



Message from the President



**George Gordon, President
Northumberland Land Trust**

The Northumberland Land Trust is launching an exciting new lecture series with four lectures a year to keep our members informed of important conservation issues relative to the Northumberland Land Trust. The lectures will be held on the third Thursday every other month beginning September 2010.

Our first lecture will be given by Ben Walters, a Ph. D. candidate with Trent University, who will speak about the Management Plans he created for our McEwen and Pelton properties. Ben will explain the significant features of these two properties, explain how we can care for these protected spaces, and identify areas that we should consider in our stewardship objectives over the next 5 to 10 years.

We also plan to have lectures on the Rice Lake Plains Joint Initiative and on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The details and venue of other lectures will be in our next newsletter.

MARKING

Lecture Dates
 Thursday September 16, 2010
 Thursday November 18, 2010
 Thursday January 20, 2011
 Thursday March 17, 2011
 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

I want to express my appreciation for the work of James Thomas, our President over the last two years. James worked diligently to expand our land holdings and raise the exposure of the Trust within Northumberland. Thank you James for your dedication.

I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Elisabeth Lafontaine who worked for the Land Trust for the past few years. Elisabeth was contracted to work for the Land Trust primarily with funding received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and her contract expired January 31, 2010.

Notes from the Board: The Board would like to welcome its new members!

Our AGM was held January 29th, 2010 at the Gordon King Public Library, Cobourg, Ontario. The retiring President, James Thomas, handed the reins to the in-coming President, George Gordon. Several motions were presented and passed in order to change the by-laws the most significant of which allows the Land Trust to increase the number of Directors from a maximum of 9 Directors to greater than 9 Directors.

The Board appointed Directors into positions as follows: Jim McGrath, Vice-president; Joan Chalovich, Treasurer; Nancy Blakely, Marketing Committee Chair; Mia Frankl, Fundraising Committee Chair; Ashley Wilson, Stewardship Committee Chair; John Geale, Membership Secretary. Bill Crowley, the WBFN ex officio member was accepted as a voting member. The board accepted Eva Nichols' resignation with regret.

The by-law changes have now been approved by Corporations Canada so we are in a position to increase the number of directors on the board and are currently accepting nominations. We are specifically looking for people to assume the following positions: Secretary, Editor, Fundraising Specialist, or Corporate Sponsorship. The Secretary does not necessarily also need to be a Director. If you are interested in joining the board or would like to nominate someone, please contact George Gordon at 705-202-1273.

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Message from the Fundraising Committee



Mia Frankl, Chair Fundraising Committee

Draw Tickets
\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Congratulations to Mia Frankl who was elected Fundraising Committee Chair. Mia brings welcome expertise to the Land Trust as a graduate of Trent University and Forest Manager for Northumberland County. Mia is an enthusiastic new Director and has assumed dual responsibility as Gala Committee Chair.



Esteemed Artist, Brent Townsend Shoreline Encounter



Brent Townsend graciously donated a canvas print of his art entitled Shoreline Encounter as grand prize for a Gala draw.

Brent is one of Canada's favorite and foremost wildlife artists. He is world renowned for his incredibly detailed, clear and precise work. Brent has won many awards but is most commonly known for his design of Canada's two dollar coin. We thank Brent for his avid support of the Land Trust.

Thank You Gala
Saturday, November 6, 2010
Gala Dinner & Draw
Details next newsletter

THE WALLACE BIRD-A-THON 2010

The Northumberland Land Trust would like to acknowledge and thank the Willow Beach Field Naturalists for their continuing support of the Land Trust. This year the Willow Beach Field Naturalists revived the Wallace Bird-a-thon and directed all the funds to the Northumberland Land Trust.

A bird-a-thon is a fund-raising event in which one or more birders spend designated time trying to find as many bird species as possible. Sponsors are solicited who donate either a flat amount or per species. Norma and Charlie Wallace began the local Bird-a-thon about 25 years ago and it is named in their honour.



Roger Frost

This year our birder was Roger Frost, one of Northumberland's most knowledgeable and expert birders. Roger was accompanied by Louise Schmidt, President of Willow Beach Field Naturalists and together they spent 24 hours afield beginning in the afternoon of May 23rd. They visited many birding hotspots such as Presqu'île Provincial Park, Lone Pine Marsh, Northumberland Forest, Peter's Woods, Alderville Black Oak Savanna and Candlewick Woods. Roger and Louise recorded 149 species including some of which are highlighted below.

Two pledges of 50¢ per species and many others ranging from \$5 to \$200 resulted in a total of almost \$1200. This is an excellent outcome. Many thanks to John, Roger and Louise for all their hard work organizing this event. If you would like to donate, please contact John Geale at 905-342-3851 or johngeale@yahoo.com.



John Geale

Highlights of the Bird-a-thon ...

<p>Red Throated Loon</p> 	<p>Red necked Grebe</p> 	<p>Piping Plover</p> 	<p>Barred Owl</p> 	<p>Philadelphia Vireo</p> 	<p>Golden Winged Warbler</p> 	<p>Dark Eyed Junco</p> 
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Message from the Stewardship Committee



**Ashley Wilson, Chair
Stewardship Committee**

Congratulations to Ashley Wilson who was elected Chair of the Stewardship Committee this year. Ashley has been an NLT Director for two years and brings to the committee extensive knowledge on land conservation.

In just a few months Ashley has already had two very successful meetings in which she was able to establish objectives and a budget for the year as well as several planned volunteer days and guided hikes.

On May 8 Mark Rupke lead a hike through the beautiful Laurie Lawson Nature Preserve. While it was raining leading up to the hike, the rain subsided for the hike and all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the trails with exquisite spring wild flowers and birds. For those that would like to experience a fall hike at the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre, Mark will lead another hike on September 26th.

On Saturday June 5th the committee met at the McEwen property to do an invasive species survey and put up signage. On Saturday June 26 Ashley will host a Volunteer Day and Hike on the property. The morning will focus on removing invasive plants which will be followed by a picnic lunch and then a hike around this picturesque property. Call Ashley at 613-570-0741 to register if you would like to participate in either or both activities.

Ashley would also appreciate members' help to complete trail maintenance on the Leckey property on Saturday August 7 in order to prepare for a guided hike on the property October 23 at 10 a.m.—Everyone is welcome to join us and enjoy the beautiful fall landscaped views.



**Left: Ashley Wilson, Julie Munroe,
Cliff Bell-Smith, Russell Lake,
John Geale, & missing Mia Frankl**

Thank You Calendar

**Saturday June 26
Volunteer Day & Hike
McEwen Property**

**Saturday August 7
Volunteer Day
Leckey Property**

**September 26
Guided Hike
Laurie Lawson Property**

**October 23 10 a.m.
Guided Hike
Leckey Property**

The Land Trust received a grant from the Green Lands Program through the Oak Ridges Moraine to complete a management plan of the Pelton property. We contracted Ben Walters to complete the management plan this summer. Ben is a very experienced naturalist and has completed many management plans in the past including the management plan on McEwen property. We look forward to seeing his report in the fall.

We have asked Ben to present an overview of both the management plan of the McEwen property and the Pelton property to our members and the public at our first lecture Thursday evening September 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fenella Hall, 8071 Cty Rd 45. We encourage all members to come to learn about our properties and their special ecological features.

Remember to call Ashley to register for events at 613-570-0741



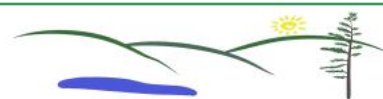
Site visit on Pelton property to review land conservation issues June 16th, 2010 with Ben Walters, Board Members and Stewardship Committee



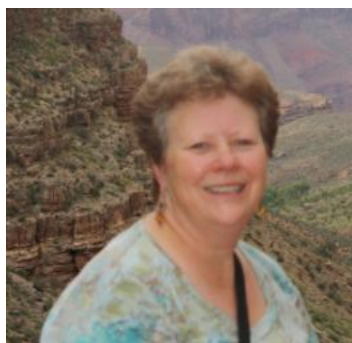
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Message from the Marketing Committee



Nancy Blakely, Chair Marketing Committee

Congratulations to Nancy Blakely who was elected to lead our Marketing Committee this year. Nancy has been a Director for two years and brings to the board a diverse background in accounting, finance, real estate appraisal and governance.

The committee undertook an extensive program to reach out to seniors this spring. Nancy and her mother, Marie Gordon, gave presentations and/or showed the Land Trust video prepared by Dr. Brenda Beck entitled *A Northumberland Spring Walk* to more than 600 seniors throughout the area.

Nancy and Marie also organized a luncheon for seniors at the Cobourg Legion April 23. The luncheon included a presentation by George Gordon followed by a ham dinner & live performance enjoyed by 87 people



Top—Marie Gordon, Pres. George Gordon, and Nancy Blakely
Middle—George Gordon
Bottom—Saskia Tomkins Steafan Hannigan & Son performing at luncheon

Special thanks to Marie for all her hard work & to Louise Schmidt who won 50/50 and donated funds back. Thanks also to the Cobourg Legion, Cobourg Rotary, Pharmacy 101 & Marie Gordon for their donations to the Land Trust to reduce the cost of luncheon.

We had an aggressive marketing campaign during Earth Week to increase members, donations and awareness. We had several displays and issued 8000 NLT Fact Sheets at Northumberland Mall, Human Bean, Pharmacy 101, TD-Canada Trust Port Hope, Metro, Canadian Tire, Staples, Something About Her, Cortesis, Nutrition House, & Boston Pizza. We had a draw for new members and donors. Special thanks to Staples for free printing.

Our marketing efforts successfully achieved nine new memberships, several volunteers, and about \$2800.

LLOEC Alumni Appreciation Program and Marketing Strategy

The Land Trust has received a grant for \$2500 from the NCFDC that must be matched by the Land Trust to implement a Marketing Strategy to reach out to alumni of the Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre. The strategy will include advertising throughout the year to bring about awareness that the Land Trust owns the Laurie Lawson Nature Preserve and encourage LLOEC alumni to become members of the Land Trust.

The marketing will culminate in an Alumni Appreciation Day at the LLOEC on May 15, 2011 with guided hikes & fun filled activities for alumni of all ages.



Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

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Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation

We acknowledge the organizations that have made it possible for us to preserve 430 acres of land.



Willow Beach Field Naturalists

