

Amazing Antelope Brush

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is working to acquire a 13.72 hectare (34 acre) property 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 acquisition is



home to more than 20 species at risk. Most notably, this land supports greater than 50% of the Canadian population of the Behr's Hairstreak butterfly. Other federally or provincially listed species at risk that are known to occur on the property include Bighorn Sheep, Pallid Bat, Desert Night Snake, Great Basin Spadefoot, and Lewis's Woodpecker.

Securement of this project will ensure

the 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.

With a partial Ecological Gift donation by the landowners along with support from other funding agencies, we have **\$140,000 left to raise by March 31, 2014**. Please know that every dollar helps.

We would be grateful to receive your donations online at **www.naturetrust.bc.ca**, by credit card by calling 604-924-9771 (toll free 1-866-288-7878) or by mailing a cheque to: The Nature Trust of British Columbia, #260 – 1000 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver, BC V7P 3R4



A Legacy to Nature

We invite you to consider leaving a gift to The Nature Trust of BC in your will to help conserve BC's important natural diversity. If you would like to discuss how your bequest can make a difference, please contact Deb Kennedy at 604-924-9771 ext. 231 or debkennedy@naturetrust.bc.ca



A Letter from our Lieutenant Governor

When I was invited to become Honorary Patron of The Nature Trust of British Columbia, I was pleased to lend my support to an organization whose purpose and practice aligned with my own beliefs about land conservation and management.

As a rancher from the Nicola Valley, I have a deep connection to the land and a vested interest in maintaining its health and vitality for generations to come. We are so fortunate in B.C. to have farmers and ranchers who are wonderful stewards of the land. During my tenure as Lieutenant Governor, I want to encourage folks to reconnect with the land and the resources we have under our feet. By building respectful relationships with one another and taking responsibility for our shared future, together we can build a healthier and more vibrant society.

Our province is blessed with beautiful resources and together we must keep our natural environment, habitats, grasslands, wetlands and forests intact. Since 1971, The Nature Trust of British Columbia has helped conserve over 70,000 hectares of land. We must educate our citizens and stewards of the future on the importance of conservation and do our part to leave the land in better condition than when we found it.

Thank you to The Nature Trust, its many supporters and dedicated staff, whose contributions have made a significant and positive impact on conservation efforts in our province.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia



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Bighorn Sheep at Wigwam Flats

Wigwam Flats

The Nature Trust of BC is delighted to announce the completion of the purchase of the last privately owned property on Wigwam Flats which is located near Elko in the East Kootenay. A key and essential partner of this acquisition was the Columbia Basin Trust. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of Columbia Basin Trust which supports efforts to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the residents of the Columbia Basin. Other funding partners involved in this acquisition project included a wide range of East Kootenay environmental and wildlife conservation organizations (see page 8).





Pete McIntyre with great niece Mickey and great nephew Jack



Pete McIntyre homestead

A Family's Wish

Antelope Brush: The History

Not only is the Antelope Brush property one with ecological significance but it along with adjacent land has been owned by the same family for 127 years who have cared deeply about protecting the land. One of the family members, George Kennedy provided a descriptive history.

Peter McIntyre came across Canada with the second group of Overlanders in 1862. After some time searching for gold, he went to the US where he rode “shotgun” for the Pony Express. In 1886, he returned to the South Okanagan and settled on land beneath a massive cliff. His land spread from the Okanagan River on the west side of the valley to a fast flowing creek on the east side. He chose to settle here because of this creek, where he installed a large water wheel which he used to generate power for a small saw mill.

As a bachelor, Peter McIntyre lived alone on his property. His brother-in-law was suffering from a lung disease from working in the mines, so Peter invited him and his sister to take advantage of the dry air of the Okanagan and live with him. They relocated with their young daughter Hazel. The family used water from the

creek to irrigate a hay meadow and raised cattle, calling their property Cliff Ranch. The cliff later became known as McIntyre Bluff and the creek as McIntyre Creek. Hazel called her uncle “Uncle Pete,” and later everyone else did too.

The first big intrusion of the ranch was the Kettle Valley Railroad. The story has it that Uncle Pete greeted the railway clearing crew with a shotgun. He was strongly attached to his land and wanted to protect it – a commitment that has been prevalent through his descendants to the current day.

The nearest town was Fairview (Oliver didn't exist yet). At a dance at Fairview's “Big Teepee” hotel, Hazel met Ed Kennedy, an engineer who was in the area. They later married and had two children, “Jack” and “Mickey”, whom they raised at the ranch. When the kids reached high school age, the family moved to Vancouver so they could go to high school. Uncle Pete passed the ranch on to his niece, Hazel, who later joined her family in Vancouver.

Jack married and had three boys: John, George and Blake. Hazel joined Jack and family in Vancouver. Mickey lived in Spokane so during this period none

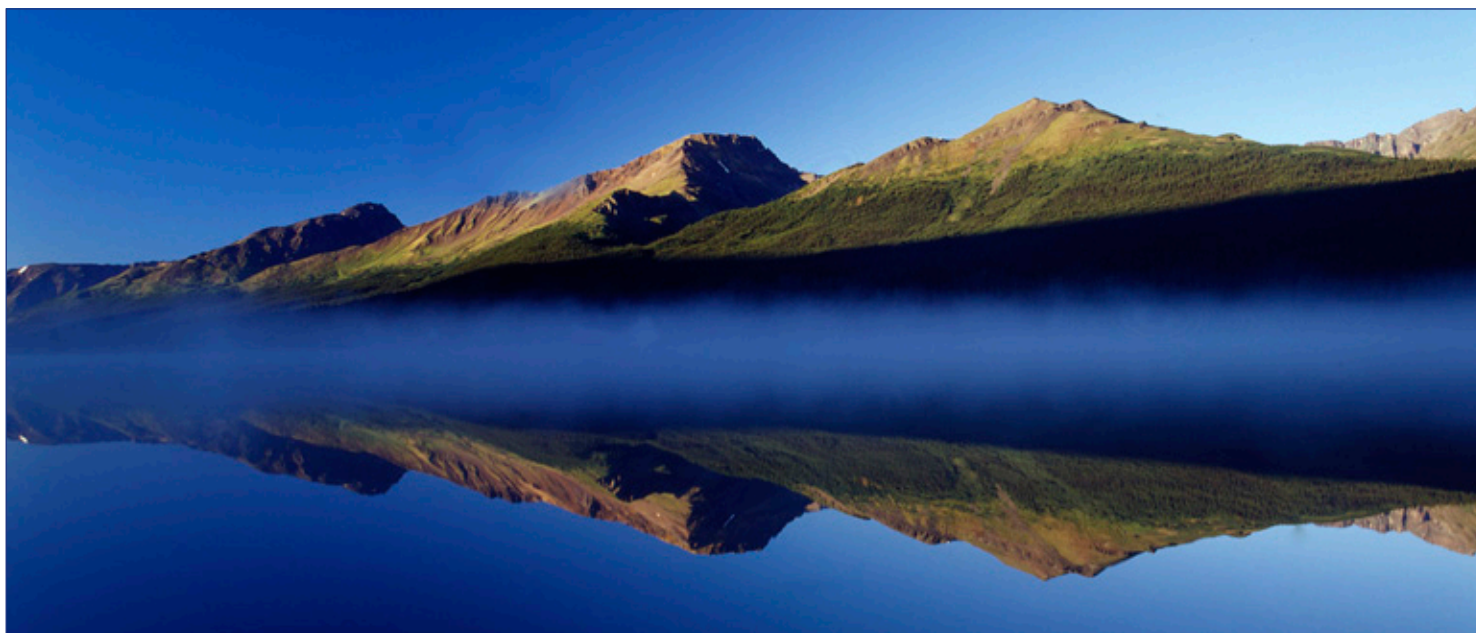
of the family was living at the ranch. The property was leased out to the neighbouring rancher for hay and pasture.

The next big intrusion of the property was the construction of the dam and irrigation ditch on the Okanagan River. The river was straightened and gravel covered dykes replaced the cottonwood trees along the banks.

When the neighbour no longer needed to lease the property, it remained idle for several years. Offers to sell the property were entertained by the family, but their attachment to the land always won out.

In 1967, Mickey and her nephew George returned to the property and re-established the former hay meadow. The family built a log house where Mickey spent the rest of her days in the same location under the bluff where Uncle Pete had lived. Blake has carried on Mickey's role of living in the log house and watching out for the property.

The family has tried to keep the land as natural as it was when Uncle Pete arrived. It is an ongoing and formidable challenge to protect a pocket of naturalness in the midst of so much development in the Okanagan Valley.



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Donating securities directly to The Nature Trust of BC can help you save tax and aid our cause.

Canada has long provided generous tax incentives for Canadians who donate to charitable organizations. Since 2006, an additional incentive has allowed Canadians to donate publicly-traded securities with unrealized gains.

Donating Securities—Cash vs. Shares

Suppose you have shares of XYZ Co. worth \$5,000 that you originally purchased for \$3,000. If you sell the shares and donate the proceeds to a registered charity, you can expect \$437 in capital gains taxes (assuming a marginal tax rate of 43.7 per cent*). However, since you would receive a tax credit of \$2,138, the total economic cost to you would be \$3,299 (see table below).

On the other hand, if you choose to donate the shares directly to a charity, you would not only receive a tax credit of \$2,138, as

stated above, but you would also save the \$437 in capital gains taxes. Under this scenario, the total economic cost for your \$5,000 donation would be \$2,862 (see table below).

For individuals with securities that have appreciated in value, donating shares, in lieu of cash, to The Nature Trust can be advantageous. This article is for general information purposes only, and is not intended to provide financial, legal, accounting or tax advice. Please consult directly with your financial advisor before acting on any matter discussed.

To learn more about the tax benefits of donating shares to The Nature Trust, please contact:

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You can also download the donation form at

www.naturetrust.bc.ca

		Sell Shares & Donate Cash	Donate Shares Directly
a	Value of Donation	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Original Cost of Shares	(3,000)	(3,000)
	Capital Gain	2,000	2,000
	Taxable Capital Gain (50% or NIL)	1,000	-
b	Income Tax @ 43.7% (Before Credit)	437	-
c	Donation Tax Credit (\$200 x 20.06%) + (\$4,600 x 43.7%*)	2,138	2,138
a + b + c	Economic Cost of Donation to You	\$3,299	\$2,862

* For 2014, the combined federal and BC provincial tax rate on taxable income over \$150,000 will increase to 45.8% from 43.7%.

Odlum Brown Limited and The Nature Trust of BC have a long history dating back to the Trust's establishment. Tom Brown, then President of Odlum Brown Limited and son of Colonel "Buster" Brown, was named a founding director of The National Second Century Fund of British Columbia in 1971, later to be renamed The Nature Trust of British Columbia. Over 40 years later, the relationship remains strong. Tony Hepburn, Chairman of Odlum Brown Limited, oversees The Nature Trust's share donation account to this day.

9 & Dine Classic Golf Tournament

The Nature Trust of BC was delighted to receive proceeds from the Mission Creek Golf Course in Kelowna Wine, 9 & Dine Classic presented by Duffers Public House and Canadian Connection VIP. Event sponsors were Kelowna BMW, D.A.D.D. (Dial a Designated Driver), Sol Air Systems, Diamond Gallery, Canadian Community Reading Plan, Walton International, Bounty Cellars, Molson Canadian and Duffers Public House/Mission Creek Golf Course. Thanks to Andrew ROUNG and all the golfers and sponsors who made this event possible.



Photo left to right: Andrew ROUNG, Mike Zaphiris, Tom Kennedy, Bryan Motherwell



Luxury Auction House

The Nature Trust of British Columbia was thrilled to receive a generous donation from The Garage Sale Luxury Auction House. In October, a private vineyard mansion known as La Sommita was sold in West Kelowna. With the lake as the backdrop, five registered bidders competed during a live auction to own the property which went for a hammer price of \$3.65 million. In addition to selling La Sommita, The Garage Sale also hosted a charity auction as they are strongly committed to helping their local community.

Since 2007, they have raised over \$100,000 for a wide variety of causes. For more information on this novel house sale event, visit luxuryauctionhouse.com

Shaw Communications

"The Board of Directors of Shaw Communications was pleased to support the land conservation work of The Nature Trust of BC through a matching gift. This donation helped to complete the acquisition of the Shoreacres Beach property on the Slocan River in the West Kootenay which was dedicated as Kieran Galbraith Memorial Park."



Balsamorhiza in the Okanagan

Interior Land Reclamation

"As a company specializing in the reclamation of natural and sensitive habitats, it is an honor to be involved with The Nature Trust donating Silky Lupin, Brown Eyed Susan and Balsamorhiza seeds. As the owner of ILR Ltd, and our native plant nursery, I have been involved in ecosystem classification and restoration for 20 years. During this time I have developed the view that we must conserve areas where we can, if we are to retain any level of natural diversity. Not only for the survival of intact ecosystems, but to also enable us, and future generations, to experience and learn from these areas."

Mike Kamann
www.ilrltd.com



Dine for Nature

Thanks to the Lobby Restaurant at the Pinnacle Hotel in North Vancouver for hosting our second Community Charity night on February 24 and donating 15% of food sales. Guests enjoyed dinner and silent auction items ranging from gift cards for Mountain Equipment Co-op, Plum and Joey Broadway to beer from Green Leaf Brewing Co. and artwork by Lyndia Terre.



Brant Wildlife Festival

Nature tours, guest speakers, Spring Break camp, artists, and so much more are part of the 2014 Brant Wildlife Festival coordinated by The Nature Trust of BC. Running from March 1 to April 21 in Parksville and Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island, the 24th annual festival encourages residents and visitors to get outside and learn about local wildlife and plants. The Opening Night on March 1 will feature live music, a nature photo display, burger and a beverage for \$25 per person. For details about this and other events, visit brantfestival.bc.ca, e-mail rrivers@naturetrust.bc.ca or call toll free 1-866-288-7878. The Nature Trust would like to thank sponsors of the festival, including the City of Parksville, Mid Island Co-op, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, Pacific Rainforest Adventure Tours, The Beach Club Resort, and volunteer leaders and groups.



Earth Wind Fire 2014

Join us on Saturday, June 21 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna for outstanding food served up by dazzling chefs, local wine and other beverages, and a fantastic selection of live and silent auction items. The night will kick off with a sparkling reception and jazz singer Anna Jacyszyn. Then you can enjoy chef and wine stations and later bid on a variety of items including the Great Wall of Okanagan Wine. Finally, you can get on the dance floor with Cover-2-Cover! This fundraiser benefits the land conservation work of The Nature Trust of BC in the Okanagan.

Tickets are \$175 per person and reserved tables for 8 are \$1,400. Sponsor tables are also available: Earth table \$10,000; Wind table \$5,000; Fire table \$2,500. Tables of 10 are available upon request. E-mail tloewen@naturetrust.bc.ca or call toll free 1-866-288-7878 to reserve your spot.



Save the Date for Our Gala

Our Flights of Nature Gala will be held on Wednesday, October 1 in Vancouver with live music, excellent food and intriguing auction items. Please contact Deb Kennedy to discuss sponsorship opportunities at 604-924-9771 ext. 231 or debkennedy@naturetrust.bc.ca



Twin Lakes Ranch Conservation Area

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

The Nature Trust of British Columbia recognizes the financial support of the Province of British Columbia as well as the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation and anglers, hunters, trappers and guides who contribute to the Trust, for making a significant financial contribution to support the land management of our conservation properties and

many acquisitions over the years including the Twin Lakes Ranch Conservation Area. Without such support these projects would not have been possible.

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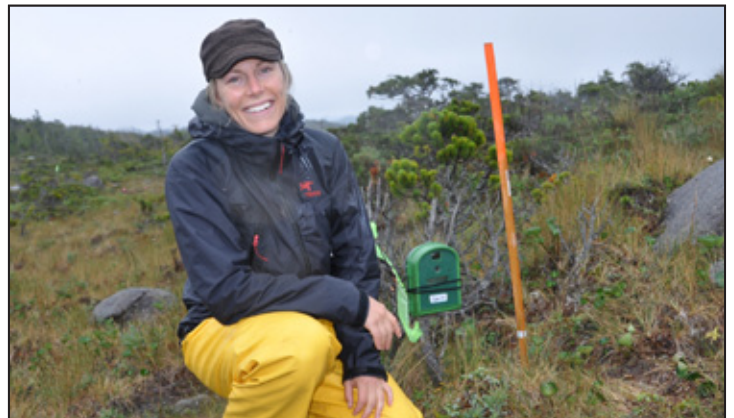
Kal Tire in Cranbrook is helping with land conservation in the Kootenay by donating tires for our Kootenay Conservation Land Manager's truck. In this photo is Justin Myhre, manager at the Kal Tire in Cranbrook, (on left) with Rob Neil of The Nature Trust of BC. If your company would like to support the work of The Nature Trust of BC, please contact Deb Kennedy at 604-924-9771 ext. 231 or debkennedy@naturetrust.bc.ca

| scholarshiprecipients

The Nature Trust supports two scholarships in honour of past Board members: the Bert Hoffmeister Scholarship at the University of British Columbia and the Dr. Ian and Joyce McTaggart-Cowan Scholarship at the University of Victoria.



In 2013/2014, Ryan Germain was awarded the Bert Hoffmeister Scholarship. He is studying Song Sparrows on Mandarte Island.



Kira Hoffman was awarded the Dr. Ian and Joyce McTaggart Cowan Scholarship. She is a PhD student in the School of Environmental Studies studying the impacts of climate change in blanket bogs on the Central Coast.



Rob Neil of The Nature Trust (far right) thanking representatives from East Kootenay groups



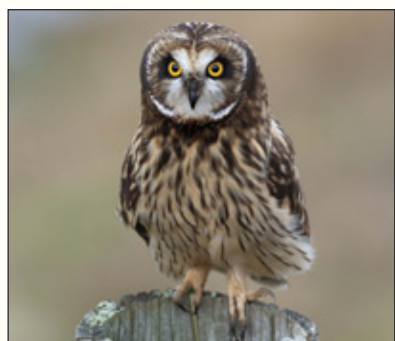
Deb Kennedy of The Nature Trust with Erling Grenager

Wigwam Flats Supporters

On January 18, 2014 an appreciation lunch was held for individuals and representatives from East Kootenay environmental and wildlife conservation organizations that supported the acquisition of the Wigwam Flats property, including East Kootenay Wildlife Association, Elkford Rod and Gun Club, Fernie and District Rod and Gun Club, Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund, Southern Guides and Outfitters, Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association, and Wildsight Society.

Love of Nature

The Nature Trust of BC would like to thank Erling Grenager for his kind donation. Erling has a great love for hiking and was one of the founders of the Valley Outdoor Association in the 1970s. He is very committed to the environment and simply says that there would be no hiking if there was no wilderness. He is hoping that his undesignated donation will encourage others to support the work of The Nature Trust.



Flights of Nature

In 2014 we are celebrating Flights of Nature with a focus on birds. From Snowy Owls at Boundary Bay to Great Blue Herons at Buttermarsh, BC is blessed with an abundance of birds. If you would like to share a favourite photo or story of birds on one of our conservation properties, e-mail rrivers@naturetrust.bc.ca or call 604-924-9771.

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Meet Our New Okanagan Conservation Land Coordinator

Nicholas Burdock first started with The Nature Trust of BC during the summer of 2003 as a member of the Okanagan Conservation Youth Crew. He has since worked as a Wildlife Habitat Assistant, Field Operations Coordinator and now as Conservation Land Coordinator. Born and raised in Penticton he enjoys all aspects of the outdoors from hiking to hunting. One of his favourite places in BC is Vaseux Lake, where he says the beauty is world class.



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