



MOIST AND MEMORABLE

On a rather wet Mother's Day morning, visitors spotted some 70 species of birds on a pleasant walk led by Rochester Birding Association at Amy's Ponds, land in the Town of Ontario protected with a GLT conservation easement. Bob and Sue Spahn, Don and Donna Traver and Jon Dombroski led the group.

GLT FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

	3/31/04
SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Dues, Contributions	\$ 85,116
Grants†	186,898
In-Kind Land Donations	—
*In-Kind Services	11,331
Investment Income	22,457
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 305,803
EXPENSES	
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 41,224
Land Acquisition & Management	15,089
*In-Kind Land Acquisition & Management	9,632
Education & Resource Materials	16,608
General & Administrative	19,266
Membership Development & Services	12,929
*In-Kind Advertising	9,528
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 124,277
NET INCOME	\$ 181,526

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

Operating Funds	\$ 47,179
Land Protection Fund*	134,520
Stewardship Funds**	168,759
Equipment (less accumulated depreciation)	1,041
Equity in Land†	985,445
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,336,945

* Land Protection Fund is restricted to land acquisition costs, and includes the Joseph Taylor Memorial Fund.
 ** The Stewardship Fund is restricted to long-term protection costs.
 † \$165,309 grant from USDA for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement in partnership with the Town of Macedon

For a copy of the annual financial report please call Gay Mills at 256-2130.

COMING EVENTS

For more information on these events or to volunteer, please call 256-2130 or send e-mail to info@geneseeandtrust.org. For maps go to www.geneseeandtrust.org.

Hike at Hipp Brook Preserve and 1000 Acre Swamp: 9 a.m. Saturday, August 14. A Penfield Trails event: First a walk on the newly reconstructed Wild Iris Path, then a hike through the nearby 1000 Acre Swamp owned by The Nature Conservancy. Meet at the end of Brougham Road in the Town of Penfield at the curve in the road (entrance to the Wild Iris Path). Leader: Elsa Schafer.

GRANT SUPPORTS TRAINING

The Women's Club of Pittsford awarded the Trust a \$250 grant toward leadership training.

"We are very grateful to the Club for its support of our Volunteer Board Members," stated Executive Director Gay Mills. "Their gift will enable a new board member to participate in the Annual Land Trust Alliance Rally."

The rally is a national conference for land trust volunteers, board and staff members and individuals interested in learning more about private land conservation across the country.

"A number of board members and volunteers are planning to attend the rally this year since it will nearby in Providence, R.I.," says Mills. "I invite any of our members to call me for more information." ■

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . FOR THE AUCTION AT THE MILL

Saturday, Nov. 6.

Interested in donating an item or service to the auction? Volunteering for this fun event? Please call Gay Mills 256-2130.



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NEW FACES ON THE BOARD

Genesee Land Trust elected a new slate of officers and welcomed several new board members at its annual meeting on June 10.

Officers for the coming year include Tom Tette, president; Robert Kraus, vice president; and Bill McIlvrde, secretary. Joining the officers as members-at-large on the Trust's Steering Committee are Suzanne Wheatcraft, John Morelli, and Tom Frey.

A new board member is Carolyn Hunt, who has served as volunteer development advisor to the Trust for the past year and a half. Hunt, a Pittsford resident, has more than 18 years of professional public relations experience and six years of fundraising and development experience. She is nationally accredited in public relations and teaches strategic communications at Rochester Institute of Technology as an adjunct faculty member. She is a grant writer for the Rochester City School District.

Connie Ehindero, a continuing membership committee member and volunteer (including work on the Backyard Habitat Tours), is returning to the board where she served in the early 1990s. A Brighton resident, for the past 10 years she has owned Ehindero Print Production, serving national direct mail clients. Prior to that she served as vice president at Saatchi & Saatchi Direct.

"We're very pleased to have these new board members join us," Tette said. "They're all involved in the Trust already and know a lot about us. It will be wonderful to have them on the board of directors."

The annual meeting, at the Genesee Waterways Center in Genesee Valley Park, included a brief review of events and accomplishments of the year just ended. Several attendees extended the evening by canoeing on the river. ■



Carolyn Hunt



Connie Ehindero



Native Plant Sale
May 15, 2004

NATIVE PLANT SALE IS A BIG SUCCESS

Despite the hard rain and dipping temperatures, the Native Plant Sale May 15 at the Brighton Town Hall was very successful in terms of turnout, revenue, new memberships, Habitat ads and tickets. In fact, it was a near sell out!

Thank you to all participating nurseries: Sunrise Aquatics, White Oak, Amanda's Garden, DeVisser's, Agway in Webster, Ted Collins, Jane's Herb Farm, Chase's, Van Putte, and Grossman's. A big "thank you" also to the Genesee-Finger Lakes Nursery and Landscape Association for its generous sponsorship and to the Town of Brighton for allowing us to use its grounds for the third year in a row. Our tent was courtesy of Tailored Events and our tables were donated by Lumiere Photo.

Donated plants abounded, filling up Ann Baker's backyard before the sale. Ann's yard, house and computer were the center of activity while Ann served lemonade and cookies to the volunteer cadre including former Assistant Director Cindy Kindle, Caroline Potter, Georgia Nelson, Chris Young, Gail Ellsworth and new GLT member Lorna Wright.

Thanks to Barbara Lobb for donating plants because she went to last year's sale and thanks to the Henrys who arrived during the plant sale, arms loaded with gifts. Thanks also to Cherrie Harder, who hung signs for us, and additional new volunteers—Salve and Carol Pilati, Karen Arbegast (who also helps in the office, along with Donna Mummery) and to meet Heather Foti, who worked a shift after just becoming a member of GLT the previous week!

Kudos to additional stalwart volunteers: Rick Marx and Dave Armanini, Sandy Carbone, Diane Cass, Maureen Carver, Andy and Suzanne Wheatcraft, Jim Yockel, Merri-Lou McKeever, Robert Kraus and his family, Jill Miller, Gloria Weyert, Donna Mummery, Barb and Hank Vayo, and Rachel Edwards, Pat Buehlman, and Tom Tette.

Lastly, thank you to Gay Mills, who brought coffee, bagels and cocoa at exactly the right time, to Jim Engle of White Oak Nursery and Steve Popem from Sunrise Aquatics who helped in the pouring rain with the clean up. And thanks to my husband, Howard, and son, Chris Potter, who arrived right when we needed a little brawn!

—Margaret Potter
Assistant Director ■



ROLLING ALONG

Connie Ehindero and Melissa Lamphron canoe on the Genesee River, one of the activities at the GLT annual meeting June 10.



Gay Mills



IN THE CHIPS

About 30 volunteers from Nixon Peabody, Haley & Aldrich and Paradigm Environmental Services celebrated Earth Day April 22 by spreading wood chips along trails at Island Cottage Woods Preserve.



BIRD SHOW

David Bonter, Cornell University researcher and president of the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory, introduces visitors to a gray catbird. The BBB0/GLT open house May 16 attracted a steady stream of visitors who had the opportunity to see how the bird banding operation works.

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GENESEE LAND TRUST EXTENDS A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO . . .

Craig Smith for his training session; **Carolyn Hunt** for her development drive; **Rick Marx** at International Migratory Bird Day; **Merri-Lou Mckeever** and **Robert Kraus** at the Sierra Club and **Tom Frey** at Common Grounds Conference for representing Genesee Land Trust; **Weekend Printer** for the extra fact sheets; **Eugenio Cotto**, **Tom Frey**, **Brad Cherin**, **Tom Witt**, **Pat Canty**, **Dan Callan** and **his family** and **neighbors** as well as the **Ibero Development Corp** for all of their help with Day of Caring on the Urban Trail; **Scott and Teresa Wolcott**, **Peter Henry** and **Tom Witt** for survey work at Reed Road Sanctuary; **Tim Fitzgerald** at Harris, Beach LLP and **Peter Woods** at ESL Federal Credit Union for their help with legal matters; **Rick Lezyk** for his legal assistance; **Carol** and **David Southby** for leading the wildflower walk; **Kevin Clar** for helping with the checks; **Gail Ellsworth** for her help weeding around the Twinleaf; the **BBBO volunteers** who hosted a very busy and wonderful open house and **Roger** and **Diane Cass** for helping that morning; **Jim Engel** for his help with plantings for the BBBO memorial garden and seeds and advice for the Hipp Brook revegetation; **Dave Ferriter** and **Fran McCarthy** for signing on the be the new Stewards of Hipp Brook Preserve; **Elinor Osborn** for continuing to help long-distance; **Scott Jones** of DEC for his advice; **Bob Spahn** and other **Rochester Birding Association leaders** who were so much fun at Amy's Ponds; **Ann Baker** for flowers at Gardenscape; **Judy Lemoncelli** for her labor on the invitations; **Donna Mummery**, **Karen Arbegast**, **Lorna Wright** and **Caroline Potter** for all of their help with mailings and lists; **Nancy Bolger**, **Robert Kraus**, contributors, and **Kathy Lindsley**, editor, for their help with this newsletter; **Windsor Street Design** for this newsletter.

AND THANKS TO . . . Allan Karnas, who generously donated signs to the Habitat Garden Tour in June 2003. And a renewed thank you to Alan as we used the signs again this year and will do so for future habitat tours. We truly appreciate his gift and his thoughtfulness.

SUMMER INTERN JOINS GLT

Melissa Lamphron, a fifth-year student in the environmental management program at Rochester Institute of Technology, is interning with Genesee Land Trust this summer. Focusing on the land management committee's work, Lamphron will develop the Trust's technical capacity to map GLT properties and assist with the implementation of a stewardship database. "My love of the outdoors has led me to pursue a career in the environmental field" says Lamphron. "I look forward to helping in its effort to preserve land in our area." A native of Chili, Lamphron participated in the building of the trail at Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve last spring. ■



Melissa Lamphron, Trust intern and John Morelli, land management committee chair.

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS A MEMORABLE DAY

I went on the Wildflower Walk at Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve on April 24 and was amazed by the diversity of our native flora and fauna that thrive there. I am thankful that this gem is protected forever! We saw five wild turkeys, heard a tufted titmouse and several woodpeckers (including a pileated); we saw a pair of song sparrows building a nest and we saw 4-6 species of butterflies. As for native plants, we saw a huge patch of Virginia bluebells, white and red trillium, mayapple, ginger, mugwort, blue cohosh, spring beauties, false mermaid, green-headed coneflower, red twig dogwood, elderberry, wild strawberry, herb-robert, early meadow rue, blood root, cutleaf toothwort, trout lily, wild leeks, some sedges and cattails. And those are just the ones I can remember!

—Chris Young
GLT member and volunteer

CONCERN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

This past Christmas we asked our children and grandchildren to identify non-profit organizations to whom they would like to give Christmas gifts. Tommy Lampeter, age 8, Matthew Lampeter, age 10 and their mother, Eleanor Lampeter, nominated your organization.

Tommy gave the following reason: "Nature is being cut down in this area. Wetlands just get dug up and drained with pipes. Forests get chopped down for homes. I read a lot of books about what animals need to survive. Forests, wetlands and swamps are their homes! Their homes get chopped up and destroyed. It's just like our homes being chopped down, and then the animals planting forests."

Matthew added: " Because I've seen Pittsford being torn apart and built up. And I think it is important to keep this land, that has not been destroyed, untouched."

Your organization is very active in preserving natural resources and refuges. The core of hard-working innovative volunteers is impressive.

—Tom and Ellen Rusling
New GLT members, excerpts used with permission. *Thank you, Ruslings and Lampeters. Here's to the next generation of GLT!* ■

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Members

This spring, Genesee Land Trust was awarded two grants from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program administered by the Land Trust Alliance Northeast Program. The \$250,000 Conservation Partnership Program is funded from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and is designed to enhance the work of land trusts in protecting land across New York State.

"Conservation Partnership" captures the essence of land trust work. Our first grant is in conjunction with the Genesee Valley Conservancy—a land trust based in Genesee—in the amount of \$9,000 (\$4,500 to each of us) to explore ways in which we can increase the pace of conservation in the region. Our two boards will meet together for two training sessions and will learn from each other our methods to achieve our similar land protection goals. In total, 8,500 acres are protected by the two trusts.

The second grant—\$8,500—is slated to fund the transaction costs of protecting approximately 250 acres of farmland in Wayne County by the donation of a conservation easement and other agreements. The transaction costs of a donated conservation easement can be prohibitive. This grant will enable this land to be protected through a conservation partnership with the landowner.

"Conservation Partnerships"—with the New York State Conservation Partnership Program, with Genesee Valley Conservancy, with individual landowners, with communities and organizations, and with you, a member of Genesee Land Trust—are key to our conservation success.

Gay Mills

"We are losing 2.2 million acres each year to real estate development and local land trusts are the linchpins that help communities save the areas important to them."

—Rand Wentworth
President of the Land Trust Alliance

'DAY OF CARING' ON THE TRAIL

What a difference 700 or so hours of hard labor can make! An army of eager volunteers—120 in all, most from Xerox and Excellus—learned that first-hand on a sunny Thursday in April during the 12th Annual United Way Day of Caring.

The volunteers traded desk jobs for rakes, chainsaws and wheelbarrows and joined area neighbors and GLT friends and staff to help clear sections of a two-mile pathway that stretches from the underpass at St. Paul Street near Scrantom Street to the Seneca Park Zoo. Once a tangle of overgrown weeds, brush and trash, the trail is becoming a "green belt" and has the potential to become a recreational asset linking city and suburb. This was the second year that GLT has partnered with the 14621 Neighborhood Group in furthering this urban improvement project.

Tom Frey, GLT board member in charge of the urban trail project, praised both corporate teams and the neighborhood volunteers. "This was a great cooperative effort. We were fortunate to be joined by two teams from Xerox and one from Excellus. They worked hard!"

Thanks to these volunteers from Xerox: Sue Peeler, Brad McCarthy, Karl Burkhart, Ernie Rodriguez, Vicki Bernard, Tom Kirkland, Dan Michalko, Tony Rossi, Eileen Nehmeth, Ray Ford, Chris Montana, Bill Basile, Anne Blaber, Charlotte Birnstein, Joan Sheremate, Julie Hogan, Theresa Michalko, Katie Williams, Tim Seckel, Jan Ridley, Laurie Newland, Julio Sasaki, John Toporzycki, Ed Stabinsky, Jim Roessel, Mike McCall, Lou Falanga, Jay Hope, Norm Srodawa, Frank Harmon, Rob Burke, Joann Depuyt, Genes Crawford, Jim Carroll, Porfirio Perez, Gregg Bullen, Bob Perrileon, Katie Lazaru-Born, Karen Land, Phil Schmelzlen, Anne Gilson, Bob Saffell, Renee Karsey, Daniela Perez-Balan, Mike Barnes, Larry Bonk, Ken Cadogan, Scott Canterbury, Becky Driscoll, Lori Gacioch, Jerry Goodenough, Joe Guyder, Sue Heyl, Tom Krahl, Jim Legan, Chris Midgley, Al Mose, Kathy Muller, Tom Muller, Rich Olivier, Suma Potini, Rich Poyfair, Peter Sardano, Warren Tessier, Dean Thomas, Kevin Zeman, Rick Peebles, Dan McCue, Frank Hanzel, Chris Comparetta, Peter Fellegara.

Also thanks to the volunteers from Excellus: Don Bernola, Rob Angelo, Stan Armstrong, Lindsay Arnold, Michael Bochner, Melissa Dalrymple, Brian Dart, Diane Fowler, Eileen Fulge, Chris Hale, Steve Hopkins, Rita Hunter, Jim Keddell, Tina Parks, Carol Malcolm, Peggy McCabe, Ellen Garlock, Kathy Panteleo, Stephany Lockmayer, Judy Roberts, Mike May, Mary Jo Richards, Chandell Robinson, Tom Richards, Jen McGuinn, Sahron, Medina, Joe Miskey, Franca Monachino, Debbis Moshier, John O'Brien, Wendi Robinson, George Rosati, Chris Ryan, Maria Santiago, Jay Petrino, Amy Storms, Mark Stutzman, Julie VanRensselaer, Mike Waters, Maura Illingworth, Lisa Culhane, Heather Salatino, Chad Roy, Tammy DeRosa, Debbie Dodge, Stacey Mruk, Todd Szanski. ■



Day of Caring volunteers clear trash and debris from an urban pathway.

RACF PROVIDES FUNDING

In support of the Trust's ongoing Urban Trail Project, Rochester Area Community Foundation has awarded the Genesee Land Trust \$3,000 from the Olga Berg Memorial Fund. The Trust's role in the trails project is to reach out into the community and develop local neighborhood interest and commitment to the trail. The grant will support the participation by three members of the trails committee, including neighborhood residents, at a national conference on trail development.

"We have made some great contacts in the neighborhood who have taken on this trail project with great enthusiasm," says Tom Frey, Trust board member. "I attended a Rails to Trails Conservancy Conference two years ago and it was terrific. It will be wonderful to make that opportunity available to others involved in this project."

"Rochester Area Community Foundation has been very supportive of our efforts in the Rochester region, especially through their initial support of the Trust's Urban Trail Project with a Civic Engagement Grant two years ago," said Executive Director Gay Mills. "We have been rewarded with continued interest and support in the project by the City of Rochester, Group 14621, CONEA, the neighbors and the many volunteers who came out for Day of Caring this spring (see page 3). ■

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS . . .

Phyllis Bentley, Debra and David Castellani, Deb Denome (Seeking Common Ground), Cynthia Frisch, Eleanor, Tommy, and Matthew Lampeter, Evan Lowenstein, John Monatague III (Fresh Link Farm), Barbara Radner, Robert and Sallyann Rice, Thomas Rusling, Abby and David Stern, Pamela Stiles and Paul Tinkel, Bridget Watts. ■

SPECIAL GIFTS IN MEMORY OF . . .

Leslie Stevenson - from Marshall and Thelma Atwell, Dan and Barb Beahan, Lynne Benzing, Theresa Bertolone, Morris Bickweat, Vivian Botts, Frederick and Janet Burgwardt, Roger and Diane Cass, John and Rose Mary Castelein, Romolo Celli, Charlotte Community Foundation, Clingen Foundation, Committee to Re-Elect David Gantt, Earle and Arlene Copeland, Ann Marie Crilly, Dawn Daniels-Novak, Charles Dickinson and Denise Phillips-Dickinson, Jill and Carl Dimino, Rachel and Bill Edwards, Thomas and Sharon Fitzsimmons, Martha Gentile and Bernard Ziegler, Ed and Rosemary Hahn, Jane Hasselkus and Richard Edic, Margaret Heberger, Daniel Karin, Cheryl Kelley, Cindy and Kyle Kindle, Joan Lanier, Lindberg Corporation, J.M. Linder, Lyell Avenue NET Staff, William and Caroline Mantegna, Rick Marx and Alan Grethel, James McCarthy, Robert and Laura McNamara, Gay Mills, Members of the Monday/Thursday Hoops Crowd (Ken Berardino, Dean Crocker, Jay Gold, Kent Heyman, Jeff Kellmanson, Dave Lyons, Jeff McCarthy, Jan McConnaughey, Jim Nelson, Sean Phelan, Bill Ruback, Rob Sant, Phil Sherwood, Pete Sullivan, Steve Wallace, Chris Williams, Phil Wodecki), Katherine Mowson, Northwest Democratic Committee, Gladys Odegard, Karl and Joyce Perusich, Caroline Pluta, Geoffrey Poor and Joan Clawson, William Pryor and Ellen Smith, Edward Przybycien, Dennis and Carol Reed, Brian and Stacy Repman, Loraine Ritzenthaler-Blind, Rochester City Council and City Clerk's Offices, Eugene and Marlene Rogalski, Steven Sager and Suzanne Tornvall-Sager, Walter and Mary Jo Schlecht, Anna Sears, Theresa Shaheen, Alison and Tom Sheridan, Robert Stevenson, Elizabeth and Christopher Taffe, TWI Group, Bonnie and Roy Van Delinder, Michael and Ann Vanderhalle, Andrew and Suzanne Wheatcraft

Allan Klonick - from Wendy Jane Rickles of the Rickles Foundation

Fred Banzuski - from Fred Boeff

A memorial gift is a lasting tribute. For this support we are truly grateful.

IN HONOR OF . . .

Rick Marx and Alan Grethel from Roger and Diane Cass - for preserving their land on Italy Hill and sharing it with others

Grant Fish - from Bethany Fish

Marj Campaigne - from David and Donna Spier

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YES, I'd like to preserve wildlife habitat, farmland, and scenic vistas in the Greater Rochester area!

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- \$25 - 49

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Please send me:
 Information on volunteer opportunities.
 Information on how to protect my land.

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Mail to: GLT, P.O. Box 18405, Rochester, NY 14618. THANK YOU!

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