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Natural Heritage Land Trust

Dedicated to the conservation of natural areas and open space in Dane and the surrounding counties.

Natural Heritage Land Trust 2002 Stewardship Awards

Monday, October 14 • 5:30-7:30pm • Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton St.

Honoring for Outstanding Service to the Land

O'Keeffe Middle School (youth)
Walter Schidegger (*individual)
Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (nonprofit)
Midland Builders (business)

Recognizing for Lifetime Achievement in Conservation

Harold "Bud" Jordahl

Distinguished Speaker

Neil Heinen
Editorial Director, WISC-TV;
Channel 3

Hors d'oeuvres
\$25 per person,
cash bar.

Please
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October 7.
Send

checks payable to the Natural Heritage Land Trust, and indicate the number of persons attending. Mail to: Natural Heritage Land Trust 303 S. Paterson Street, Suite 6, Madison, WI 53705

**special posthumous award*



Neil Heinen



Last year's Youth Award winners from Winnequah Middle School.

About the Awards

Since 1988 The Natural Heritage Land Trust has honored local conservation heroes in our area; youth, individuals, nonprofit, governmental bodies, and businesses, who, through their commitment to conservation, help make our community a better place to live. We also honor a select individual each year with a lifetime achievement award in conservation. These members of our community are true stewards of land, living the spirit of Aldo Leopold's land ethic.

Please join us for this special evening. The Stewardship Awards Ceremony is the Natural Heritage Land Trust's annual event fundraiser. It is a \$25 commitment well-spent for an opportunity to come together as a community to honor the amazing people behind local conservation, and help support your local land trust. Hors d'oeuvres included.

If you are interested in being a Stewardship Award sponsor (\$100) level, or your business is interested in being a Stewardship Award underwriter, please contact Laurie at 258-9797 today!

Fall 2002

Welcome to our conservation family

A warm welcome to new Board of Directors Dave Simon, and Terry Taylor, and Project Assistant Kate Wipperman. See the next issue of *landscene* for a proper introduction to these new NHLT-ers.

Free "Alien Invader" Trading Cards Available

Heard a lot about the damage non-native species such as Garlic Mustard, and Purple Loosestrife, can do to our local environment but not quite sure what these plants look like? NHLT has free plant identification cards available compliments of the WDNR. We also have ID cards of caustic plants like poison ivy and cow parsnip, which are great to have in your pocket when out for a walk. Call 258-9797 to request cards.



Teachers and Youth Leaders

Information about options for nature study and work parties is on our website, www.nhlt.org. Press the "Education" button.

Have you seen our website lately?

See www.nhlt.org for detailed information on the organization, conservation and giving information, options for conserving your land, events, archives, and more.



Let's Talk Conservation!

Is your church, synagogue, religious institution or other group interested in investigating issues related to the environment? Staff of the Natural Heritage Land Trust has been invited by different area churches to speak, provide information and attend fairs on the subject of conservation and related topics. If you have a group that may be interested, please contact Laurie Robertson at 258-9797.



Conservation Update

The 18 acres of land including cold water springs recently protected by the Natural Heritage Land Trust in the Token Creek watershed is now in phase two of the protection process. The transfer of the property from NHLT to the Dane County Parks Department is nearly complete. Says Jan Zimmerman, Dane County Conservation Fund Manager, about phase three of the project: "We will be seeking to transfer the property to the DNR for long term ownership and care."



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Feeling Good About Conservation

Due to steamy June weather, the Natural Heritage Land Trust's 1st annual membership picnic ended up inside the air-conditioned Lussier Family Heritage Center, but hearts were warmed in celebration of conservation nonetheless. Musician Doug Brown enchanted us with his tunes on guitar, fiddle and banjo, while a few members joined in with their own talents. About 80 people gathered for the unveiling of our new Land Conservation and Stewardship Award wall, including many honored guests, past stewardship awardees (or representatives who attended in their honor), whose names are featured on the wall for their service work in conservation.

At the pull of a cord, a green curtain fell and revealed the new exhibit wall in the foyer of the center, including the pair of sculptured metal sandhill cranes by local artist Michael Burns. Although making *conservation where you live* a reality can often feel like an uphill battle, Dane County Executive and gubernatorial candidate, Kathleen Falk focused her dedication on the amazing successes of community conservation efforts. She pointed out the symbolism

of the Sandhill Cranes in the display. Once endangered, Sandhill Cranes have made a terrific come back in the Wisconsin, largely due to the efforts of local individuals and groups – private and public, who continue to foster Aldo Leopold's land ethic.

Snacks, mingling, a prize drawing and a brief nature walk (for the hearty few who bared the heat) led by volunteers Wayne Pauly and Judy Kingsbury, rounded out the event. Thanks to everyone for sharing the afternoon with your local land trust. If you haven't made it out to the center and seen the wall, we encourage you to do so. NHLT staff can arrange for transportation or a personal tour as well.

Kathleen Falk and Irene Silverwood (left), Doug Brown entertains (below) and past Stewardship Award winners (bottom).



NHLT – Community Events

Through the end of September

Volunteers are needed to help construct habitat boxes (lunkers) for fish, Mon. and Wed. evenings. Contact: Frank Fetter at 437-7707.

LUNKERS: (Little Underwater Neighborhood Keepers Encompassing Rheotactic Salmonids)

September-October, Wed. and Sat. Troy Gardens Natural Areas Workdays and Workshops
Contact: Briana Meier at 608-255-9877 x13

Saturday, September 21, 11:00 am-4:00pm, Arlington. Prairies Jubilee-Madison Audubon Society. Walks, talks and activities for all ages, food and wagon rides. Free bus rides to goose pond sanctuary. Contact: 255-2473.

Sunday, September 22, 9-2 p.m. Lakeview Lutheran Church Health Fair, 4001 Mandrake Rd., Madison. NHLT will have a booth on conservation as a part of healthy communities, joining others ranging from cholesterol screening to massage, herbal remedies, and more. Contact: Anne Tigan, parish nurse, 244-6181 or aptigan@tds.net

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m Public tour of the Leopold Family Farm and Shack, Contact: Rob Nelson (608) 355-0279 or rob@aldoleopold.org

Saturday, October 5, Lone Rock, Richland County, WI. Sustainable Woods Cooperative Forestry Festival. Wood sculpture and demonstrations, logging, sustainable forestry talks, music and food, educational materials, and more. Contact: Susan, (608)-583-7100

Friday, October 11, 5-7pm at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, Madison Community Open Space Partnership Green Ribbon Awards Reception Celebrating the fostering of green infrastructure
Contact: Katie Beilfuss, 608-255-9877 x14.

Saturday, October 12, 2002 Happy Trails to You – A benefit for the Lussier Family Heritage Center, Dane County Parks. 1) 8:30 Motorcoach tour of eastern Dane Co. parks and open space, led by Park Director, Ken LePine, includes lunch 2) 5 pm Dinner; quilt exhibit, entertainment. \$50 for option one or two, or \$95 for both. RSVP required. Call Linda, (608) 224-3604

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Monday-Tuesday, October 21-22, Monona Terrace, Madison. Waters of Wisconsin Forum. A working conference of water experts and citizens to lay the groundwork for Wisconsin water policy. www.wisconsinacademy.org

Ways of Giving

Did you know? The Natural Heritage Land Trust has an endowment fund set up through Madison Community Foundation (MCF). Contributing to this fund helps ensure the Natural Heritage Land Trust's strong conservation presence in our community. To make a gift to our designated MCF fund, please contact Kathleen Voit, at the Madison Community Foundation, (608) 232-1763, 2 Science Court PO Box 5010, Madison, WI 53705. For more information on other ways to give to your local land trust, see www.nhlt.org, under the "ways to give" button or call 258-9797.

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"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Greek proverb

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"As homeowners, we wouldn't damage our houses until they were unfit to live in. Why would we do that with our planet?"

*Kathryn Sullivan
First American woman to walk in space*

Benefit Days Success!

A hearty thank you to our sponsors of the first Natural Heritage Land Trust Benefit Days. We are happy to report that together, Borders Books West, B-Side Compact Discs, Chickadee Depot, Community Pharmacy, Fontana Sports, Home Environment, Little Luxuries, and Tutto Pasta raised \$1296.00 in support of local land conservation! Not only that, but signs and brochures at the participating establishments helped NHLT spread the word about conservation where you live. Thanks too, to all of our members and friends who patroned these wonderful businesses. Keep your eyes open for an even bigger and better NHLT benefits days next June.

Thank You

Black Earth Creek Coalition for their conservation efforts

Chryalis for their help with our mailings

The Cornell Family for help with Wilke Prairie

Mark Martin for assisting with Wilke Prairie

Volunteers Sarah Gehlhoff, Andrea Oliveira, and Kathy Brown for their commitment and assistance

New Volunteers Sarah Green and Qui Dang for their great help

NHLT Board of Directors and Past Board for their continued dedication to our mission

Gathering Waters Conservancy for their technical assistance with strategic planning

Website of interest:

Conservation Voters Institute
<http://www.conservationvoters.org>

A new statewide organization, the Conservation Voters Institute, provides information to the public on important conservation issues that our elected officials will decide and/or need to address that affect our environment.

The Natural Heritage Land Trust does not endorse any political candidates.



Art & Nature

Ellen Kaczmarek 7, drew this picture of a wild horse in the western U.S. Ellen is the granddaughter of longtime NHLT member Sally Mackie.



Will Martinelli-Spoolman 7, drew this picture which depicts a mom swan caring for her babies as they are hatching out from their nest. Will is the son of NHLT members Gail and Scott Martinelli-Spoolman.

Peregrine Falcon

Endangered: State of Wisconsin (1975), Federally.

Peregrine falcons are beautiful and fast birds of prey. Historically peregrines nested on river bluffs in Wisconsin, though they are rarely found today. Dr. Joseph Hickey, a UW-Madison professor, worked to find the cause behind the decline of the birds, investigating the link between the pesticide DDT and the endangerment of the falcons.



Dr. Joseph Hickey was a stewardship award winner in 1991 and his name can be seen on the Natural Heritage Land Trust's Stewardship Award and Conservation Wall at the Lussier Family Heritage Center on the Nine-Springs E-Way.

Today, the Bureau of Endangered Resources is implementing a recovery plan in Wisconsin. Although DDT was banned in the U.S. in 1971, it still exists in our environment and is manufactured here and sold for use in South and Central American countries, the same countries where falcons winter. Thus, some falcons (and other animals and people) are still being exposed to and suffering the effects of the pesticide.

From the Department of Natural Resources Endangered Resources Website Natural Heritage Inventory.
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/factsheets/birds/falcon.htm>

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