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News from North Olympic Land Trust, Summer 2016

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Photo by Roger Mosley

Lyre Conservation Area Grand Opening

North Olympic Land Trust hosted a community celebration Saturday, April 23 to officially mark the opening of the Lyre Conservation Area to the public for non-motorized day-use. It was a great opportunity for the community come together and pay tribute to this special property, which is the largest land protection project in the Land Trust's 26-year history.

Acquired by North Olympic Land Trust in late 2014, the Lyre Conservation Area is a stunning 280-acre property that features the estuary of the Lyre River, streams, tide-flats, kelp beds and a ½ mile of Strait of Juan de Fuca shoreline. It also includes a large diverse upland forest, excellent habitat for salmon and a variety of migratory and resident birds and wildlife.

Visitors can enjoy day-use activities such as birdwatching, wildlife viewing, surfing, beach-walking and picnicking.

The Lyre Conservation Area was acquired by the Land Trust thanks to a collaboration with the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity for Salmon

Recovery, the Puget Sound Partnership, Clallam Conservation District, the Lower Elwha Klallam and Makah tribes. The State of Washington's Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund, Marine Shoreline Protection Fund and its Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program provided the funding.

Additionally, local funding and in-kind support for the long-term stewardship of the property was provided by Land Trust donors, the prior landowners (who were deeply committed to this project), the Lower Elwha Klallam and Makah tribes.

We would like to thank the community for its support of local land conservation that make projects like the Lyre Conservation Area possible. The outpour of support is a clear indicator that this community values its farms, fish and forests and understands that conserving its land base will pay direct dividends back to our own quality of life.



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Photo by Lindsey Aspelund

Submitted photo: Kim Sager-Fradkin & family

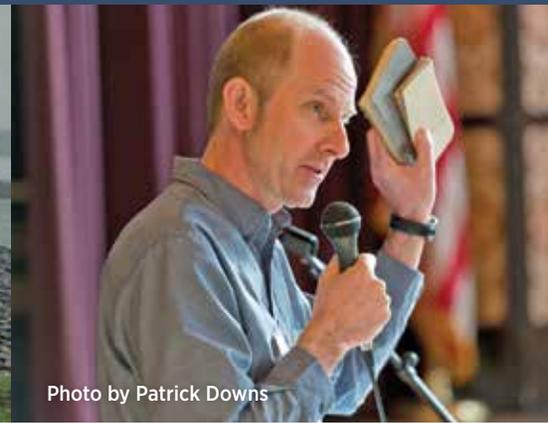
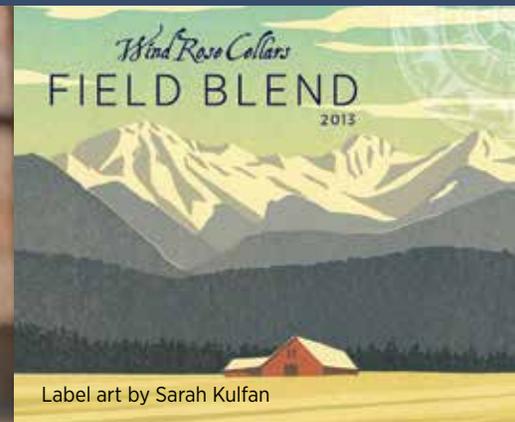


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Label art by Sarah Kulfan

Love Where You Live

We had a tremendous beginning to 2016. It is hard to believe that the year is half over. Before we get too much further into the year we wanted to take a few minutes and catch you up on all that has been happening at North Olympic Land Trust.

Sustaining Membership

Throughout the first half of the year new membership campaign encouraging supporters to consider not only membership, but a sustaining membership. Sustaining members simply choose to make their membership gift in monthly installments. As a sustaining member your automatic monthly gift will help provide the sustained resources needed to accelerate the pace and scale of the Land Trust's work to conserve the farms, fish and forests of the North Olympic Peninsula.

If you're planning a donation in the coming year, we invite you to consider becoming a sustaining member. Learn more about sustained giving at northolympiclandtrust.org

#lovewhereyouliveNOP

Reflecting our love for the North Olympic Peninsula and all it offers, we initiated "Love Where You Live" – an authentic, place-based campaign focused on the people and landscapes of the North Olympic Peninsula. As a community, we hope to inspire a passion for and engagement with this amazing place. Already, many of you are sharing why you Love Where You Live not just with your donations, but also through photos. People across the North Olympic Peninsula are sharing their reasoning and we invite you to as well. Snap a pic, tell us why you love where you live and share it on social media using [#lovewhereyoulive](https://twitter.com/lovewhereyoulive).

Thanks Surfrider Foundation

Thanks to the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation there's a Sanican at the Lyre River Conservation Area. Before the local chapter's sponsorship the property lacked a restroom facility, which is a critical part of opening the door to responsible public access.

"Surfing and overall beach use continues to grow on the Olympic Peninsula and that puts a strain on certain locations," said Arnold Schouten, Olympic Peninsula Chapter member. "This was a good opportunity to provide an important service." Reflecting their local dedication to "the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches," the Olympic Peninsula Chapter sponsors similar projects at the Elwha and Twin river sites. For more info, visit olympicpeninsula.surfrider.org

Conservation Breakfast

Speaking of loving where you live, there are few who loved this place more than Dick Goin; thus it was an honor to posthumously recognize him with the 2016 "Out Standing in the Field" award at this year's Conservation Breakfast. As Dr. Sam Brenkman noted in his comments, "Dick represented an all-too-rare combination of avid outdoors-man, deep thinker and ultimate conservationist who had a precise memory and a reverence for rivers and fish."

Field Blend

We're pleased to announce Wind Rose Cellars' latest wine, "Field Blend Table Red" is available for purchase at the Wind Rose Cellars tasting room in Sequim. Wind Rose Cellars will donate 15% of the proceeds from each bottle sold to North Olympic Land Trust's efforts to conserve local farms, fish and forests. Donating a portion of the proceeds from the new Field Blend is a continuing practice of the community-minded Wind Rose Cellars. For the past two years proceeds from the sale of their Harvest Moon Cabernet Sauvignon have benefited Land Trust, raising close to \$5,500 for local conservation.



Photo: John Gussman



Photo: Patrick Downs

Donor Spotlight: Sarah Miller

Conserving the landscapes that sustain and replenish the communities of the North Olympic Peninsula is collaborative. Although North Olympic Land Trust is a tool to help achieve and foster this goal, it's people and community members like Sarah Miller that have led to the conservation of more than 3,200 acres in Clallam County.

Sarah loves where she lives, and her connection to this place is reflected by her commitment to the Land Trust. Not only does Sarah generously donate her time toward a variety of projects as a volunteer, but she's also a

“Sustaining Member.” Monthly installments from sustaining members like Sarah impact the pace and scale of the Land Trust's work to conserve farms, fish and forest of the Olympic Peninsula.

“This place is important to me because it is restorative – it feels a bit like an island, somewhat protected from the hustle and bustle of the larger world,” she said. “The sense of community is palpable and human-sized ... It feels like one person can contribute in such a way as to make a difference.”

Sarah describes her love for where she lives as being rooted in a “sense of respect and appreciation for nature and for what came before.” To have a personal role in ensuring that sense of respect and appreciation remains, she is active with North Olympic Land Trust. Also, by working with an organization, Sarah said, she's able to “leverage” her time and dollars in a way that can benefit her daily life in a big way.

“I'm struck every time I move through my neighborhood and the larger landscape by the impact that North Olympic Land Trust has had and continues to have on the places that I hold dear,” she said. “There is little that a person can do that makes a greater difference to future generations than protecting and preserving the land.”

Upcoming Events

July
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Land Trust Family Picnic - Join us for a potluck from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, July 31 at Mickie Vail's beautiful property, 1454 S. Bagley Creek Rd. Bring a side dish or dessert, beverage and a friend. RSVP to alana@northolympiclandtrust.org or call (360) 417-1815.

Jul 16,
22 &
Aug 13

Music for the Land Trust - Come enjoy three concerts this summer hosted by Olympic Lavender Heritage Farm, Jardin du Soleil Lavender Farm and Olympic Cellars Winery. Stay tuned and watch for more details at northolympiclandtrust.org.

Sept
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17th Annual Harvest Dinner - Join us from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept 10 to celebrate local farms, food and chefs while raising funds for farmland conservation in Clallam County. Tickets will be available on our website northolympiclandtrust.org.

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20th Annual Clallam County Farm Tour- Adults and children can have fun, enjoy fresh food from local farms, a variety of family-friendly activities and live music while touring farms in the Sequim- Dungeness Valley. Cost is \$10 per carload. More info at northolympiclandtrust.org

IN MEMORIAM

Our deep appreciation goes out to the friends and families of Kris Fairbanks, Dick Goin, Jennifer Jaissle, Elsie MacDougall, Frank Quackenbush, William Ward and Family, Don and Mary Wheeler, and John Willits for your recent gifts to the Land Trust in your loved one's memory.

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