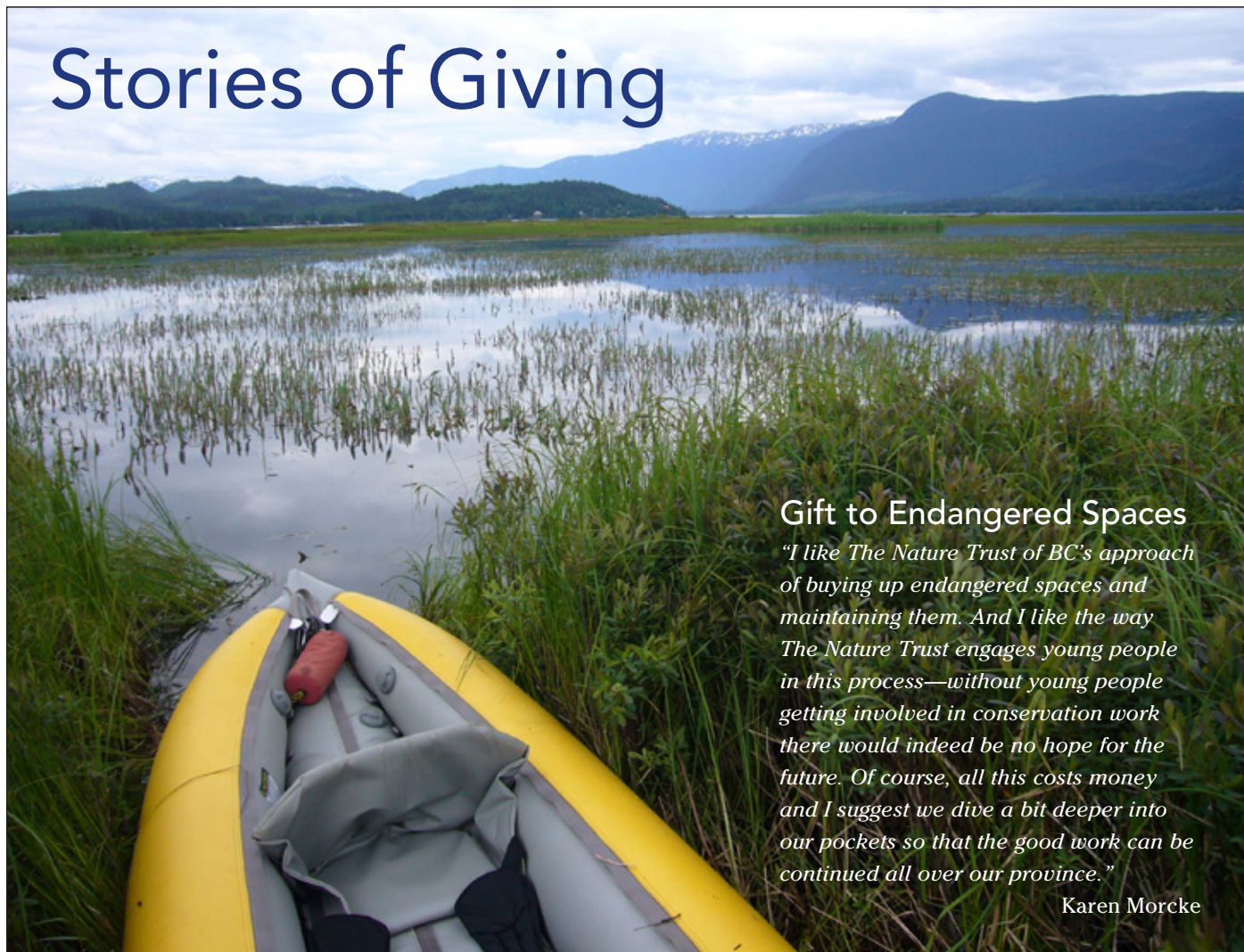




Stories of Giving



Gift to Endangered Spaces

"I like The Nature Trust of BC's approach of buying up endangered spaces and maintaining them. And I like the way The Nature Trust engages young people in this process—without young people getting involved in conservation work there would indeed be no hope for the future. Of course, all this costs money and I suggest we dive a bit deeper into our pockets so that the good work can be continued all over our province."

Karen Morcke

Corporate Donation

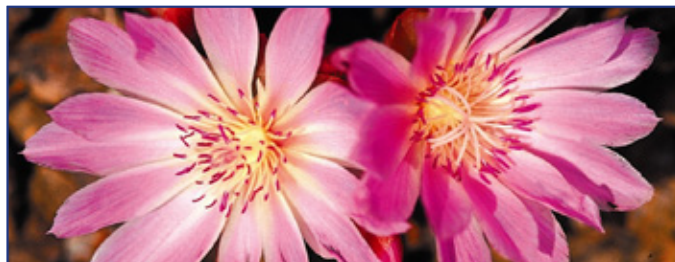
"We believe we have a social responsibility to give back to our community and are continually looking for new opportunities to do so. We are pleased to be able to support The Nature Trust as a company that believes strongly in the environment and preserving our beautiful province!"

Jeremy Miller, Houston Landscapes

Annual Donation

"We support The Nature Trust of BC with an annual donation because we value what the organization has accomplished since 1971. We also appreciate all funds raised are focused on conserving lands in BC."

John & Gail West



2014 Annual Giving Campaign

Please consider a gift to The Nature Trust of BC to sustain the special natural surroundings across the province. Your support will go to work immediately to help us acquire ecologically significant land and to care for it. If you would like to make a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign, please donate online at www.naturetrust.bc.ca or call 604-924-9771 (toll free 1-866-288-7878).



Vancouver Island crew at Buttertubs Marsh



Lower Mainland crew member installing a sign at Pitt-Addington Marsh

Conservation Youth Crews

This summer The Nature Trust of BC hired young people in five regions: Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Okanagan, Kootenay and Peace River. These crew members learned about conservation while restoring habitat, monitoring wildlife, installing interpretive signs and removing rubbish on over 80 properties.

The Nature Trust was pleased to have HSBC Bank Canada as the title sponsor of the HSBC Conservation Youth Crew program for the ninth year.

Other sponsors included BC Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations, Canada Summer Jobs (Service Canada), The Colin and Lois Pritchard Foundation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, Great-West Life, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, and The Tony Cartledge Fund.

"I considered the crew to be a dream job and a stepping-stone into a career in environmental management."

Jocelyn Wood, Lower Mainland crew

"Being a member of the crew has opened my eyes to the needs of the environment and the harm that is befalling it."

Mariah Chapman, Okanagan crew

Priority Project

The Nature Trust of BC is raising funds for land management in the Elk Valley in the East Kootenay. The Nature Trust has acquired key properties in the valley and is working with partners such as Teck Resources to manage critical habitat for numerous species, including elk, badger, grizzly bear, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and lynx. To donate, visit our website at www.naturetrust.bc.ca or call 604-924-9771 (toll free 1-866-288-7878).



Acquisition Completed!

The Nature Trust of BC would like to thank everyone who helped us to acquire over 30 acres of Antelope-brush in the Okanagan, at the south end of Vaseux Lake, between Okanagan Falls and Oliver.

Adjacent to The Nature Trust's Antelope-Brush Conservation Area, this land is home to more than 20 species at risk, including Bighorn Sheep, Pallid Bat, Desert Night Snake and Lewis's Woodpecker. The securement of this property ensures protection of critically important wildlife habitat and connectivity with other conservation areas for many species, providing greater opportunity for species to adjust to climate change over time.

We would like to acknowledge the support of many organizations and individuals to complete this acquisition including the landowner, Sitka Foundation, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Habitat Stewardship Program, Grayross Foundation, South Okanagan Naturalists' Club and FortisBC. This acquisition was also supported by individual donors to The Nature Trust's Okanagan Grasslands Acquisition Fund. The landowner's donation was facilitated by the Federal Ecological Gifts Program.

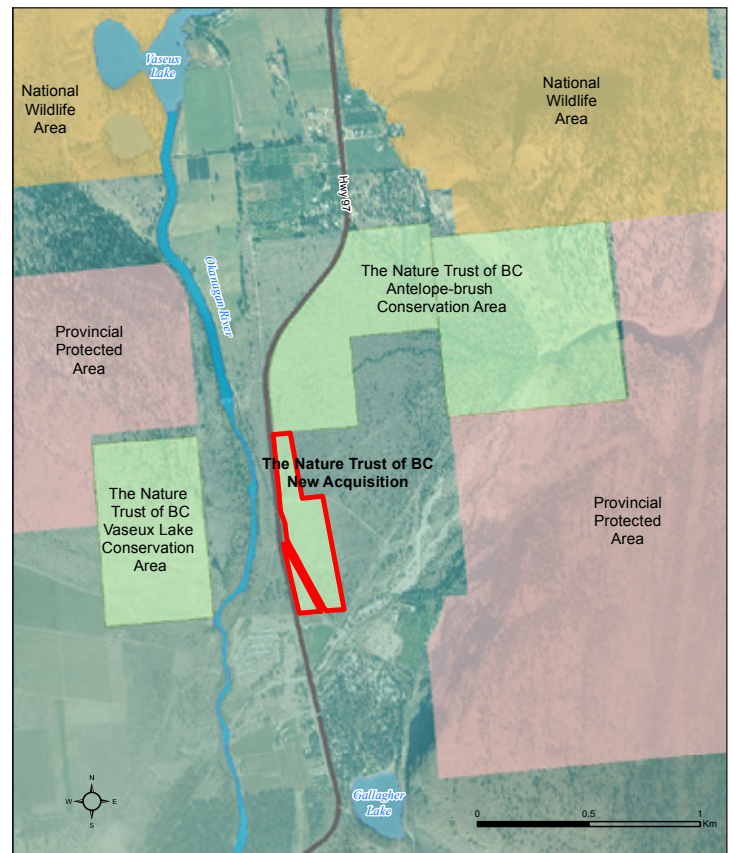
"Antelope-brush is the latest purchase of conservation land made possible through the contributions of the anglers, hunters, guide outfitters and trappers of BC. In the past two years alone, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) has invested \$1.3 million of their licence surcharges into the securement of over 1300 hectares of valuable South Okanagan habitat," says Brian Springinotic, HCTF CEO.



South Okanagan Naturalists' Club donating to the acquisition



Antelope-brush Property



The Nature Trust of BC's new acquisition between Okanagan Falls and Oliver



Priority Project

The Nature Trust of BC is fundraising to acquire more Antelope-brush habitat in the Okanagan. Antelope-brush is critical for the survival of species such as the Behr's Hairstreak Butterfly (pictured here). Many other species at risk make this area home including Bighorn Sheep, Lewis's Woodpecker and Great Basin Spadefoot. To donate, visit our website at www.naturetrust.bc.ca or call 604-924-9771 (toll free 1-866-288-7878).



Adams River

Adams River and Roderick Haig-Brown

The Adams River flows 11 kilometres from Adams Lake to Shuswap Lake, through the Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park in the Interior of BC. From 1976 to 1986 The Nature Trust of BC acquired 46.9 hectares (116 acres) of land along the river. This was the catalyst to create the Roderick Haig-Brown Park.

The Adams River is internationally known for its fall sockeye run, a vital part of the sockeye salmon's life cycle. Around October, these fish return to the spawning grounds of their birth in order to produce a new generation of salmon before they die.

The salmon run is vital to the ecosystem as the salmon carcasses are an important and nutrient-rich food source for grizzly bears, bald eagles and many other animals. The soil and plants also benefit from the nutrients contained in the carcasses. In addition to playing a key role in the ecosystem, sockeye salmon on their way back to their

spawning grounds provide important aboriginal, recreational and commercial fisheries.

This year, 2014, is a dominant run, meaning that there will be millions of salmon returning to spawn. Dominant runs only happen every four years.



Roderick Haig-Brown

To celebrate, the Adams River Salmon Society is coordinating the celebration known as the "Salute to the Sockeye" from October 3 to 26.

Roderick Haig-Brown was a writer, magistrate, avid fly fisherman and one of British Columbia's most distinguished conservationists. He served as a member of the International Pacific Salmon Commission and on the boards of many conservation organizations, including The Nature Trust of BC.

For 40 years he made his living as a writer. His books include conservation, fly fishing, novels, essays and scientific surveys. *A River Never Sleeps* and *The Western Angler* are two of his most celebrated works. He worked throughout his life to protect wild fish stocks and the rivers they inhabit. His leadership, voice and achievements continue to inspire us. He died in 1976 and the Adams River Recreation Area was renamed in 1978 to honour Roderick Haig-Brown.



Steve Housser

The Nature Trust of BC is delighted to welcome Steve Housser in his new role in Leadership Giving. He brings extensive skills and experience in fundraising and communication to the organization. He managed successful annual and capital campaigns at Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island. He had an accomplished career with CBC as a reporter and a journalist, concluding as the Provincial Legislative Bureau Chief in Victoria.

What brought you to the Leadership Giving role at The Nature Trust of BC?

Serendipity. An old friend who is on the Board who knew me from my previous fundraising career with Shawnigan Lake School, called out of the blue to see if I might be interested in working with The Nature Trust – an organization I had heard of but actually knew little about. My

immediate reaction was that I am always intrigued by interesting work and worthy causes. Further investigation of The Nature Trust revealed it encompasses exactly that.

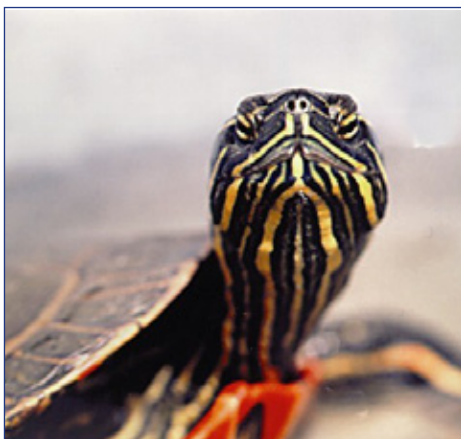
What exciting plans do you have in the pipeline for The Nature Trust of BC?

First and foremost is to become familiar with all the conservation properties and target acquisitions on Vancouver Island as well as some exciting projects in the Interior. It is difficult to be truly passionate and credible in fundraising unless you really know the beauty and ecological significance of what you are raising money to protect. I have already had some fantastic field trips to areas of incredible, almost magical serenity - and more important - great hope when you can see streams and rivers that were almost

destroyed, that have been rehabilitated and restored as rich habitat for salmon, birds and other plants and animals. It is really powerful to know that habitat conservation, restoration and good land management do work wonders. I am excited about sharing these successes with people who might be inspired to help protect more sensitive habitat that is under threat.

Where is your favourite BC holiday destination and why?

As a child my fondest memories and favourite holidays were camping in the Kootenays with my family. Then as an adult with my own children and Vancouver Island as home, favourite spots were and remain on the Island – almost anywhere, but in particular the wild, rugged west coast around Ucluelet.



Corporate Matching Gifts

Corporate Matching Gift Programs are a great way to increase the impact of a charitable gift. Recently we were delighted to receive a gift which was matched by TELUS. We encourage you to check out your employee or board benefits and see if your gift to The Nature Trust can be matched. For more information contact Deb Kennedy at 604-924-9771 ext. 231 or debkenedy@naturetrust.bc.ca

"I'm happy to support The Nature Trust. I appreciate the work you are doing to preserve the incredible natural environment of British Columbia. Our province is home to a wealth of animal and plant species that merit the protection that can only come from protected, non-developed land."

Randy King, TELUS

Earth Wind Fire 2014

What a Party!

Thanks to everyone who made our Kelowna event to raise funds for our land conservation work in the Okanagan so successful. You can find a complete list of our greatly appreciated sponsors, chefs, wineries and auction donors on our website.



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"As a leading professional services firm, we have much to contribute to public policy, business and society in BC and throughout the world. We understand that our activities have an influence on the environment and our goal is to lessen our impact and promote environmental sustainability. As such, it is an honour to support The Nature Trust and to share in the effort to help conserve BC's important natural diversity."

Deloitte, 2014 Earth Wind Fire, Sponsor



Brant Wildlife Festival

The 2015 festival celebrating Brant geese and other natural wonders on mid-Vancouver Island will run from March 6 to April 6. If you'd like to volunteer or sponsor an event, please contact Robin Rivers at 604-924-9771 or rrivers@naturetrust.bc.ca.

www.brantfestival.bc.ca

Gala 2014

Thank you to all of our sponsors, guests and donors who helped raise funds at the Gala on Oct. 7 for land conservation projects across the province, particularly the Elk Valley in the East Kootenay.

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Jasper Lament, CEO of The Nature Trust, with Conservation Champion Don Lindsay, and Ross Beaty, Director of The Nature Trust



John West, Chair of The Nature Trust, welcoming guests.



Silent auction bidders

A Taste of Canada's Best

We would like to pay special tribute to the Fairmont and the Delta Hotel chains across Canada, the Culinary Federation of Canada Gold Medal Plate winning and participating chefs and Summerhill Pyramid Winery for their tremendous support for silent auction packages.



Conservation Champion Award 2014

The Nature Trust of BC recognized Don Lindsay as a Conservation Champion. Don is the President and CEO of Teck. Last year Teck purchased over 7,000 hectares of land in the Elk Valley and Flathead River Valley in the East Kootenay, representing one of the single biggest private sector land conservation investments in BC's history. The lands are important habitat for numerous species including grizzly bear, wolverine, badger, elk, lynx, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout.

If you would like to sponsor an upcoming event, please call 604-924-9771 or e-mail info@naturetrust.bc.ca



Nature Trust CEO Jasper Lament receiving cheque from Keith Caughlin of the Barnet Rifle Club

gift of creativity

"I have come to know and respect the excellent work done by The Nature Trust of British Columbia in obtaining and conserving land that would otherwise be lost to development. I have supported, in a small way, this endeavour by donating bird carvings for auction and know that I am contributing to a very worthy cause."

Ed Raaflaub

newdirector



The Nature Trust of BC would like to welcome a new Director to the Board: Brian Clark. He has over 35 years' experience managing the fish and wildlife and provincial parks of BC. As Executive Director of Regional Operations for the Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment he was actively involved in the acquisition and management of conservation lands across the Province and understands the importance of conservation partners working together.

Brian received his Bachelor of Science degree from UBC. He is a Registered Professional Biologist and is serving his fourth term as Councilor with the College of Applied Biology of British Columbia.

Brian is currently advising on resource management issues.

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Jayne Drew is our new Events and Communications Coordinator. She brings recent experience in public relations and communications from her previous positions at BC Hydro and UBC. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from UBC.



Danielle Morrison is the new GIS Specialist in a shared position between The Nature Trust and Ducks Unlimited Canada. She has a passion for the natural world and skill in mapping using Geographic Information Systems. She has worked on Vancouver Island for several organizations, including the Western Purple Martin Foundation as a field assistant, and The Nature Trust as a Conservation Youth Crew member.



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