

New Acquisition, Meet the Farmer, and much more inside!

Get into Nature Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 7th, 9am-12.30pm Winter Planting @ Owens Farm

Help restore habitat at Owens Farm by planting native species. The bulbs and plugs planted by volunteers last fall are doing well, help us grow the footprint of our restoration projects at Owens Farm even more! Email elizabeth@greenbeltlandtrust.org to RSVP.

Wednesday, December 11th, 6pm Conversation w/ Writer Dylan Tomine

Join Greenbelt Land Trust, Calapooia Watershed Council, and Ten Rivers Foodweb for an evening with renowned writer Dylan Tomine, conservation advocate, Patagonia Fly Fishing Ambassador, and author of *Closer to the Ground: An Outdoor Family's Year on the Water, in the Woods and at the Table*. Mr. Tomine will discuss his book and his thoughts on the environment, foraging, food, and getting kids in touch with nature. This free event is being held at the Albany Public Library (2450 14th Avenue SE, Albany, OR 97322).

Friday, December 13th, 2-5pm Holiday Open House

Join us for a public open house and holiday gathering hosted by jointly by Greenbelt, Marys River Watershed Council and Ten Rivers Foodweb! Come and visit with Staff, learn about our work, and enjoy scrumptious cookies and hot cider with friends. Drop by or stay awhile - we hope you can join us! (101 SW Western Blvd., Corvallis).

Thursday, February 27th, 6pm Greenbelt Annual Meeting - 25th Anniversary

Save the date for a momentous Annual Meeting, and help us to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of this wonderful organization! Enjoy local eats, music, and inspiring presentations from the people who have been instrumental in making GLT what it is today. We will also look ahead to 2014, as well as sharing our vision for the next 25th years for Greenbelt Land Trust.

For a full calendar of events and outings, visit greenbeltlandtrust.org.

A River Runs Through It 61 acres added to Albany-Corvallis conservation

Months after Greenbelt Land Trust permanently protected Horseshoe Lake, a 200 acre historical channel of the Willamette River in 2012, family members from the property approached us about adding an adjacent 61 acres of floodplain habitat to our conservation footprint. What we soon realized was that this additional section offered some of the most exciting floodplain habitat that we have had the opportunity to work on.

“This property exemplifies some of the best river-bottom habitat along the Willamette River. Bald eagles perch on the stately cottonwoods that tower above the River, while beavers paddle amongst a marsh thicket of willows and. The importance of this property grows significantly when you consider that it joins two separate natural areas, Greenbelt’s Horseshoe Lake property and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department’s Riverside Landing, to make one continuous swath of about 350 acres. This new acquisition will allow Greenbelt

to expand the gallery forest and allow natural processes to once again shape this dynamic habitat.” - Matt Blakeley-Smith, Greenbelt’s Restoration Manager.

When Jon Carnegie and his sister Judy Waggle’s grandfather purchased these 61 acres in 1949 as an addition to his family’s ownership along the river the land didn’t look too much different than it does today. A riparian forest still covers nearly 40 acres of the undulating land, as farming was constrained to higher portions of the property where there was less impact from seasonal flooding.

“Our family feels very fortunate that we have been able to work with Greenbelt Land Trust on this project. This entire area has been the home and heart for dozens of riverside families, reaching back to 1889 when my own grandfather came to live out at Horseshoe Lake when he was less than a year old,” says Jon.

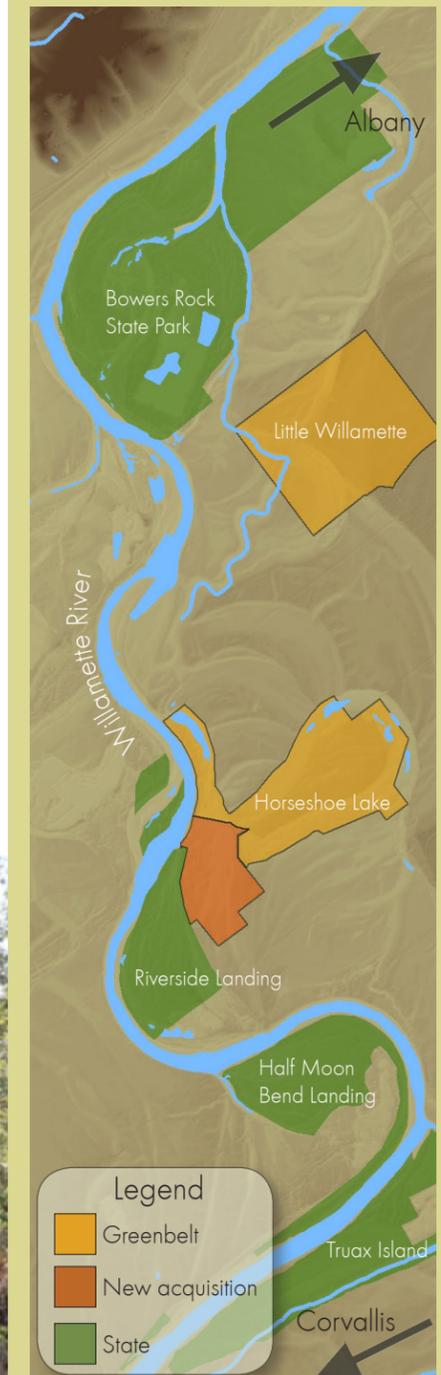
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willamette river

working to leave a legacy of clean water for us all.



NATIVE SEED RESTORATION

500 pounds of native seed were recently planted by Stewardship Staff on GLT protected lands, including Little Willamette, Harkens Lake, and Owens Farm. These mixtures include important seed varieties, such as lomatium and camas, that are part of GLT's restoration schedule to enhance upland and wetland habitats.



FRIENDLY FACES

member interview with *Sandy Riverman*

Sandy is a wonderful volunteer and an active member of Greenbelt Land Trust. Learn a bit more about why she is involved!

What led you to get involved with conservation?
The first Earth Day, back in 1971 when I was a junior in high school. I became an environmentalist that day and have never turned back!

How does your participation with Greenbelt make a difference in your life?
It allows me to walk the walk and talk the talk. I believe in acting locally to make an environmental difference and immediately see the results of my (and so many others') commitment.

Memorable experience with Greenbelt Land Trust?
This past winter, when a Finnish lichenologist became a student at my school. When I found out that the Greenbelt was having a lichen field trip with Bruce McCune, I knew I had to invite Heine out for the day to accompany me on this trip. It was a delight for everyone on the trip to have two experts teaching us about lichen; their combined knowledge and enthusiasm made it such that none of us will hike our trails with the same eyes we had before.



LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION SURVEY

In 2008 Greenbelt Land Trust became one of the first accredited land trusts in the country. Five short years later and we are in the process of undergoing re-accreditation. Land Trusts use the accreditation process as a way to fine-tune their policies and streamline their operations. A national Accreditation Commission conducts an extensive review of the land trust, ensuring that accredited organizations maintain exemplary policies and practices.

The Commission invites public input and accepts written comments on pending applications. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. We ask that you, our supporter, consider providing feedback on our programs and operations - public comments can be made at [www.landtrustaccreditation.org /component/content/article/290](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/component/content/article/290) Comments should be made by December 15th.



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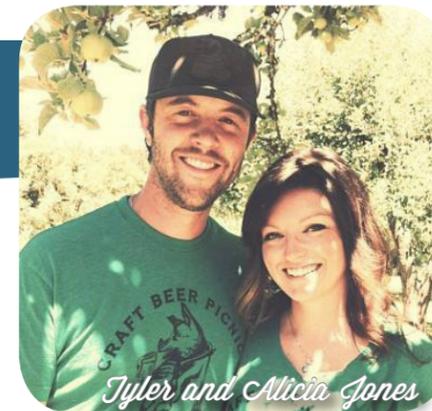
the Valley, providing us with sustenance, recreation, and beauty. By working to restore floodplain functions to strategic properties along the River, landowners like the Carnegie family are gifting our entire community with a legacy of clean and healthy water systems." - Michael Pope, Executive Director.

With this addition, GLT has now protected nearly a 1,000 acres of Willamette River floodplain in areas that have been identified as the highest priority for conservation and restoration by local and statewide conservation partners. These priority stretches of the River are dynamic, with extensive historical back-channels and sloughs, offering prime habitat for native fish and wildlife.

Funding to purchase this parcel comes from a bridge loan from Craft 3, a conservation lending program in partnership with Meyer Memorial Trust.



HEALTHY RIVERS TOGETHER



Afton Field Farm growing connections at Bald Hill Farm

Take a minute to get acquainted with Tyler and Alicia Jones, owners of Afton Field Farm. Afton began leasing the farming operations at Bald Hill Farm after we took ownership of the property in July. Let's find out a little more about them ...

Q: What are some of the most rewarding aspects of life as a farmer?

Tyler: Farming gives you an appreciation for the land that you have been entrusted to care for. I also happen to love being with animals - they can certainly keep you humble. Unfortunately our culture has moved away from having a close relationship with their agricultural heritage. We see one of the

values of our business as bringing people back to the land.

Alicia: Farming life forces me to pause and really consider where my food is coming from. I see directly what it takes to get ground beef to the table, and it is a year and a half of really hard work. This act of pausing to appreciate our food-sources aids in our health, and it allows us to be able to give back to our community. It is healthy for our minds and hearts, not just our stomachs.

Q: How do you see Farming and Conservation Restoration as complimentary?

These are really complimentary IF you as a farmer are dedicated to caring for the land in a sustainable manner. With careful management, strategic rotation of animals, disturbance of the soil, as well as long rest periods, you can really develop a diverse and healthy ecosystem. It is extremely difficult and takes a long time to see the changes that come from careful management. We often say that we are first and foremost grass farmers, and then animal farmers. That's why this type of farming is the perfect marriage with conservation, because the land comes first.

Q: What do you see Afton Field Farm looking like in 5-10 years?

We look forward to Afton being involved with our community here in Corvallis. To be true, we really don't know exactly what our business will look like - whether it builds in size and scope, or whether in 10 years it is run solely by the two of us and our families. However, we do know that we want to learn and receive from our community as much as we give back. Which is one of the core reasons we have partnered with Greenbelt on Bald Hill Farm - this partnership is helping us to be a better part of our community and to educate people about their food.

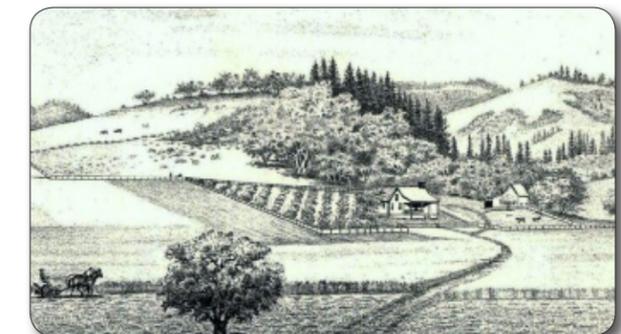
Visit aftonfieldfarm.com for store hours/buying locations. Pasture-raised turkeys are available!

AFTON'S FAVORITE ALL PURPOSE HERB-BRINE

1 Gallon Water | 1 C Kosher Salt | 1/2 C Sugar | Bunch Tarragon | Bunch Parsley | Head Garlic | 3 Tbs. Black Peppercorn (crushed) | 2 Bay Leaves | 1 Onion | 2 Lemons

Combine all ingredients (1/2 of water) rinse herbs and put whole stems in. Squeeze lemon as you add. Place over high heat, simmer. Stir to dissolve salt & sugar. Add the remaining water, either cold or as ice water. Brine should be chilled before meat placed in it. Add poultry to brine (weigh meat down so fully submerged). Keep in cool or refrigerated place (24 hours for 10-15# Turkey). Remove, pat dry, and let rest before cooking.

recipe from "Charcuterie"



Farm of A.G. Mulkey, currently Bald Hill Natural Area & Farm

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