



# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND LAND TRUST

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## Stand for the Land:

There's never been a better or more exciting time to stay tuned to the Land Trust channel. Come late spring, the Land Trust will publicly launch the largest acquisition campaign in our amazing 30-year history.

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See page 5 for more information!

The goal of our STAND FOR THE LAND campaign is as ambitious as it is necessary. Over the last year, we have worked rigorously to plan for an effective multiple property, multiple year acquisition campaign that will culminate with the 30th anniversary of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. Over the next two years, we will raise up to \$6 million and acquire as many as six properties. Each of the properties is a special place, and each one tells part of our island's history. Now, we all must consider how we will shape the future of our natural areas in the face of rapid regional change.

**The campaign's first property is the recently acquired 14.17-acre Jablonko parcel.** This property is part of the Peters Tree Farm and adjacent to Gazzam Lake Preserve, originally established in 1995. More than 100 people have joined us to tour this woodland property — get on a tour to explore it yourself. After the tour, groups can join our docents for a cup of coffee in Lynwood Center.

**Our Conservation Plan** quantifies our rapidly disappearing natural lands and underscores the urgency of an acquisition campaign that is unprecedented in scale and pace. This campaign will allow the Bainbridge Island Land Trust to meet this challenge. Through the STAND FOR THE LAND campaign, we will put science into practice on the ground before these treasured natural areas slip away. | *Story continues on page 3*

**SIGN UP FOR A TOUR  
OF THE LAND TRUST'S  
NEWEST ACQUISITION  
PROJECT, THE JABLONKO  
PRESERVE— VISIT  
[WWW.BI-LANDTRUST.  
ORG/STAND](http://WWW.BI-LANDTRUST.ORG/STAND) TO RESERVE  
A SPOT ON A WALK.**

Above: A serene trail on the newly-acquired Jablonko Preserve adjacent to Gazzam Lake Preserve. Photo: Shaun Swalley

## PRESERVATION PARTNERS PARTY SUCCESS

On a gorgeous July evening last summer, the Land Trust and a group of 350 supporters celebrated our collective accomplishments at the annual Preservation Partners Party, while raising essential operational funds needed to support our non-profit.

The 2017 event was hosted by Land Trust conservation easement landowners Rob Ferguson and Kia Micaud, on their beautiful property near Johnson Farm in Island Center. We are incredibly grateful for Rob and Kia's hospitality, and for the generosity of our guests, sponsors and supporters who placed the Land Trust in a great position to continue our mission in 2018 through their generous donations.

We look to repeat the success of last year's event by continuing the outdoor summer tradition originally started in 2016. The 2018 Preservation Partners Party will take place on July 28, out on the meadow at Hilltop. If you would like to participate in this year's event—as a guest, sponsor, supporter, auction donor, or volunteer—please contact Laura O'Mara at 206-842-1216 or [laura@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:laura@bi-landtrust.org).



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## MEET GINA KING:

### A NEW FACE AT THE LAND TRUST

The Land Trust recently welcomed Gina King to our staff as Conservation Project Lead. Originally landing on Bainbridge in 1983, her studies and related work took her beyond the



island's shores for many years. After earning degrees in zoology and natural resource science at University of Washington and UC Berkeley, Gina spent 26 years as a wildlife biologist with the Yakama Nation, protecting sensitive species and habitats in south-central Washington. She is excited to be back on the wet side

of the mountains, helping to preserve the natural places that make the island special. Gina's primary responsibilities are assisting with site assessment and inventory work, writing management plans, and overseeing our GIS system (data collection, mapping and analysis). Her largest projects will be the Springbrook Watershed Assessment Study and the update of our Conservation Plan. Thank you Gina for bringing your talents and humor to the Land Trust staff!

## WELCOME TO THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The three made their debuts as new members of the Land Trust Board of Directors at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**Cullen Brady** has lived on Bainbridge for six years. He has a rich history of working for environmental organizations such as *The Nature Conservancy*, *Sustainable Northwest*, and *The Wilderness Society* on everything from major fundraising to conservation policy.

Exploring and appreciating the forests, shores and wildlife of Bainbridge Island since 1983, **Sally Hewett** is grateful to be involved in this community that shares values of wellness for the land and people. Having raised a daughter here and as a dentist on the island, she has been active in various organizations and activities that support island health and well-being.

**Phil Rockefeller** is a former member of the *Northwest Power and Conservation Council* and a former Washington State Senator. He has been one of the strongest advocates of renewable energy investment, fish and wildlife protection, and development of adaptation strategies to address impacts of climate change. Phil served on the Land Trust board in the early 1990s and is currently serving on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

## Stand for the Land

*Continued from page 1* | The Land Trust's Conservation Plan identifies protection priorities that include island wildlife networks (expanding the connections between currently protected lands) and our beautiful shorelines. Each of the new acquisitions will contribute to the realization of our priorities to assure lasting results.

Our members are dear to us and have been with us each step of the way. We are very grateful to the 200 members who have stood with us and made a donation, making certain we got off to the best possible start. Stay tuned for more about other splendid acquisitions and the many ways that you can join us by taking a STAND FOR THE LAND.

The STAND FOR THE LAND campaign provides all of us a hopeful vision and a plan of action to protect Bainbridge Island's natural places for everyone, forever.

If you would like to speak to someone about the campaign or our first acquisition, or if you want to share your Land Trust member story, please email Jane Stone at [jane@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:jane@bi-landtrust.org), or Laura O'Mara at [laura@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:laura@bi-landtrust.org).



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## Sunday, April 29: All-Island Weed Pull Party to Wrap Up Earth Month 2018

You are cordially invited to join Land Trust staff and a host of volunteers at the Quitslund Family Farm for an afternoon of invasive weed removal. Meet people and do some good on a beautiful conservation easement property that you are unlikely to see otherwise. Visit our website for more information — [www.bi-landtrust.org/weed-pull-party](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/weed-pull-party).





## VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: EAGLE HARBOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust is proud to recognize members of the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church as our 2017 Volunteers of the Year for their dedication to stewarding our Agate Passage Preserve.

The church took their congregation's mission priority *Living Water* very literally as they became the de facto water brigade, caring for over 3,000 newly native plants that were planted as part of restoration efforts last spring.

Because of the extremely dry conditions last summer, supplemental watering was necessary to keep the plants alive. Twice a week from May through August, a total of twelve volunteers jaunted up to the north end of the island and spent well over 500 hours watering and caring for the delicate young plants. The effort was led by Greg Geehan, Land Trust Board Member and volunteer Lead Steward for the Preserve. Special thanks also to our neighbors who let us use some of their well water to supplement water brought in by truck.

Members of the church will continue as long time stewards to help with watering, removal of invasive plants, and general care of the land. For their invaluable assistance making this new property what it is, we wholeheartedly thank the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church.

For information about visiting the Preserve go to [www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/agate-passage-preserve](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/agate-passage-preserve).



Volunteer stewards from the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church spent well over 500 hours watering plants on our Agate Passage Preserve.



## PHYLLIS YOUNG AWARD: GLENN AND NANCY HABER

Glenn and Nancy Haber received this year's Phyllis Young Award in recognition of actions that exemplify the mission of the Land Trust to preserve and steward the diverse natural environment of the Island.



Glenn and Nancy Haber with their granddaughter Olivia at the grand opening of the Moritani Preserve.

Glenn and Nancy and their family have enjoyed and supported outdoor experiences on Bainbridge Island for more than 30 years. Just this past fall, the Haber's Fletcher Bay Foundation, which is dedicated to charitable grant making on Bainbridge Island and beyond, created the Moritani Preserve, an 8.5 acre mixture of fields and woodland in the heart

of Winslow. After purchase of the property and subsequent clean-up, and restoration, the Habers donated the land to the Park District as a passive public park and natural open space.

"Glenn and Nancy have been fixtures in the preservation and stewardship of Bainbridge Island's natural places for decades," said Jane Stone, Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust. "Their commitment and dedication not only to the land itself, but to the enjoyment of it by all of us who live here—humans and non-humans alike—will be felt for generations to come. Their generosity of spirit cannot be measured, but will forever be appreciated and looked to as a model of positive local impact and inclusion for all in the great outdoors."

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A conservation easement landowner profile:

## Judith Brown and the Brown Conservation Easement

This story begins in 1947 when Judy was 17 and her parents, Harlan and Ruth Reynolds, bought property along Sunrise Drive with two other couples from their church. Judy and her husband Jack moved to the property in 1978 to live alongside her parents; in 1999 they donated a conservation easement to the Land Trust. The entire 3.2-acre property is encompassed by this protective easement, a voluntary legal agreement between the Land Trust and a landowner that allows the landowner to retain ownership, but preserves the conservation values of the property forever.

“Judy and Jack Brown made the decision to put the land into a Land Trust conservation easement in order to protect the beauty and life it harbors,” says Leyla Welkin, Judy’s daughter, “and to honor the dream of Harlan Reynolds that the land should foster connectedness for his family.”

Part of the beauty that Judith and Jack sought to preserve is a backshore wetland that covers the east portion of the property. Backshore, or tidal wetlands, occur along shorelines and are influenced by the tide. Together with a neighboring easement, the Brown Conservation Easement ensures that despite development changes to the surrounding parcels, this wetland and the species and processes it supports will be protected forever.

In 2014, Judy placed the land into the Brown

Family Homestead Trust in hopes that it will stay in the family for years to come. The ashes of Harlan, Ruth, their son Kenneth, and Judy’s husband Jack are all in the garden, and three grandchildren and one great grandchild have been born in the house. Leyla’s two sons currently live on the property with their wives and children, and all of her siblings regularly visit. She says, “We are all grateful for the way that the beauty and the richness of the life on this land has nurtured our family for five generations.”

The Brown Conservation Easement demonstrates how our special places — like family homesteads — have their own intimate and compelling stories to tell. At the beginning of many of those stories are people whose connection to the land is also their connection to family. The Brown property is a lasting example of the positive impact that a conservation easement can have across generations — and not just for the family itself, but for the broader island community that will forever have a protected natural space regardless of the last name on the title.



Above: Ross Brown, 1962.  
Left: Harlan Reynolds and Jack Brown with Judy and Jack’s children Leyla, Craig and Ross enjoying the beach, 1963.  
Below: A multi-generational family tree planting including the oldest, Judy 87, and the youngest, Gabriel, 3 months.





## FREE DISPOSAL OF INVASIVE WEEDS IN APRIL! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Start pulling now! For the third year in a row the Bainbridge Island Land Trust is thrilled to offer free disposal of invasive plants every Sunday in April between 10 am and 4 pm at the Vincent Road Bainbridge Disposal transfer station.

The Land Trust, Let's Pull Together and the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program will pay the price of disposal! Invasive plant targets are Scotch broom, English holly, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, tansy ragwort, English laurel and the noxious weeds on the county's "Dirty Dozen" list.

Invasive plant species are one of the leading causes of vegetation biodiversity loss. They spread quickly and can displace native plants, prevent new native plant growth, and create monocultures. Lack of diversity among native plants reduces the quality and quantity of fish and wildlife habitat. Remove your invasives now while the ground is soft and make room for native plants come fall and winter when the weather is best for planting!

**For more information about this and other Earth Month-related events in April visit our website!** If you are interested in volunteering for the invasive disposal effort, please contact [sinclair@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:sinclair@bi-landtrust.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:  
OUR 2018  
NATIVE PLANT SALE  
WILL BE ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5  
FROM 9 AM TO NOON!**

## HELP WANTED: CONSERVATION-MINDED TEENS FOR LAND TRUST WORK CREW

Do you have a desire to work outdoors, learn about our special preserved places, and be a part of helping improve natural habitats? The Land Trust is hiring a crew of teens 14 and older to work on conservation lands this summer. The Land Trust Teen Conservation Crew provides a unique summer employment opportunity for students. The crew performs invasive plant removal, property clean up, and other stewardship tasks needed on protected properties. Work will begin shortly after the school year ends and continue for 3 to 4 consecutive weeks.

Deadline for application submittal is Friday, April 13, 2018. Application materials are available on our website at [www.bi-landtrust.org/about-us/job-opportunities](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/about-us/job-opportunities).

Applicants will be considered for a spot on the crew in the order their application is received. Crew members who can commit to all days will receive preference. Rate of pay for crew members will be \$11/hr. Work will take place regardless of weather conditions. Transportation to and from work sites and food for the day are the responsibility of the crew member.

We will schedule a short after school or evening orientation session this spring to collect applications and get to know each other.

Questions? Contact Andrew Fraser at (206) 842-1216 or [andrew@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:andrew@bi-landtrust.org).



2017 Teen crew members Mia and Keelia celebrate the removal of an impressive ivy root.



Left: A limited number of weed wrenches are available for members. Contact [sinclair@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:sinclair@bi-landtrust.org) to reserve yours! Volunteers George and Evie Stege working on Scotch broom removal at Hilltop.



## Spring Family Nature Walks: Walk for the Land!

We are launching a Family Nature Walks program to get more families outside together and learning on the land – connecting young future naturalists to what is right in their backyard, and providing a better understanding of how the Land Trust works within our community to preserve and steward our special places.

We've all seen how time spent out in nature benefits young minds, especially to combat the constant presence of digital media. Sharing an experience in nature with family is a fun way to strengthen bonds with the land, and with each other. These will be short hikes of one to two miles and lasting no more than two hours. The hikes will be the perfect opportunity for conversation and to ask questions as we learn about what we're seeing and things that make each particular property we visit special.

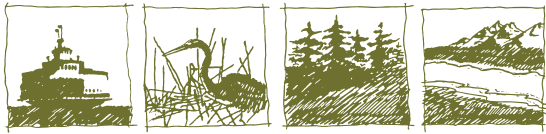
**We're offering three Saturday spring walks—**  
**on March 10, April 14 and May 12—from 10 am to noon.**  
**In March, we'll visit our new Agate Passage Preserve shoreline. April**  
**takes us into the forest at our new property near the Gazzam Lake**  
**Preserve. In May, we will top things off with a visit to a pond at our**  
**Wildlife Corridor within the Grand Forest complex!**

Cost per walk is \$10 per family for members / \$12 for non-members or \$25 per family for all three walks. Space per walk will be limited to 8 to 10 children accompanied by a similar number of adults. Visit [www.bi-landtrust.org/family-nature-walks](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/family-nature-walks) to register online today—we hope the walks fill up quickly! Please email Sinclair Ball at [sinclair@bi-landtrust.org](mailto:sinclair@bi-landtrust.org) if you have any questions.

**No kids? No problem!** We are also offering a series of walks on our new properties designed primarily for adults—see page 1 for general information, then go to [www.bi-landtrust.org/stand](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/stand) to reserve a spot and check for new opportunities for property walks as they are scheduled.



Top: Children explore the wonders of Gazzam Lake.  
Above: Children getting a close look the small residents of the Wildlife Corridor, part of the Grand Forest complex.  
Photo: Christina Doherty



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### Take our Community Conservation Survey Help Shape the Nature of Our Island

As the Land Trust works to update its  
Strategic Conservation Plan, we want to  
hear from you!

Take the survey prior to March 16, 2018!

Visit [www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/strategic-conservation-plan](http://www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-spaces/strategic-conservation-plan) or scan  
the QR code on your smart phone to be  
linked to the survey!

