



Lower Nehalem Community Trust

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Message from the Chair

Our year began with several planting sessions during January and February at Alder Creek Farm. The planting was a follow up to the restoration work conducted in December of 2008. Adults and school children planted approximately 2000 cuttings of willow, red-osier dogwood, and ninebark. We also planted 100 spruce, cedar and hemlock trees. Thanks to everyone for your work, especially Doug Firstbrook and the ACF Stewardship Committee for your leadership.

During April and May, Peter Walczak, the Trust's Watershed Education project coordinator, led field trips for each Nehalem Grade School class. This year's locations for the field trips included Twin Rocks, Cape Meares, Bar View Park, Nehalem Bay State Park, Oswald West, and Alder Creek Farm. The curriculum topics covered a wide range of natural science concepts, vocabulary, and basic procedures. This project is funded by the Eugene Schmuck Foundation, the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership and the Trust.

In May the Trust hosted TEP's "Down by the Riverside" event at Alder Creek Farm. Three classes of third graders from Nehalem and Garibaldi Elementary schools attended the event. Hands-on learning stations included: Alien Invasion/Chips & Dips, Amazing Amphibians, Build a Bug, Migration Headache, the Good/The Bad & The Riparian, and Wonderful Watershed Surprises. Coordinator Dean Bones was strongly supported by Peter Walczak, Chris Rombough, Claudine Rehn, Vivi Tallman, Neahkahn High School students, elementary teachers, parents and members of the Trust Board. What a great day to learn!

Restoration work continues at our Vosberg Creek property this summer. The Trust will partner with ODFW and the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council in the implementation of an OWEB restoration grant to remove a weir from the lower section of Vosberg Creek, which will provide access to the creek for salmonids. Large wood will be placed in the creek to enhance the habitat for their spawning, rearing, and winter refuge. This work will be done in late summer. In addition, 200 cedar and hemlock seedlings will be planted in late fall of this year or early spring, 2010.

Thank you very much! Without your generous financial contributions and your donations of time and energy to the Trust's projects, our work in education, land preservation and restoration would not be possible.

Olivia Mercado, *Board Chair*

David Sip, North County Resident and Arborist Joins LNCT Board

The Board is pleased to welcome David Sip as a new Board member. David grew up on a small farm in South Dakota raising pigs, corn and oats. In 1998 he earned a B.S. degree in Horticulture from South Dakota State University. Upon graduation, David moved to Portland and became a certified arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture. In 2000, he moved to the North Coast and started his first plant health-care firm. He became an ISA Certified Tree Risk Assessor in 2008.



David currently owns EcologicTree, LLC. After seeing many trees in local communities needing to be removed due to construction damage, he began emphasizing tree preservation and urban forest planning for future generations. David looks forward to sharing his knowledge of tree care and the benefits of trees with both children and adults in our community. We appreciate his energy, knowledge, and enthusiasm for the Trust's work.

Save The Date

"Living Locally," June 13, 2009

**Only 100 Tickets Available for the Trust's
2nd Annual Delicious Fundraising Event**

The Trust's second annual "*Living Locally*" fundraising event will feature a buffet dinner and silent auction. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to the work of the Trust and enjoy an evening of local food catered by Bread and Ocean, sustainable Oregon wines, and the musical talents of guitar duo Bob Brook and Paul Miller.

Tickets to the *Living Locally* event are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting the LNCT office 503-368-3203 or lnct@nehalemtnet.net or from any LNCT Board member or volunteer ticket seller. The success of this event will support the regular operations of the Trust. Please join us for a gala evening!

Share Your Commitment to Land Conservation through a Bequest to LNCT

Have you considered making a bequest to the Lower Nehalem Community Trust? Supporters of the LNCT value our mission to preserve and protect land in the Lower Nehalem River/Neahkahnie Mountain region. This ongoing work ensures permanent open space and subsequent benefits to both the community and the natural world. Making a bequest to support LNCT's efforts is a simple way to support local land conservation and a healthy environment, in perpetuity.

Making a charitable bequest can take many forms and offers you considerable flexibility. You can leave a specific asset, a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate or what remains of your estate after you have provided for other beneficiaries. You can designate exactly how you want your bequest to be used or leave

it unrestricted so LNCT has the flexibility to meet needs as they arise. Most importantly, you can change any bequest provision during your life, which means you

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remain in complete control of the process.

If you wish to make a bequest to the LNCT (or have already done so) it's important to let us know for two reasons. One, we want the opportunity to thank you for your commitment and generosity. Two, we also would like the opportunity to help you plan your bequest so you get the most satisfaction out of it. We invite you to consider the impact you can have through a charitable bequest.

Making a bequest is quite easy. We can provide you and your attorney with the suggested language for the various forms of bequests or other pertinent information which may be helpful to you. For more information contact our office at 503-368-3203.

Mid-Year WISH LIST

Current needs in the office, farm & garden...

- 20-inch+ flat-screen LCD monitor for a recently donated second office computer
- old cedar posts—for extending our split rail fence
- 200 feet of plastic coated laundry line
- 8' cedar fence posts for trellising raspberries
- 4' - 6' shop lights
- metal dust pan
- 6' metal t-posts (can be rusty but not bent please)
- rolls or partial rolls of 4' woven wire fencing

Can you help? To donate any of these items please contact the LNCT office at 503-368-3203 or LNCT@nehalemnet.net. Thank you!

LNCT is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

LNCT Board of Directors Thanks Sherri Raschio for Two Years of Service

Sherri Raschio recently completed a two-year term on our Trust Board and has resigned to have more time for travel. She remains deeply committed to the Trust. You will continue to see Sherri in the community garden. She has also promised to organize our Harvest Festival this year. Have fun Sherri.

Tillamook PUD Grant Supports Alder Creek Farm Greenhouse Upgrades



Thanks to funding from Tillamook Public Utility District (TPUD) the Greenhouse at Alder Creek Farm is enjoying some long planned for upgrades. We were fortunate to receive a \$4,300 grant award from TPUD to expand our planting area, add exhaust ventilation and install a semi-automated watering system. The new planting boxes are already producing vegetables and we are in the planning stages for the other upgrades.

With these added capabilities we will be able to increase our local food production volume and share even more with those in our community through food bank donations. Thanks TPUD!

Let Us Show You How Your Support Fuels Our Momentum

The Lower Nehalem Community Trust invites our members and donors to have a first-hand look at the projects your donations support. Careful stewardship of both your donations and our conservation projects is evident in all we do. Please call to schedule a tour of the LNCT conservation sites or a meeting with one of our board members.

Your additional donation this month will ensure the necessary support to maintain our momentum. Please make your tax deductible contribution to the LNCT in the envelope provided.

Thank you to all of our members & donors.

Membership is Growing and We're Pruning Our Procedures

Good news! Membership in the Trust is growing. Along with more members comes the necessary task of streamlining our internal membership procedures. We ask for your patience as we transition from membership renewals via the newsletter to membership renewal reminders as a separate administrative process.

Here's how the new membership renewal procedure will work: 60 days prior to your membership renewal date you will receive a packet which will include a reminder letter stating the amount of your last membership donation, a membership renewal form and a self-addressed envelope to return your membership check and renewal form. In the event that we don't hear from you in 30 days, we will send a reminder mailing which will include another letter, form and return envelope. If you have been renewing through the June newsletter you will be receiving your renewal notice shortly. The Trust thanks you in advance for responding to the first mailing to save valuable paper, printing and mailing resources.

Membership is one of the most important programs of the Trust. Our members are truly partners in our education programs, stewardship projects and exploring ongoing opportunities for conservation and management of open space in the Lower Nehalem River/Neahkahnie Mountain Region.

As our membership program continues to take root, we will be furthering our efforts to cultivate new members. You can help by considering a gift membership to the Trust for birthdays, holidays, weddings or other special occasions. Please contact the Trust office at 503-368-3203, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:030 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. with any questions about membership or your renewal.

Nehalem Teaching Trail Receives Grant Support and Help from Local Students

For the third consecutive year, the Tillamook County Cultural Coalition has granted funds, this year \$3,000, towards the design and creation of the Nehalem Teaching Trail. Trail designer Doug Deur, an Arch Cape resident and ethnobotanist, has extensive knowledge of northwest indigenous people and their management of landscape and caring for plant communities on which they depended.

The trail consists of a variety of "islands" linked by a walking path, representing six different local habitats prized by native people for food, shelter, clothing tools



Third grade students from Nehalem and Garibaldi Grade Schools assist with Teaching Trail maintenance.

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and ceremonial use. The trail has been laid out and the plant lists have been completed (see these documents at www.nehalemtrust.org). This year's work will be to flesh out the design and place plants in the first two of the trail habitats: rocky peaks and forest margin/shrub.

With the guidance of LNCT board member Vivi Tallman, students from throughout Tillamook County are assisting with the maintenance of the trail and its plantings. For more information about the trail or volunteer opportunities call the Trust office, 503-368-3203.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**“LIVING LOCALLY,” Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction — Saturday, June 13, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Avenue in downtown Manzanita**

A delicious and fun way to support the Trust: social time, appetizers, buffet dinner, music and silent auction— showcasing all local: musical talent, businesses, food producers and chefs. Join Us!

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$25 per person. Call 503-368-3203 for tickets or more information.

SAVE THESE DATES! 6th Annual Fall Harvest Festival will be held late September or early October.
Farmer’s market, music, garden tours, food, family fun. Watch for updates on our website, LNCT e-bulletin, or the *North Coast Citizen*.

FIRST SATURDAY WORK PARTIES — Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ongoing opportunity to get outside and plant and care for native plantings, work in the Coastal Food Ecology Center and garden and other projects. Potluck lunch.

WEDNESDAYS AT ALDER CREEK FARM — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - Noon. Stewardship activities

To volunteer or for more information call 503-368-3203 or email LNCT@nehalemtrust.org

Meet The Staff: Erich Miller, Office Assistant

Erich came on board as LNCT’s new office assistant in March of this year but is far from new to the Trust. He first became acquainted with the Trust as interim manager starting in November 2007, working in that position until March 2008. He continued on as a project manager for the Vosberg Creek OWEB grant until this November of 2008 and helped organize the Estuary Clean-up event earlier this year.



Erich is originally from rural Northern Indiana, but

got the traveling bug early and has lived in China, Thailand, Washington DC and Denver since leaving home. He received his Master’s Degree in International Relations from the University of Denver in June 2007. However, since coming to the Oregon Coast in August of that same year he has worked in a range of decidedly local jobs including community outreach with the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council and an ongoing position teaching economics at Tillamook Bay Community College. Erich is looking forward to getting to know the community of the Nehalem Valley and Neahkahnie regions and furthering the work of the Trust.

For more information about the Trust visit our website:

www.nehalemtrust.org