

**Fundraising Committee** Join one of the following sub-committees: major gifts committee, dinner committee, or climb-a-thon.

**Newsletter Committee** Use your creative talents as a writer, editor, or layout designer.

*If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Bev at 902-425-5263 or e-mail [beverly@nsnt.ca](mailto:beverly@nsnt.ca).*



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