



January eBulletin

'A hibernation is a covert preparation for a more overt action.'
-Ralph Ellison

Happy New Year!

I hope those three simple words bring joy, hope, and inspiration, and convey an abundance of optimism for a brighter future.

During this time of reflection and renewal, LNCT fills my mind and my heart. Twenty years ago, as I was exiting Corporate America, I anticipated that in retirement I'd do what most do—travel, do more things with family and friends, take up new hobbies, spend more time at my home in Manzanita. All of that has morphed into living in Nehalem full-time and being a part of the Nehalem Bay community in ways that I had not imagined. Land conservation and LNCT were not on my radar at all, but here I am. And most significant, here WE are...finding our way along the path of protecting and stewarding the beautiful and ecologically important lands of the Lower Nehalem watershed.

Volunteering at LNCT is a great experience for me, being a part of a relatively small organization, but always working to expand its reach in land protection and building community to achieve it. This time of year, whether at a cookie exchange with our volunteers or writing notes of appreciation to our many donors, I am overwhelmed with emotion to find myself a part of this work and the generosity and dedication of like-minded people.

LNCT has a lot on its plate for 2023, with potential land acquisitions, taking care of our existing lands, and building community through our stewardship, garden, and education programs. We are embarking upon a renewal of a long-term strategic plan and pursuing accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance. This work could not be done without your participation and support.

We have had outstanding participation in our year-end appeal, reflected in the tally you see in this eBulletin. The window closes on January 31, allowing those that start their new year with charitable giving a chance to be counted in the campaign total. With the close of our 20th anniversary year coming right up in February, will you help us reach our \$200,000 goal?

So that is why I have to say...Happy New Year and may our collective optimism bring a brighter future to those who follow us!

With tremendous gratitude,



Debbie Moberly
LNCT President
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\$107,485 raised for conservation, restoration and community!
Less than three weeks left in our Fall campaign.



Gearing Up For the 2023 Garden Season

APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST!



The Community Garden at Alder Creek Farm brings people together around sustainable food production practices. The garden increases the community's capacity to grow healthy and affordable local food while providing produce to the local food bank and senior meals program. Through education and experimentation, the garden builds a shared vision for a more sustainable future for our region.

We invite anyone interested to learn more about LNCT Community Garden membership [here](#).



Janice Soots - Community Garden Coordinator
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Get your ducks in a row and apply to the Community Garden on February 1st!



What do the LNCT ducks do when big storms hit the north Oregon Coast?

They forage of course!

In addition to being inspirational mascots for overwintering in our wet North Coast region, the LNCT Ducks provide valuable plant food and fertilizer as well as natural pest control, feasting on tasty garden slugs. Throughout the year they can be found roosting in healthy garden soil and running water. Our current flock of 5 ducks is cared for by volunteers who show up twice a day to let the flock out and herd them back to the safety of the 'Quack Shack' every evening.

Photo and contributing voice: Phyllis Thompson

Stewarding Our Lands



Our amazing stewardship volunteers have dedicated countless hours to cutting, digging and sawing invasive plants as part of the restoration project along the Anderson fence line at the entrance to Alder Creek Farm. Many smiles were had by all despite the hard work—hauling and disassembling an old plant enclosure from further down the property and repurposing it to keep hungry ungulates away from delicate future saplings. Volunteers made the annual trip down to the NORP nursery in Tillamook to pick up the young varieties and installed the 100-foot enclosure.

We'll continue this project at the upcoming work parties with PLANTING native plants. Join the fun Friday mornings at 10:00!

To get the latest updates and subscribe to the weekly stewardship email, please send a request to shane@nehalemtrust.org.



Shane Sjogren - Stewardship Coordinator
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Welcoming Interns from Oberlin College

Please join us in welcoming Abby, Simone and Lily, who will be spending their winter term with LNCT!



"My name is Lily Henry-Austin, I'm a sophomore at Oberlin college studying Environmental Science and Education. During our two weeks working with the LNCT, I'm excited to learn all about coastal ecosystems and how best to foster sustainable, reciprocal relationships with them through various stewardship techniques. I also hope to pick up on the ways in which the LNCT cultivates an environmentally engaged intergenerational community, and hopefully apply them in my own."



"My name is Abby Brown and I am a current second year at Oberlin College, double majoring in Psychology and Law and Society with a prospective concentration in Global Health. While my course work is not directly relevant to land restoration, I am incredibly excited to increase my knowledge in the area and see the inner-workings of a nonprofit like the Trust. I am specifically excited to learn more about how environmental nonprofits foster community and create meaningful connections between residents and their natural environment. While in Manzanita, I also plan to spend time volunteering with the Hoffman Center for the Arts in hopes of having a more interdisciplinary experience."



"My name is Simone Shapiro and I am a double major in Biology and Environmental Studies at Oberlin College! I am so looking forward to spending my Winter Term in Manzanita and learning about the operation of an environmentally-focused non-profit, participating in direct stewardship efforts like planting and invasive species removal, and engaging with the community and local environment (meaning: hiking in the rain!). While I am originally from Portland and spent a lot of time growing up in Manzanita, I hope to take this time to learn more about coastal conservation and environmental protection from the LNCT staff and community members."

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH, 1:15PM @ LNCT OFFICE (OR JOIN US BY ZOOM)

Are you interested in bringing people together around conservation and education? Getting people out on the land, and building community partnerships and knowledge related to our Nehalem watershed and the ecosystems we protect? Do you have specific knowledge or skills that you are interested in sharing with the broader community or would you like to help plan and host community education events, workshops and presentations? We have several things in the works and are welcoming interested volunteers to get involved with our Education Committee. If this sounds like you, please reach out to Emily, LNCT Education and Outreach Coordinator, at emilyakdedian@nehalemtrust.org.

- 'LOVE YOUR LAND TRUST,' Family Friendly Community Valentines Willow Planting, and Re-use Crafting In partnership with HEART OF CARTM, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12th 11AM-2PM @ Alder Creek Farm

Stop by at your convenience to sip a warm beverage, make a sustainable valentines for friends and loved ones, and show the land some love!

- STEWARDSHIP FRIDAYS, 10AM-12PM

Please reach out to lnct@nehalemtrust.org with any questions about how to get involved. For more detail, please see our [calendar of events](#).

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