

GREENBELT LAND TRUST LIVING WITH NATURE

20 Years of Land Conservation

Over the last 20 years, Greenbelt members have worked tirelessly to save precious land in the Willamette Valley and strengthen our sense of place. Please join us in celebrating these efforts at our 20th Anniversary event and annual meeting on January 17. Our guest speaker, Kathleen Dean Moore, will present 'LAND' IS A VERB. SO IS 'TRUST'. Her talk will inspire us to continue to protect the land and preserve the places we call home.

As we celebrate our 20 years of success we asked a few of our members to share their feelings on how the work of the Greenbelt makes a difference in their lives.

"Greenbelt's conservation efforts include: hope for the future, educating and involving local citizens of all ages, more than just land acquisition, comprehensive programs, progress, and vitality for our community. Times are gloomy and the problems can seem overwhelming. Conservation efforts of the Greenbelt

DO make me feel more positive about the future," stated Janet Throop, Greenbelt member.

"This area will continue to grow in population, putting an increasing burden upon regional resources, and especially upon the land. While there will be more and more people, there will not be more and more Earth. We must protect as much of our natural surroundings as possible. I honor and applaud the visionaries who began the Greenbelt Land Trust!" stated David Grube, M.D., current Greenbelt Board Member.

"Thanks for your devotion to Greenbelt and all the important values it represents," stated Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Greenbelt member, who has been named by President-Elect Barack Obama to head the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

We ask YOU to join us on January 17th and share your stories, visit with our founders and current board members and look toward the future. ❖



WINTER 2008/09

Greenbelt's Annual Meeting & 20th Anniversary Celebration

*Saturday, January 17th, 2009
1-4pm*

The Clubhouse in Adair Village

*Please join us as we welcome a
year of exciting events!*

1-2 pm Social Hour

*2.15-3pm 'Land' is a verb. So is
'Trust.', Kathleen
Dean Moore*

*3-4pm President's message,
annual report,
Directors report and
Board elections.*

Kathleen Dean Moore, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University and Director of the Spring Creek Project for Ideas, Nature, and the Written Word.



Kathleen's books will be for sale during the social hour.

Please bring two cans of food to donate to Linn-Benton Food Share and Heartland Humane Society so we can help feed members of the community and our furry friends.



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Opens Farm, December, 2008

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The Greenbelt Land Trust acts to conserve and protect in perpetuity native habitats, working lands and lands of natural beauty, which provide a connection to the natural world for the residents of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Contact the Greenbelt for more information, to volunteer, make a donation and/or receive the newsletter on a regular basis:

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Larry Merriam

Larry Merriam was one of the Greenbelt's earliest ambassadors and a wonderful board member. We were all saddened by Larry's recent passing on October 5th, 2008. Larry always had a great sense of humor and strongly supported the Greenbelt. His forward thinking, financial planning, and dedication to the things he cared about enabled Larry to donate a yearly amount over the last few years from an IRA, and the remaining amount to the Greenbelt upon his passing. "This was his own doing. He set up a portfolio and felt like giving," said Kathie Merriam, Larry's wife. "His passion was wilderness, parks, and open spaces. He wanted to keep these places forever."



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In his generosity, Larry did not restrict how the funds were to be used. The Greenbelt and Larry's family are working together to use these funds towards open space protection, preservation of Benton County history, and forest resources. To honor Larry and his love of nature we will also work with his family to designate a fitting tribute to Larry at a protected open space property. To those that knew Larry, let us all honor him by simply getting outside and enjoying nature.

Larry Merriam was truly an inspirational volunteer that I met while working at the Benton County Historical Society and Museum. Larry and his wife Kathie volunteered at the museum at least three days each week. Larry would always greet me with a "Hello, my friend" each day and then entertain me with his stories as Kathie lovingly and patiently waited for him to finish his conversation. At the end of his volunteer shift he would say, 'Goodbye, my friend'. Physically, Larry is gone. But he has left with each of us a humorous or educational story, admiration for his devoted volunteerism and support of the Greenbelt and Benton County Historical Society and Museum, and an admiration of his devoted relationship with his lovely wife, Kathie. Larry, we'll miss you and all I can say is 'Thank you, my friend' - Steve Lilly

Land Conservation Challenge 250 New members in 2009



Linda Hunn, seated left, and Janet Throop enjoy a sunny day atop Peterson's Butte as Greenbelt joined Build Lebanon Trails during this annual hike on private land by invitation only.



Volunteers regravelled the trail at Bald Hill during a joint partnership with Corvallis Parks and Rec's Steve McGettigan, who stated "I was very pleased with what was accomplished this morning. And I dare say that the trail users will feel even more grateful."

We invite you to make a donation to the Greenbelt and to challenge your friends, colleagues, neighbors, and family to become a member. By giving only 10 cents a day for a year, you can become a member or renew your membership with the Greenbelt Land Trust. With this General Membership donation you support the Greenbelt and our efforts to protect natural areas in your community. There is not much you could buy for 10 cents a day that would have such a long term and significant impact on the place we call home. Consider taking this challenge and help us increase our membership in 2009! Help us reach our goal of 250 new members in 2009. Thank YOU and Happy New Year!



YES!

I WANT TO SUPPORT THE GREENBELT LAND TRUST
with the following tax-deductible contribution

MEMBERSHIP FORM

- General \$35
- Supporting \$125
- Guarantor \$250
- Patron \$500
- Millenium Club \$1,000
- Conservation Circle \$2,500

Additional Land

Acquisition Donation \$ _____

TOTAL Donation of \$ _____ for a

- New Membership
- Renewal Membership

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
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MAIL TO: Greenbelt Land Trust, PO Box 1721, Corvallis, OR 97339

Volunteer Opportunities - *I am interested in participating with the following activities:*

- Stewardship/Restoration
- Land Conservation
- Trails
- Education/Events

More Information

- Please contact me about an educational presentation to my group or organization.
- Send me information about the tax benefits of land gifts and conservation easements.
- Send me information about including the Greenbelt in my trust or will.

Welcome

New Stewardship Program Manager



The Greenbelt Land Trust welcomed Jeff Baker to the staff in October as the Stewardship Program Manager. Jeff brings over 10 years of experience in fish and wildlife management having worked for the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and most recently the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation. When not at work, Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter and fishing and hiking.

Stewardship Update

The Management Plan for Lupine Meadows was completed in May of this year. It will guide long-term management, including habitat restoration, public use, and research at Lupine Meadows. The upland prairie at Lupine Meadows was mowed recently to reduce thatch and competition from woody shrubs.

This fall at Owens Farm the Institute for Applied Ecology worked with students from the Waldorf School to seed Bradshaw's lomatium, a threatened plant. The students will return in the spring to monitor germination rates. Also, contractors worked to control invasive weeds such as blackberry and Reed canary grass.



Owens Farm with snow, winter 08/09



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