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Labors of Love on Tarboo Creek

by Stephanie J. Reith, JLT Executive Director

A life's dream. A twist of fate. A legacy of land conservation spanning four generations. These are all plot lines in a grand story of love and land, now playing at Tarboo Creek.

This past December, Jefferson Land Trust (JLT) completed the Freeman conservation easement, more than 17 acres of salmon and upland habitat along Tarboo Creek north of Dabob Bay. Part of a larger restoration effort in the lower Tarboo Creek watershed (see "The Tarboo Watershed Effort" on page 4), the land is owned by Susan and Scott Freeman. The easement was paid for by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant to the Department of Ecology and Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI), and then transferred to JLT. But these are just technicalities . . .

The Beginnings

The heart of the story begins in the Midwest in the late 1800s, with the birth of Aldo Leopold. Author of *A Sand County Almanac*, he is considered by many the father of wildlife ecology and conservation. Leopold's land ethic and his zealous appreciation for the natural world were passed down to his children and grandchildren, including granddaughter Susan Leopold Freeman.

"I grew up with land conservation in my blood," said Susan. "My dad, Carl, and his siblings worked with my grandfather replanting trees and prairie in Wisconsin. And when I grew up in Indiana, I worked with my dad in the woods, planting pine trees. Since a child, I have enjoyed the process of restoring the land."

Susan spent three years at the Art Institute of Chicago studying painting. But her love of the land often drew her back to the famed Leopold Shack in Wisconsin. During one visit, she met young Scott Freeman, who was volunteering as an intern with the International Crane Foundation and the Aldo Leopold Memorial Reserve. "From the beginning of our life together, we were planting seeds and restoring land," Susan recalls.

After their marriage in 1981, they moved to Seattle in 1985. Scott earned a Ph.D. in zoology, with an emphasis on evolutionary ecology, from the University of Washington (UW). After a jaunt east to New Jersey for post-doctoral work, the family returned to Seattle in 1992. Scott is now a UW lecturer in biology and has written college textbooks for introductory biology and evolution courses. Susan continues her art and teaches piano.

The Freeman's sons, Ben, 21, and Peter, 16, continue the family love of the land. "Our whole family bird-watches. Ben has been a birder since age two, and passed us both up at age six!" laughed Susan. Ben is now a biology major at Macalester College in Minnesota.



Susan and Scott Freeman doing what they love, planting trees on their property as part of salmon habitat restoration on Tarboo Creek. Photo credit: Stephanie Reith

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Message from the Board: Mark Dembro, 2005/2006 Overview

Nature Has Begun Awakening

Gardeners, farmers, and foresters: all live in an intimate relation with nature in which the turning of the seasons governs the pace and tasks of daily life. While gardeners in some parts of the country may still be relaxing in their sitting rooms next to a roaring fire as snow swirls around outside, Jefferson County gardeners can see buds forming and fattening, and green shoots poking above the soil. The untrained eye sees winter in Jefferson County, but gardeners know nature has already begun awakening from late fall and winter's rest for the growth of the new year.



Mark Dembro and friend, Sarah

For our Land Trust, late fall and winter require some essential indoor work as our staff and directors take stock of the year ending, measure our accomplishments, and plan for the year's work to come.

2005 was a fantastic year for Jefferson Land Trust. With our strategic partners, we increased by 50% the acreage of land under permanent conservation protection, for a new total of over 1,200 acres, 1,000 of which are owned by 58 private landowners. Scores of hard-working volunteers and hundreds of generous bidders and donors made our fall Sculpture Sale and our November RainFest Auction our best fundraisers ever – bringing in more than \$95,000 combined for our conservation mission. The Land Trust received two anonymous gifts of \$100,000 each, testifying to major donors' awareness of our ever-growing ability to shepherd ambitious land-conservation projects.

2006 will be a year of growth and challenges for our Land Trust. On the ground, we and our partners are working on the Quimper Wildlife Corridor, Chimacum Creek, Salmon and Snow Creeks, Tarboo Creek, and the Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers. In the office, we need to continue building our Land Trust as an organizationally and financially robust organization that can carry out the responsibilities of land stewardship in perpetuity. This will require strengthening our fundraising and grant-seeking work to keep it efficient and effective. Our board and professional staff are committed to begin preparing for land trust accreditation by 2008 through a program now being piloted by the Land Trust Alliance in consultation with the IRS and Congress.

But there's always time for fun: Check your calendar now to be sure you save the date for our Tree Festival and Plant Sale on April 1, and see page 9 or visit www.saveland.org for all the other activities scheduled in April as part of Land Trust Awareness Month. And for your long-range planning, mark your calendar for our 9th annual RainFest Auction on Saturday, November 18. We love to hear auction-goers rave about RainFest as Port Townsend's most fun auction.

Please remember, your Land Trust needs your friendship, your volunteered time, and, crucially, your financial support in order to protect for the benefit of generations unborn the beautiful land we enjoy daily in eastern Jefferson County.

Mark Dembro, President

Volunteers Make a Difference in the Dosewallips

by David Cooper, Stewardship Coordinator/AmeriCorps Intern

People often wonder what they can do to help the environment. It is discouraging to hear about an oil tanker crashing or the polar ice caps melting. It seems like just one person will not make that much of a difference. But every one of us plays an important role in helping the environment in the community where we live. By helping in ways no matter how small they seem, you are doing your part. This is a story of one effort where several people did their part.

About a year ago, Jefferson County asked Jefferson Land Trust to help obtain land for conservation and flood protection along the Dosewallips River in Brinnon. Our Land Projects Manager, Sarah Spaeth, helped the County use their federal and state grants to acquire 75 acres of land in the Dosewallips floodplain.

Jefferson County had also received funding for restoration. Tammy Pokorny, Environmental Health Specialist with the County, asked me to help coordinate a replanting in Brinnon. So we could choose what plants would be successful, Tammy and Dosewallips State Park Ranger, Doug Hinton, gave me a tour to look at how much sunlight plants could get in different locations. Another concern was protecting the plants from hungry animals, especially the area's elk herd! When Tammy asked me to order the plants for the restoration, I was a bit nervous because I hadn't done anything like this before. But I decided I was up for the challenge!

We set December 16th as the planting date. Because most nurseries pull trees in January and February, only Hood Canal Nursery could get trees in time. To do the math for the order, I guessed that 10 people planting 10 trees an hour for three hours would be 300 trees to plant. So I ordered 200 western red cedars and 100 Douglas firs.

Next, it was important to get the word out and recruit volunteers. I sent a colorful announcement to everyone on the JLT mail list and asked our board and Gray Wolf Ranch if they would volunteer. Tammy and I then made arrangements for transportation, food, and shovels.

One of JLT's most active volunteers, Owen Fairbank, is licensed to drive the Jefferson Transit community van, so we reserved the van for our tree planting day. Tammy was able to use shovels from the County Public Works. We also got drinks donated by Penny Saver Mart, two boxes of apples from the Food Co-op, and two three-foot sub sandwiches from Subway to give the volunteers energy to plant those trees!

Finally, we were ready. The van left at about 9:30 am, with me, Owen, and two Gray Wolf volunteers. The day began rather cold, but the sun shimmered off the frost along Highway 101. At Dosewallips Park ranger station, we joined Tammy and her co-worker, Mark Nelson, Ranger Doug and Ranger Ann Jeanette, and three more volunteers—

Don Givens, Larry MacDuff, and Richard Brocksmitth. We hiked down to the creek carrying trees, shovels, and the tree protectors to deter those browsing elk. With everyone working together, we successfully met our goal of planting 300 trees in one day!

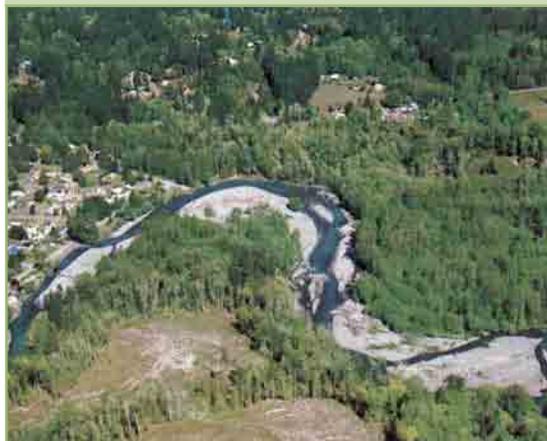
The Dosewallips area is easy to fall in love with. Standing near the river, surrounded by mountains on either side, we knew that soon there would be salmon coming to spawn. We could almost smell the elk in the forest. At one point, two volunteers taking a break near the river called everyone to watch two river otters eating fish in the currents. It would be hard to have picked a more beautiful place or a better day to be outside.

Being part of nature and giving back to the earth is incredible. People didn't have to only plant trees to help restore the land; for our project, donating food or trees or shovels also really helped. People can help in many ways, however different. Every effort is incredibly important. It is a great way of doing your part to improve the world where you live.



Volunteer Don Givens sheathes a sapling prior to planting to protect the young tree from hungry elk appetites. Don was one of 10 people who helped replant trees along the Dosewallips River in December.

Photo credit: David Cooper



Aerial view of the Dosewallips River.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit www.saveland.org 379-9501.

The Tarboo Watershed Effort

Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI) is a non-profit organization based in Port Townsend and founded in 2001 to provide scientific and technical support for protecting and restoring fish and wildlife habitats in the Pacific Northwest. Although NWI contracts to watershed councils, tribes, and others in Oregon and Washington, NWI has focused since inception on a whole-watershed restoration effort for Tarboo Creek, located at the north end of Hood Canal. One of the goals of the project is to work with landowners and other organizations to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat from Tarboo Bay to the headwaters of Tarboo Creek. In 2005, with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NWI acquired 200 acres in the Tarboo valley, immediately downstream of the Freeman property. NWI is the long-term owner of the property and plans to restore three miles of streams and 120 acres of wetlands for salmon and other wildlife, as well as use the property as a regional environmental education and field research center. In December 2005, NWI donated a conservation easement to JLT, permanently protecting the property. Peter Bahls, Director and Fish Biologist for NWI, stated that the partnership with JLT has been the key to the success of these efforts.

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Looking for Land

From their earliest years together, Scott and Susan wanted to buy property to restore. In the early 2000s, they began their search, drawing a circumference of two hours' travel time from Seattle. They put out feelers to land trusts throughout their search area. Only two or three responded, including Jefferson Land Trust. Then, through a series of serendipitous occurrences (see "A Twist of Fate" on page 5), the Freemans were introduced to the Tarboo Creek property.

"When we first looked at the property, we weren't sold," remembers Susan. "Previous owners had taken out the big cedars and firs. In the past, there had been shingle factories on the creek. The land was very disturbed. There were just stumps in a big field, covered with blackberry and weird ponds. The stream was not pretty, basically a dredged ditch. But we got excited about plans to restore the stream." The Freemans bought the property in spring 2004.

With funding and engineering plans already in hand, Peter Bahls, of Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI), and subcontractors, Tom Smayda of Smayda Environmental Assoc. (Seattle), Bob Harrison of Pilchuk Excavating (Snohomish), and Landmark Excavating (Nordland), re-meandered the stream in summer of that year. Logs left over from recent timber sales were donated by Washington Department of Natural Resources and installed in the creek.

"It was an amazing transformation!" exclaimed Susan. "The stream now looks like it's been there forever! Bob was amazing with the excavator! He and Peter really knew how a stream should look in the wild. They were astonishing working together."

In addition to the stream re-meander, some dead trees called snags were erected for bird habitat. "Bob smashed the tops [of the cut logs] so they would also look like they had been there forever!" And apparently they did. The Freemans recollect that just a couple of months later, as salmon returned to Tarboo Creek, a friend saw an eagle comfortably perched atop one of the snags dining on a coho, just like he had been there forever.

The Work Ahead

Other work on the Freeman property over the last two years has included replanting trees to shade the stream and provide other wildlife habitat. In January 2005, 150 school students and parents, coordinated by Jude Rubin, NWI Stewardship Director, planted more than 2,000 native trees in one day. Last summer, with funding from NOAA Fisheries and The FishAmerica Foundation, NWI and Jefferson County built a new bridge to replace a fish-blocking culvert under Old Tarboo Road, just upstream of the Freeman property.

However, the real work in the years ahead is in the Freemans' hands, and that is the way they like it. "This has been our dream since we were married," emphasized Scott. Scott and Susan are out on the property most weekends, working side by side to tenderly plant new trees, confer on the best planting sites, and observe the subtle, mysterious changes of the land healing itself. They are often joined by friends and other family members. But their work surely takes on additional meaning when sons Peter and Ben join them. This labor of love is truly a family affair, and great-grandfather Aldo Leopold must be proud indeed.

A Twist of Fate: My Introduction to the Freeman Family

by Peter Bahls, Director and Fish Biologist for Northwest Watershed Institute

The 17-acre property on a critical section of Tarboo Creek had been for sale for some time, and I was increasingly worried that we would lose a rare opportunity for restoration. The stream had been straightened in 1972 and was eroding badly. I went to JLT's Land Conservation Committee in search of ideas on how to secure the property. Although sympathetic, none of the committee members whipped out their checkbooks. I went home somewhat despondent. The next day (yes, the very next day!), Sarah Spaeth, JLT's Land Projects Manager, called and said that a conservation buyer from Seattle had contacted them looking for property in the area. She suggested I give them a call. In a matter of minutes I was talking with Scott Freeman. He said that they were indeed looking for property to conserve and restore.

"Oh really?" I said, a bit skeptical.

"Yes," Scott replied, "my wife's family has been doing restoration for generations."

"Really?" I said again. "I didn't think anyone has been doing restoration for generations."

"Oh yes," Scott said, "Susan's grandfather kind of invented it."

"Really?" I said, wondering what kind of crackpot Sarah had hooked me up with. "And who was that?"

"Aldo Leopold," Scott said, matter-of-factly.

My jaw dropped to the ground. Very few times in my life have I been rendered speechless. Aldo Leopold? One of the greatest conservationists of the 20th century? Aldo Leopold, who wrote of his years restoring a forest on a rundown farm in Wisconsin:

"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet, one need only own a shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree – there will be one. If his back be strong and his shovel sharp, there may eventually be ten thousand. And in the seventh year he may lean upon his shovel, and look upon his trees and find them good."

After I recovered, I got to know Scott and Susan Freeman well as they honed in on the property and acquired it over the next year.

NWI was awarded funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore the meandering streams and wetlands on the property. In another stroke of luck, Dr. Luna Leopold, Susan's uncle, perhaps the foremost fluvial geomorphologist (stream geologist) in the world, now retired, agreed to help us with the restoration design. During construction, Scott, Susan, their sons, and friends helped with the manual labor. Famous relatives aside, the real joy for me has been getting to know the Freeman family, and I'm very pleased that they are active partners with JLT and NWI in our watershed restoration efforts.



A family affair at Tarboo Creek: Susan Leopold Freeman (foreground) and Scott Freeman (far right) with, from left to right, Susan's father, Dr. Carl Leopold, a plant physiologist and Emeritus Scientist from Cornell University, now working on conservation projects in Costa Rica; Susan's aunt, Dr. Estella Leopold, ecologist, palynologist, and Emeritus Professor of Botany from UW, and son Ben.

Photo credit: Peter Bahls



Stretch of Tarboo Creek just after re-meander on Freeman property, summer 2004.

Photo credit: Peter Bahls



This new bridge crossing Tarboo Creek replaced a culvert that was a barrier to weaker swimming fish (chum and juvenile coho). McConnell Construction of Port Townsend built the bridge, with volunteers assisting with streambank and channel work. In 2005, coho were spotted spawning in the new stream gravels under the bridge.

Photo credit: Stephanie Reith

A Brief History of Time

by Marian Meacham

i.
For fifty years
We have lived in these woods,
in a house we built by hand --
logs cut from the land

with axe and crosscut saw
and hauled with Wally's John Deere.
The age of iron and sweat.
Water carried from a spring.

We were young then
-- more will than skill --
the way God was, perhaps,
when He willed the world.

ii.
Beyond our few acres of stumps and slash,
The Ten Thousand Year Forest
held fast the mountain steeps
and guarded the rivers, the old trees

standing shoulder to shoulder, up ridge
and down ridge, from Hood Canal
to the Pacific Ocean -- straight grained
and true as a plumb line from the zenith

And Far taller than reason allowed --
sheltering webs within webs of being

When an ancient fell,
all the animals heard.

iii.
A waste, the foresters said, all that wood
standing there until it rots. Trees are a crop.
Like corn.

iv.
The forest is gone.

A Tribute: Marian Meacham

Marian Meacham possessed the heart of both a warrior and a poet. She was a life-long lover of the land and a long-time landowner partner with Jefferson Land Trust. Marian died December 27, 2005, at the age of 86, and we will miss her indomitable spirit and world embrace.

Marian was born November 24, 1919 in Portland, Oregon. She married Roy Stilwell and in 1942 gave birth to their daughter Niki. She later divorced Roy and married her lifetime mate, Merle Meacham, who died in 2002. Marian and Merle moved to Chimacum after World War II, where Marian's father owned property. After Niki left home, Merle and Marian moved to Seattle, and Marian completed bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy at UW. She then taught philosophy at Edmonds Community College.

After returning to Chimacum for health reasons, Marian served on the Jefferson County Shorelines Commission and was instrumental in saving Kah Tai Lagoon from development. Later, her environmental activism helped stop an airport from being built on Chimacum ridge, she created an experimental forest design, and she worked with the county to stop the spraying of toxic pesticides along roadways. For her efforts, Marian received a state Environmentalist of the Year award in 1983. In 1993, she protected 40 acres of her own property by donating a conservation easement to JLT.

At Marian's memorial service in January 2006, those who came to honor her were in turn honored to hear some of the poems Marian wrote during her lifetime. We thank Marian's family for allowing us to reprint one of her poems, "A Brief History of Time," which eloquently distills Marian's lifelong environmental ethic.



Marian Meacham and her husband, Merle.

“THAT LAND IS A COMMUNITY IS THE BASIC CONCEPT OF ECOLOGY,
BUT THAT LAND IS TO BE LOVED AND RESPECTED
IS AN EXTENSION OF ETHICS.”
Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

Conservation Newsletter

Land Trust Honors Exceptional Volunteers!

At our volunteer party in November, the Land Trust presented the following awards to our 2005 volunteers of the year:

Operations: George Bush & Dana Roberts for time and carpentry talents used to keep our office running more smoothly

Event: Valerie Parker for her seamless coordination of Tree Festival vendors

Stewardship: Steve Habersetzer for his ongoing contributions to caring for our land

Professional Services: Jon Langdon for expertly leading our office remodel—on time and under budget



Lifetime Achievement: Kees Kolff for eight years of dedication and involvement in all aspects of the land trust's operations—from board chairperson to property monitor, from auction founder and chair to community spokesperson, from master fundraiser to land conservation committee member. We are forever grateful for Kees' unparalleled commitment to conserving the land of east Jefferson County. And we look forward to many more years of benefiting from his wisdom and energy!

Applause for Volunteers!

Join us in thanking these volunteers for their recent efforts:

Jo Yount: for procuring and hanging new blinds in our office

Larry McDuff, Don Givens, Owen Fairbanks, Paymon, Nels: for planting trees

Jefferson Community School (Robbie Robert's class of 8 students):
for placing netting on bridge and moving sign at Bulis Pet Memorial

Steve Habersetzer, Larry McDuff and Earl Kong:
for creating an inventory of managed forest at Bulis property

Sam Gibboney, Dixie Llewellyn, Jude Rubin, Dr. Fred Sharpe:
for providing professional expertise on our Seasons of the Land tours.



Volunteer, Jo Yount hanging blinds
Photo credit: Kristin Axtman



Volunteers Sharon Schlentner and Owen Fairbank helping restore salmon habitat along Chimacum Creek.
Photo credit: Orion Shannon



Naturalist and engineer Sam Gibboney discussing wetlands in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor.
Photo credit: Orion Shannon



David Eisenhour, left, and fellow artist installing one of 50 art works at the Sculpture Benefit Sale last fall.
Photo credit: Rodger Schmitt

RainFest Auction Sets Fundraising Record

Nearly 300 guests, 300 donors, 80 volunteers, and 25 sponsors helped make Jefferson Land Trust's 2005 RainFest auction the most successful ever. The event, held at the County Fairgrounds, raised over \$66,000, more than a 10% increase over our most successful previous auction. "We can't even begin to thank all the people who were so generous with their donations, time, and money," said auction co-chair Kees Kolff. "It says a lot about the support of this community for conserving land for future generations of humans and wildlife." One of the most successful aspects of the auction was the Fund-A-Need, which raised more than \$13,000 for JLT's new Opportunity Fund. Mark your calendars to attend the RainFest Cabaret benefit auction on Saturday, November 18, 2006!

Thanks to Those Who Made RainFest a Success

VOLUNTEERS Kees Kolff, Fran Post, Mary Missig, Dan Post, Jo Yount, Henry Werch, Caroline Littlefield, Tony DeLorenzo, Lisa Lynes, Sarah Fairbank, Owen Fairbank, Mark Dembro, Kathryn Lamka, Kristin Mineah, Sue Pasquale, Marsha Weiner, Alice King, Annie Clark, Barb Dyer, Val Johnstone, Bill Brock, Bonnie Brock, Roger McPherson, Cameron McPherson, Carol Long, Carolyn Latteier, Cathy Tucker, Debaran Kelso, Deborah Raney, Donna Frostholm, Elizabeth Suttle, Gabe Ornelas, Robin Ornelas, George Yount, Ginny Jennings, Gloria Lamson, Gordon James, Gwen Howard, Bill Howard, Hank Walker,

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If You Love the Land, Give Us a Hand!

As long as the Land Trust has property to steward (forever—that's a long time!), we will be seeking passionate, interested volunteers to help us fulfill our mission.

If you have a talent you would be willing to share, please contact our office and we will put you in contact with Fran Post, our new Volunteer Representative. She has offered to use her own volunteer skills to harness our volunteers' talents and work with JLT staff to better use volunteers. Through this mutual process, we hope to engage many more of you in meaningful work on behalf of our wild places and memory spaces. If you suspect you may have a skill that we could use, please float the idea. Like Fran's offer to help in this Volunteer Representative role, we would never have known to ask for this; but her skills are a great match and a wonderful volunteer gift! If you need some ideas to get you started, below are a few suggestions:

- **Land Docent**—train to lead tours of our protected properties
- **Constituent Data Tracker**—help keep our data current to keep in touch with ALL of our lovers of the land
- **Land Stewardship Monitors**—conduct annual monitoring of our protected properties

Got an idea? Give Fran a call at 360-554-0417 or send her an e-mail at fpost@saveland.org.

Land Trust Seeks to Expand, Diversify Board

Newly revised standards and practices are in place. Preparation for professional accreditation is on the horizon. The land trust "business" is changing rapidly at the national level.

To keep pace with these changes locally, JLT seeks to supplement our existing board expertise in land conservation and general organizational management with specific skills in such areas as law, land-use planning, strategic planning, financial planning, accounting, human resources, and fund development.

Also, since JLT protects properties throughout east Jefferson County, we also want to expand the geographic representation on the board. JLT especially welcomes board applicants living in Chimacum, Port Ludlow, Gardiner, Quilcene, Brinnon, and Marrowstone Island who have a passion for land conservation.

Make a difference in JLT's future and the future of our community! For more information about applying for a seat on JLT's board of directors, contact executive director, Stephanie Reith, at 360-379-9501 or by e-mail at ed@saveland.org.

“Olympic Landscape Ecology” Highlight of Annual Meeting

Jefferson Land Trust announced on January 12 that our protected acreage had increased by 50% during 2005. JLT now protects approximately 1,200 acres of wildlife corridor, salmon habitat, and agricultural land. Attended by 110 JLT members and guests, the annual meeting gave an overview of JLT's accomplishments in 2005 and goals for 2006. For details, visit www.saveland.org or call 379-9501.

Following the overview was a presentation on "Olympic Landscape Ecology: In Search of Ancient Places," by featured speaker, Dr. Fred Sharpe. Dr. Sharpe is a naturalist in the classical tradition. In 1885, his family homesteaded at Hoodsport on lower Hood Canal. He has maintained the tradition of back-country living through his studies into Northwest natural history. An informative, inspiring, and entertaining speaker, Dr. Sharpe knit together strands of the Olympic Peninsula's unique environmental factors. Seasonal moisture patterns, prevailing winds, elevations, and rock formations were just a few of the threads spun together by Dr. Sharpe to help us better appreciate the intricate tapestry of this unique but under-explored place we call home.



Dr. Fred Sharpe speaking at the Jefferson Land Trust annual meeting
photo credit: Henry Werch

April is Land Trust Awareness Month

- April 1 — Tree Festival & Plant Sale
- April 13— Seasons on the Land property tour
- April 22— Land stewarding/property clean up on Tarboo Creek
- April 23— Booth at EarthDay EveryDay!
- April 29— Members only property tour to Tarboo Creek watershed

For details, visit www.saveland.org or call 379-9501.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Tree Festival & Plant Sale on April 1

Members get in FREE and EARLY beginning at 10 AM!

April 1, 2006, general public admission from 11 AM-2 PM
Palindrome, 1891 S. Jacob Miller Rd, Port Townsend

Renew your membership **NOW** to get the best selection of stock from our vendors who come from all around the Puget Sound! Buy trees, plants and garden-related merchandise, learn what to plant to attract wildlife, and get your tough gardening questions answered by local professionals.



Scott Landis mixing concrete for fence posts at the Bulis Preserve. Scott is one of many volunteers who help us steward our protected properties.

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2005 Tree Festival and Plant Sale
Photo credit: Orion Shannon



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