



Great Peninsula Conservancy

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Protecting our lands and waters for generations to come

GPC Receives Generous Legacy Gift

In mid November of last year, Great Peninsula Conservancy received notice that we were a major beneficiary of the estate of Barbara Boyd. Barbara Boyd was a longtime GPC member who most of us only knew by name, but conservation was a very personal part of her life. In our search to learn more about the woman behind this legacy gift, we uncovered a close friend and colleague who shared Barbara Boyd's story with us – another member of the GPC family, Elisabeth Bondy. It is fascinating because, while a member from 1993 to 2004, Barbara gave no indication either to Great Peninsula Conservancy or her friends that she would leave one-quarter of her estate to GPC.

Barbara Boyd came to the Kitsap County Library system from a rural county in California in the early 1950s. The headquarters, which was not open to the public, served the needs of the bookmobile and nine branches. It was located in Westpark, a housing development built during World War II to house the influx of war-related workers. The house had not nearly enough shelves for the whole book collection, so even the bath tub was used for storage! Asked whether she was dismayed about such a setup, Barbara said "I like challenges."

Within a few months she had moved the library to a large, empty basement of a Bremerton business on 7th Street. The city library was two streets away on 5th Street,

and the idea came to Barbara to combine the two systems. One librarian, one cataloguer – how much more economical! The city librarian agreed, provided she could keep her job. That was fine with Barbara as she wanted to return to California to be near her aging parents.

She left when the regional library was formed in 1955. By that time the headquarters had moved to a newer building in East Bremerton and the former city library became a branch.

For Barbara Boyd, conservation was a very personal part of her life.

Barbara kept in touch with friends in Bremerton as she continued her career at several libraries in California, including the state library in Sacramento.

Barbara, who never married, had a big heart. When she heard about Betty, a university librarian retired because of health problems, Barbara invited her to move in with her. They became good friends and after Barbara's retirement they moved to Bremerton together. As she said, "Oakland was no place for two single women." Barbara had a beautiful house built in East Bremerton, where she hosted lovely parties and gatherings for friends. She was active in the Democratic Party, the League of Women Voters, and served on the Bremerton Planning

Commission for eight years. After a long and active life, Barbara died on November 3, 2009 at the age of 92.

Giving to her favorite nonprofit groups was always part of her nature. While she remembered family for part of her estate, she left one-quarter each to Great Peninsula Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy for projects in Washington. Obviously, she had a great love for her adopted home! Her generous gift to GPC of around \$80,000 will help protect salmon streams, forests, farms, and community greenspaces across the Great Peninsula. This gift to Great Peninsula

Conservancy really is a gift to the community at large, and we thank Barbara Boyd for her generous spirit. Special thanks also to Elisabeth Bondy for helping us to get to know her dear friend, Barbara.

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— Conserving North Kitsap's Forests and Waters —

One of the first things visitors to the Great Peninsula notice is that we're surrounded by the waters of Puget Sound and Hood Canal, and framed by the majestic peaks of the Olympics and Cascades. But what sets off this spectacular backdrop is the lush green forests of our interior. These forests run down the spine of the Kitsap, Tahuya, and Key peninsulas extending from Admiralty Inlet in the north to lower Hood Canal and South Puget Sound. Some of this forestland is protected in public ownership, including Green Mountain and Tahuya state forests, the Bremerton Watershed, and Kitsap County's heritage parks. That still leaves lots of private forestland owned by timber companies and small landowners. With our region's changing demographics and forest markets, how do we ensure that these forestlands are conserved for the future?

In North Kitsap, Pope Resources has made a unique proposal. The company is looking to divest itself of 7,000 acres of forestland and has offered much of it to Kitsap County for conservation. Rather than ask the county to pay outright for the land, Pope Resources has proposed a tradeoff where it would get the right to intensively develop land around the small company town of Port Gamble.

Great Peninsula Conservancy believes this once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity deserves our thoughtful consideration. We would like to see the forests conserved and Port Gamble Bay preserved. We respect concerns that have been raised about the size, location, and intensity of the proposed development. Finding the right balance will not be an easy task.

The proposed alternative of selling off 20-acre house lots would not be a good choice for the environment. Hundreds of individual house lots, developed now and potentially subdivided further at a later date, would not support a full mix of wildlife species nor allow the opportunity to nurture the industrial forestland toward a more healthy forest. The existing network of forest roads likely would be abandoned with detrimental impacts on sediment loads to Port Gamble Bay and Puget Sound.

While state rules require large forest landowners to correct fish-blocking culverts, these same rules do not apply to small landowners. The tribes and the community could see salmon numbers continue to decline, lose access to traditional cultural resources, and see popular trails disappear.

Great Peninsula Conservancy urges all parties to work together to create a vision for moving forward. The time to make a difference for the forests and waters of North Kitsap County is now.

Sandra Staples-Bortner

Executive Director



Photo Credit: Sivad Studios

Great Peninsula Challenge

This year, eight stalwart GPC members have pledged leadership gifts to establish a 2010 Great Peninsula Challenge goal of \$50,000. Once again, the membership is stepping up to match their generosity. As of October 31, \$42,600 has been raised in matching donations. All contributions to the Challenge support GPC's three initiatives: Streams & Estuaries, Forests, and Community Greenspaces, including the Petersen Farm Campaign. Thank you!

2010: The Year of the Member

In recognition of Great Peninsula Conservancy's 10th Anniversary, GPC has a goal of adding 100 new members in 2010. GPC's members and donors are truly the lifeblood of our work. By boosting membership, we strengthen our financial base and extend our public outreach. Through October 31, GPC has added 97 new members. We're almost there!



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Klingel Salt Marsh Restoration Underway

Photo Credit: Harvey Griffey



Klingel set-back dike under construction.

Over the years, the expansive saltwater marshes of Hood Canal near Belfair have attracted people and wild creatures, and been a catalyst for local conservation. These marshes are a rich wildlife habitat for bald eagles, river otters and waterbirds, as well as chum salmon, crabs, and oysters. Twenty-five years ago, North Shore residents Gary and Celia Parrott realized this environmentally sensitive area needed to be preserved. They joined with their neighbors and formed the Hood Canal Land Trust – one of the first land trusts in Washington State. Their first project was creation of the Klingel Wetland Preserve with a donation of 66 acres by property owners, Terry and Elizabeth Klingel. Subsequent donations of adjacent land by Robert and Cathy Bryan and Oda Beard expanded the Klingel Preserve to 90 acres!

This rich natural area did have one flaw. In the early 1950s, long before the value of saltwater wetlands was widely appreciated, a 13-acre piece of the Klingel Wetland was diked to create pasture and hayfields. The land ceased to be farmed 35 years ago and much of the pasture became a freshwater wetland. However, the dike continued to exclude saltwater and the young salmon and other marine organisms that rely on salt marshes for food and shelter.

Assisted by many partners, Great Peninsula Conservancy (who

succeeded Hood Canal Land Trust in owning the Klingel Wetland) is now working to remove the old dike and restore the saltmarsh habitat. Plans call for constructing a set-back dike, removing the old 1950 dike by returning the fill material to the old borrow ditch, and re-establishing tide channels in their historical locations.

“The wildlife that people have come to enjoy — such as eagles and great blue herons — would not be as common in North Mason if not for areas like the Klingel Wetlands,” says Gary Parrott. Parrott believes turning the shoreline back to its



Photo Credit: Harvey Griffey

Pat McCullough (left), ESA, Inc., Klingel restoration design engineer and Molly Smith (right), Natural Resources Conservation Service, Klingel restoration project engineer.

natural state is a big step, since so much of Hood Canal’s shoreline has been altered, diminishing its health and productivity.

The first phase of work was completed in October. Zephyr Construction of Allyn, WA, under a contract administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, has built about 700 feet of the set-back dike next to Pat’s Little Red Barn on Highway 300. This dike will protect neighboring property owners and Highway 300 from extreme high tides once the old 1950 dike has been removed. The newly constructed set-back dike has been covered, weighted with sandbags,

and “buttoned up” for winter. Construction will resume again in the spring; timing dictated by weather and migrating fish.

While Great Peninsula Conservancy is the landowner, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) holds a conservation easement on the land that will be restored. NRCS has overseen development of the restoration plan and provided significant project funding. Other project partners include Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (project consultant for the restoration design work), Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, and Mason County. In addition to funding from NRCS, the restoration is funded by grants from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Great Peninsula Conservancy wishes to thank our many project partners without whom this restoration project would not be possible.

Making Martha John Creek Passable for Fish

Recently, Great Peninsula Conservancy and the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe identified a problem culvert where 288th St. crosses Martha John Creek in north Kitsap County. In late September, staff from Kitsap County Roads Department and the Tribe removed a 10-year old “beaver deceiver,” and replaced it with a “beaver fence” that is passable for juvenile and adult fish. This work happened just in time for the rains and the return of the salmon!



Photo Credit: Jessica Coyle

Meet GPC's New Board Members

Gary A. Cunningham, Seabeck (Term: 2010-2013)



A partner in the Bremerton law firm of Bishop, Cunningham and Andrews, Gary graduated from Yale University

and the University of Washington School of Law. He was a founding member of Kitsap Land Trust – one of the four predecessors of Great Peninsula Conservancy, serving first as secretary and later as president from 1989-2000. Gary led the merger process that created Great Peninsula Conservancy in 2000 and served as GPC's first president. He returned to GPC's board in 2010 after serving a one-year hiatus to satisfy GPC's term limit rules. Semi-retired, Gary donates his legal services to Great Peninsula Conservancy. He is active with the Bremerton Rotary and Hood Canal Environmental Council and formerly served on the board of Olympic Peninsula Kidney Center for 28 years. Gary and his wife Marilyn enjoy golf, travel, skiing, swimming, hiking, and backpacking. They have lived on Hood Canal at Seabeck for more than 40 years.

Richard D'Archangel, Suquamish (Term: 2010-2013)

Growing up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dick spent his summer vacations at his parent's lakeside cottage where he learned boating skills. After graduating from the University of Michigan, Dick and his wife, Nancy, built and raced sailboats in California and commercially fished for salmon in Oregon and northern California coastal waters. Dick returned to school to get a degree in electrical engineering from Oregon



State University. Upon graduation, he accepted a job with the Navy and moved with his family to North Kitsap in 1984

where he took up sea kayaking. In 1991, he became involved in local efforts to protect Miller Bay. An active board member and past President of Friends of Miller Bay, Dick now works part-time for the Suquamish Tribe Salmon Recovery Program and spends hundreds of hours every year on the waters of Puget Sound. Dick is also treasurer of the Raven Canoe Society (a Suquamish canoe family) and has participated in Tribal Canoe Journeys since 1999.

Janine Dolezel, Poulsbo (Term: 2010-2013)



Janine Dolezel is retired from a career as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

having served as Chief Counsel of the Los Angeles Office for 14 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University, a Master's in Organization Development from the University of San Francisco, and a law degree from Stanford. After retiring, she served as a docent and volunteer at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada, California. She was also a board member and President of the Stanford Professional Women of Los Angeles County. Drawn by the natural beauty and small-town friendliness of the area, Janine moved to Poulsbo in 2004, where she pursues her love of gardening. During the school year, she reads stories each week to children in the kindergarten, first and second grade classes at Suquamish Elementary School. She enjoys collecting Inuit, Northwest Coast, and Native American art.

Arthur Schick, Brownsville (Term: 2010-2013)

Art has lived in Brownsville since 1941. A graduate of Central Kitsap High School and Olympic College, he received a B.S. in Forest Management at University of Washington. Art worked in forestry for The State of Washington, U.S. Forest Service and Northern Pacific Railway before taking the Base Forester position at Naval Sub Base Bangor. He has also taught forestry and plant subjects at North Idaho

Community College and at Olympic College. During 30+ years at Bangor his forest responsibility enlarged to include Natural and Cultural Resources Management. When Art retired from Federal Service in 2000 he joined the Natural Resources staff of the Suquamish Tribe as Water Resources Manager until his 2007 retirement. Art's



wife, Barbara, and his daughters and grandkids have joined him in hiking, backpacking, boating and bird watching. A long time interest in historical subjects has led Art through restoration of two Model T Fords. His current project is restoration of a 1911 Baker Electric horseless carriage.

Petersen Farm Day – What a great day!



Photo Credit: Dorothy Lind

Old farm equipment on display.

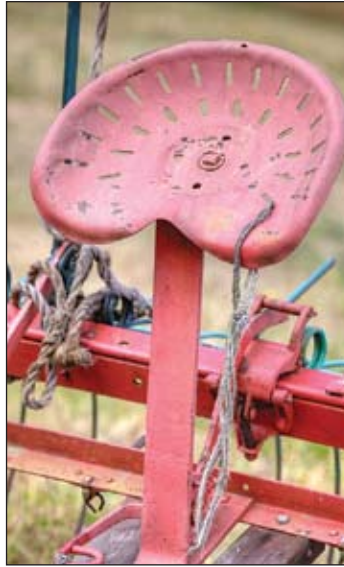


Photo Credit: Don Paulson

Old harrow seat



Photo Credit: Don Paulson

Barn with newly planted row crops.



Photo Credit: Don Paulson

A nest of baling twine next to hay stacked in barn – farming past and present.



Photo Credit: Dorothy Lind

Homesteader John Levin (actor Dan Engelhart) tells of life on the farm around 1900.



Photo Credit: Dorothy Lind

Hay ride tours of the farm and fields.



Photo Credit: Susan Daniels

Farm vendors sold their locally grown produce.

**Nearly 300 people
enjoyed an
afternoon of fun
touring the historic
Petersen Farm
near Silverdale
on August 22.**



Photo Credit: Phil Best

Dorothy Lind (left), Gerry Petersen's niece, led walking tours, recounting her childhood memories of the farm.



Photo Credit: Susan Daniels

And the Hometown Band played.

Ways of Giving

Make a Difference with Workplace Giving

Are you a current or retired federal or state employee? Consider giving through the CFC or CFD: an easy, convenient, and secure way to support conservation in your community.
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Thanks to all who generously give through the Combined Federal Campaign and Washington State Combined Fund Drive!

Leave a Legacy - Include GPC in Your Estate Plan

Great Peninsula Conservancy has pledged to care forever for land that you as a member are helping conserve today. By including Great



Peninsula Conservancy in your estate planning, you can continue to make a difference for generations to come. In fact, a planned gift may help you give more to conservation than you thought possible! For more information on Great Peninsula Conservancy Legacy Society, call Executive Director Sandra Staples-Bortner (360) 373-3500 or (866) 373-3504.

Legacy Gift Options

Legacy gifts can take several forms. You can leave a gift in your will, name Great Peninsula Conservancy as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy, or fund a charitable remainder trust that will let you enjoy income and tax benefits now while leaving a legacy to support GPC's work in the future. Many of these gifts also result in substantial savings in estate taxes.

- **Bequest** – Designate Great Peninsula Conservancy in your will as beneficiary of a portion or all of your estate.

Virginia Cowling's Legacy

Virginia Cowling led an extraordinary life full of curiosity and appreciation of the world around her. Her travels took her through many countries, landscapes, and cultures. Her return to Suquamish from each journey was accompanied by amazing stories but also a renewed vigor to protect the beautiful creek and forest that she and her husband Bill deeply appreciated. Her passion was recognized by the Suquamish Tribe by naming the creeks she loved in her and Bill's honor. The Friends of

Miller Bay recognized her leadership and spirit with the naming of the 41-acre Cowling Creek Forest Preserve. In passing, Virginia's final gift to Great Peninsula Conservancy was a generous bequest of over \$300,000 to support the Preserve and Miller Bay watershed. Virginia's ashes have joined Bill's and, like the salmon that return to Cowling Creek, she's forever part of the Creek and Forest. Thank you Virginia!

Paul Dorn

- **Bequest of Land** – Before leaving land to Great Peninsula Conservancy, please speak with GPC staff to ensure we understand and are able to accommodate your intentions for the land. For conservation lands, you might consider a gift where you donate the land to GPC now and retain the right to use the land until your death.
- **Retirement Plan** – Name Great Peninsula Conservancy as beneficiary of some or all of your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plan.
- **Life Insurance** – Designate Great Peninsula Conservancy as beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust** – Place cash or other assets in a trust that pays annual income to you or a loved one for life. You receive income tax benefits the year you establish the trust. After your death, Great Peninsula Conservancy receives the remainder of the trust.

Join GPC's new
Conservancy Circle with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more.



Be at the center of our Conservation Program!



Memorial Gifts



(August – October 2010)

In memory of Ellen Ghilarducci Camin

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Gifts in Honor of

In honor of Elisabeth Bondy

Sandra & Robert Lause

In honor of Eir & Ernie Cheeka on their Wedding Day

Amanda Van Kleeck

In honor of W. J. MacKay Family

Jo MacKay Imeson

Membership Events

Legacy Society & Major Donor Reception

Photo Credit: Janine Dolezel



Thirty members gathered at GPC Board member Janine Dolezel's home on September 29 to enjoy gourmet refreshments and updates on GPC's three conservation initiatives.

GPC Forest Tour

Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick



Doug McClelland, Washington Department of Natural Resources, (facing right) and Kirk Hanson, Northwest Natural Resource Group, (facing left) led a GPC-organized tour for local policy makers of Green Mountain State Forest to view on-the-ground examples of conservation forestry on a cold, blustery day in October.

GPC Fall Open House

Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick



Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick

Members gathered on October 28 to honor Virginia Cowling's final gift to GPC, a generous bequest to support Cowling Creek Forest Preserve and Miller Bay watershed. Dick D'Archangel (above, left) and Nancy D' Archangel (above) share stories of Virginia Cowling.

Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick



President Jamie DePew (left) thanks Operations Director Kate Kuhlman with a GPC rock for her 10 years of employment.

GPC Stewardship Training

Despite threats of showers and possible encounters with a mother bear and cubs, nine folks completed GPC's annual stewardship training. Following a classroom session held on October 2, Sherrie Kilborn led the field session at the Reed Nature Preserve on October 23. GPC welcomes Karl Baer, Siv Carlson, Tara Carson, Dick D'Archangel, Suzanne Fagan, Kim Koch-Hult, Mike Maddox, Carol Oesterhaus, George Sidles, and Art Schick as GPC's newest land stewards. Stewardship Chair, Ken Van Buskirk, and Harriet Mooney also attended.

Indianola Waterfront Preserve Pocket Estuary Restored

Restoration work was completed in November to restore the pocket estuary at the Indianola Waterfront Preserve in

Photo Credit: Tom Ostrom



Indianola on Miller Bay, a nature preserve owned by Kitsap County and protected by conservation easement held by Great Peninsula Conservancy. Fill material was removed from the estuary widening it from 30 feet to 150 feet and a fish-blocking 18-inch pipe under Chief Sealth Drive was replaced with a 16-foot-wide by 8-foot-tall culvert. This work will allow juvenile Puget Sound chinook, coho and chum salmon to access this critical shoreline habitat.

The restoration project was a collaborative effort of Suquamish Tribe, Kitsap County, Great Peninsula Conservancy, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and Washington state natural resource agencies. The majority of funding was provided by the state Department of Ecology's oil spill settlement fund, stemming from the 2003 Foss Maritime oil spill that impacted the Indianola shoreline. Engineering and project management were provided by Kitsap County Public Works.



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GPC on Facebook

Great Peninsula Conservancy has jumped on the bandwagon and created our own Facebook page. We regularly post photos from the field, project updates, and news links on Facebook, so sign up and log in if you would like to receive up-to-date conservation news from the Great Peninsula. The best way to find us is to go to www.greatpeninsula.org and follow the Facebook link. See you there!



Winter Waterfowl Outing

Thursday, January 20 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ever wonder what all those birds are on Sinclair Inlet that flew in with the first cold front of the fall and will stay until spring? Come join us as we car hope from Port Orchard to Gorst to see: goldeneye, bufflehead, white-winged scoter, western grebe, green-winged teal wigeon, mallard and more. You don't have to be a birder. We'll help you identify these and other water birds. Bring binoculars. Rain or shine. Meet at GPC office in Bremerton. RSVP to Sandra at (360) 373-3500 or sandra@greatpeninsula.org.



Photo Credit: Terry Mace

Green-winged Teal



Photo Credit: Michael Yadrick

Nearly 300 guests enjoyed Petersen Farm Day on August 22 with hayride tours of the farm and fields.