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The Land Conservancy of BC announces a new conservation partnership with General Paint

TLC Members to get 20% off all purchases

by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

The Land Conservancy is proud to announce the formation of a new partnership with one of B.C.'s oldest companies: General Paint.

As part of this new partnership agreement, General Paint will supply paint for TLC's growing number of heritage and historic sites across the province. This represents an incredible boost to TLC's heritage conservation efforts, and will provide a massive cost savings in the restoration and preservation of TLC's heritage buildings in B.C.

In addition, General Paint would like to recognize the contribution that TLC Members make to conservation by offering a 20% discount on all General Paint products until December 2009. Simply show your membership card at the time of purchase to take advantage of this special deal.

The discount offer also extends to new TLC Members, and General Paint will be prominently featuring TLC displays in their stores to help build public awareness and attract new Members to save B.C.'s special places.

"The Land Conservancy recognizes that it needs strong relationships with

organizations like General Paint to help achieve a sustainable future," says TLC's Executive Director, Bill Turner. "We look forward to working with General Paint on our heritage projects, and we appreciate the opportunity to educate their customers about the importance of protecting wilderness areas, cultural landmarks, and agricultural lands in B.C."

Both TLC and General Paint hope that this is just the first step in a long and growing partnership – one that will make a major difference for the future of conservation across the province.

For more information about this initiative, please contact: John Keller, Donor Relations, ph: 604-733-2313 or email: jkeller@conservancy.bc.ca. ■



TLC's Honorary President Iona Campagnolo and Mark Hamilton of General Paint applying a coat of "Abkhazi Green" paint to a door as part of a celebration of General Paint's offer to supply paint for all TLC's heritage and historic sites.
Photo Heather Skydt

Update: Madrona Farm

Campaign Close to Reaching First Target

by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

At the time of printing, the Friends of Madrona Farm Society (FoMFS) had raised approximately \$228,000 towards their initial goal of \$250,000 by December 5, 2008. This first instalment is a big step towards the purchase of Madrona Farm and, hopefully, its eventual protection by The Land Conservancy.

The total purchase price for the farm is over \$2,500,000. A significant portion of that will be donated by the landowner, but community support is still needed to ensure that the agricultural productivity and ecological values of Madrona Farm can be protected forever. If you care about the security of local food production in B.C., please consider making your donation to Madrona Farm at www.conservancy.bc.ca/donatotomadrona, or call 1-877-485-2422. ■



Madrona Farm is a vital source of local food production on Vancouver Island. Purchasing the farm will ensure it stays in agricultural production for generations to come.
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A Quiet Success:

TLC adds Kinghorn property to a massive new protected area in southern Vancouver Island's Highlands

by Carla Funk
Donor Relations

It's easy to feel helpless when you see your community being ravaged by development. But when even just a few neighbours band together to make a better tomorrow, great things can happen. Case in point: the Highlands, just north of Victoria.

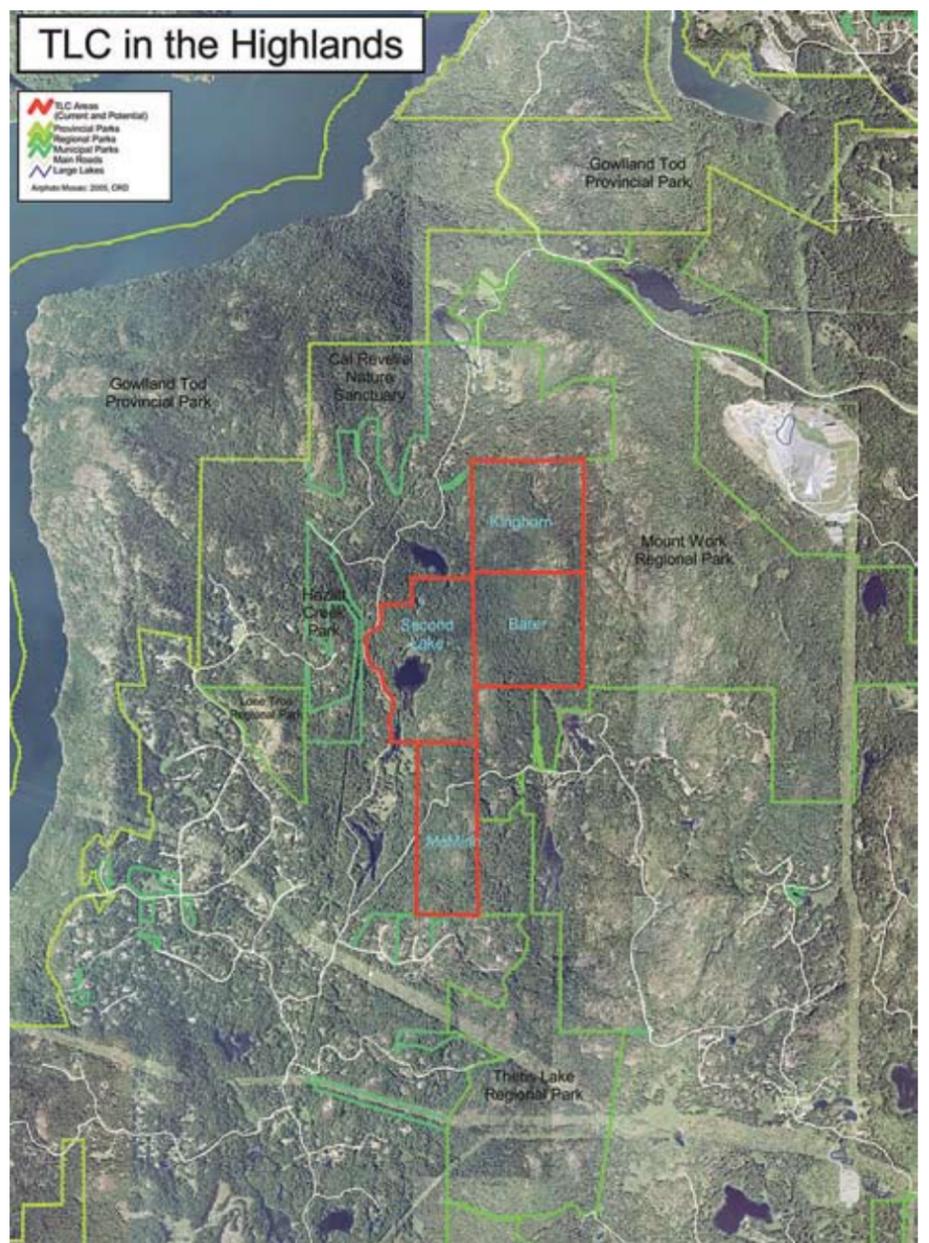
As massive new housing developments began to march through the area's formerly pristine, forested hills, a few local residents got together with The Land Conservancy and hatched a plan to protect some strategic properties before it was too late. The goal: to extend an existing green buffer and maintain the integrity of some of the area's key ecosystems.

The result has been a series of exciting acquisitions and projects – including Kinghorn, Second Lake, Barer, and McMinn (see accompanying map) – which now protect a combined total of more than 260 hectares, and provide critical linking corridors between the Highland's existing regional parks.

The most recent of the above mentioned projects – Kinghorn – was completed just this past summer with little fanfare. But the lack of a media blitz was certainly no indication of the significance of this protection effort.

At 63 hectares in size, the property will become an important addition to Mt Work Regional Park. Even without the park, however, the property would be worthy of stand-alone conservation. The property features high rocky outcrops that provide magnificent views of the surrounding landscape. There are meadows crowded with arbutus, Manzanita, and spring wildflowers. Forests of old second growth Douglas fir and western red cedar sing with barred owls, thrushes, and chickadees. And, there are rich wetlands, perfumed by skunk cabbage and teeming with frogs and salamanders. Kinghorn has it all!

Of course, protecting such a site does not come cheap, and with Kinghorn valued at well over \$2 million dollars, initially the property seemed unattainable. But again, neighbours came together to make the difference.



Kinghorn, Second Lake, Barer, and McMinn properties in southern Vancouver Island's Highlands District cover more than 260 hectares of vital wildlife corridors and habitat. All four sites have now been protected by TLC. **Please note:** none of these sites are yet open to the public. Map courtesy David Leversee



Kinghorn property - which will be added to Mt. Work Regional Park - includes a variety of habitat types, from beautiful, rocky outcrops to rich and productive wetlands. Inset image: Manzanitas are one of the many native plants and flowers found at Kinghorn property. Photos Vicky Husband

First, the owner generously donated a portion of the land through the Canadian Government's Ecological Gifts program (significantly reducing the purchase price). Then the CRD committed \$500,000 to the project. The big break came when a very special and wonderfully caring anonymous donor came forward with a \$1 million gift to bring us within

reach of our goal. Finally, dozens of supporters from across the province pooled their resources to push us over the top.

And, naturally, what made it all possible was you: a TLC Member. Thank you for facilitating this quiet – yet incredible – success! ■

Champions of Conservation: Stuart Stark and Vicky Husband

by Bill Turner
Executive Director

To be effective, a non-profit organization like The Land Conservancy needs a strong Board of Directors. We need people of passion and integrity to carry the banner of B.C.'s special places, and provide leadership to our organization.

For the past nine years, TLC has been blessed with two such leaders on our Board: Stuart Stark and Vicky Husband.

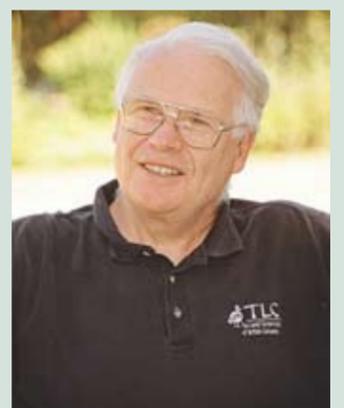
Stuart is one of B.C.'s most respected heritage consultants. He has donated thousands upon thousands of hours to TLC projects across the province, and has dedicated an enormous amount of time to the restoration of Ross Bay Villa – a beautiful 1860s heritage house in Victoria's Fairfield neighbourhood.

Vicky is a well-known champion for wilderness conservation. Her tireless campaigning in the Highlands helped make possible some of

the incredible victories mentioned in the article above, creating a lasting legacy on southern Vancouver Island.

Both of these wonderful people have played major roles in the growth and development of TLC, and have been driving forces behind some of the exciting work that your support – as a TLC Member – made possible. Both have now completed their nine year terms – the maximum that a TLC Board Member can serve – but we know that they will continue to be a big part of the TLC family.

Cheers to Stuart and Vicky – champions of conservation! ■



Bill Turner,
TLC's Executive Director

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The Creation of Tofino's "Monks Point Park"

How one man's dream will become a lasting legacy

by Carla Funk
Donor Relations

Harold Monks loved the ocean. Born in Tofino, Harold grew up around the water and gained a real affinity for sailing and all things nautical.

But no matter how much time Harold spent on the sea, his greatest passion was for the place he called home throughout his entire life – a beautiful 2.5 acre waterfront property near Tofino harbour.

Set high on a bluff, the property is often described as having waterfront on three sides. Harold's house offers fantastic views of the harbour and Clayoquot Sound, while a rental cottage on the property looks out over Duffin Cove to the south.

And thanks to Harold's fondness for things "shipshape", the property has been exquisitely manicured. With its gorgeous rhododendrons, the site looks much more like a park than a residential lot – which is exactly what Harold wanted.

To Harold, the property wasn't merely the place where he lived. It was a living connection to the memory of his mother, to his friends, his community, and to people everywhere. He loved the idea that he was maintaining a place for friends to gather, share a meal, tell stories, and have a laugh or two. That's why Harold chose to leave the property to TLC in his Will with the dream that "Monks Point Park" would be created for future generations to enjoy.

Sadly, Harold passed away last summer. And while we are saddened to have lost a dear friend, we are honoured that Harold chose TLC to make his dream a reality. Transfer of the property is expected to happen early in 2009 and we look forward to the official creation of Monks Point Park shortly thereafter. ■



Harold Monks, shown here in 2006, looking out at the ocean from his Tofino property. Photo Carla Funk

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Harold Monks' home - a place he cherished deeply throughout his life - was part of his generous bequest to TLC for the creation of "Monks Point Park". Photo Carla Funk

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Woodwynn Farm campaign receives major boost

Six month extension granted to raise funds

by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

The Farmlands Trust Society (FLI) now has until March 2009 to raise \$6.25 million for the purchase and protection of one of the largest pieces of agricultural land on the Saanich Peninsula: Woodwynn Farm.

Once saved, the Society plans to establish a school of sustainable organic agriculture on the site and provide long-term tenure to new farmers. The Land Conservancy has agreed to hold a conservation covenant that will prevent subdivision of the land and guarantee its continued agricultural use, as well as preserving the site's ecological values. Find out more about the farm and the campaign to save it at www.conservancy.bc.ca. ■



Woodwynn Farm - one of the largest agricultural properties on Vancouver Island's Saanich Peninsula - will host a school for sustainable organic agriculture if successfully protected by the Farmlands Trust Society and TLC. Photo Barbara Souther

New book brings the history of TLC-protected Clayoquot/Stubbs Island to life

Book launch proceeds donated to TLC

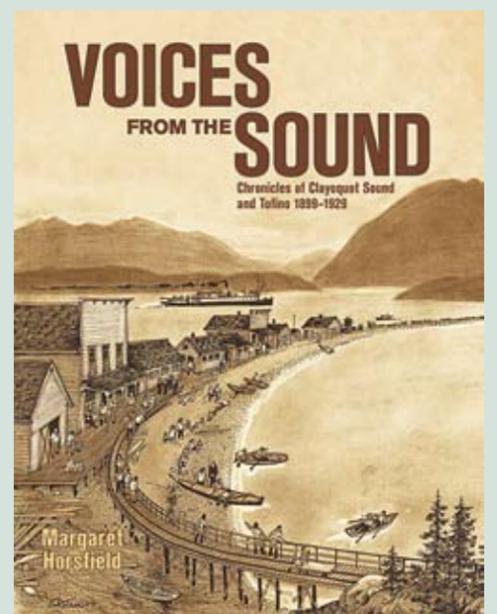
by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

Margaret Horsfield – the award-winning author of "Cougar Annie's Garden" has a new book entitled "Voices from the Sound: Chronicles of Clayoquot Sound and Tofino 1899-1929".

It brings to life unforgettable characters from the past, including Walter Dawley, a storekeeper at Clayoquot on Stubbs Island, which is now a TLC-protected site. As Margaret writes,

"Walter Dawley never threw away a piece of paper in his life. He kept all his incoming mail, and many of his financial records, for more than thirty years. Amazingly, these papers have all survived and they provide vivid insights into life on the west coast in the early twentieth century."

As part of her book launch, Margaret has generously donated proceeds from her recent illustrated talks about the book to TLC. We are proud to be recognized by Margaret in this way, and to be involved in preserving historic Clayoquot Island (aka Stubbs Island) for future generations. ■



The cover of Margaret Horsfield's new book about the history of Clayoquot Sound and Tofino shows Clayoquot Island, a TLC protected site.

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TLC takes possession of a West Coast Icon

Funds still needed to create vital endowment fund for B.C. Binning Residence

by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

The Land Conservancy is now the proud owner of B.C. Binning Residence – a vital heritage home in West Vancouver, designed by artist and architect B.C. Binning, and credited with providing the inspiration for modern West Coast design.

In an effort to build a \$300,000 endowment fund that will protect and maintain the integrity of the home for future generations, TLC will be hosting several special events at the residence throughout the holiday season. Several friends, students, and admirers of B.C. Binning's work have visited the home and shared their stories about the Binnings already.

TLC would love to see you there too. For details on upcoming events, please contact TLC's Lower Mainland office at 604-733-2313.

To find out more about B.C. Binning Residence, or other TLC heritage sites, visit www.conservancy.bc.ca. ■



The living room of B.C. Binning's home in West Vancouver - part of an architectural marvel that is credited for inspiring many West Coast architects, including Arthur Erickson.
Photo Heather Skydt

Closing in on Valhalla Mile

by Heather Skydt
Manager, External Relations

The Land Conservancy and the Valhalla Foundation for Ecology & Social Justice have teamed up to purchase a private property called the "Valhalla Mile"; nestled within Valhalla Provincial Park. The purchase will safeguard important wildlife corridors and riparian habitat connected to the existing park.

At the time of printing, TLC and the Valhalla Foundation had raised approximately \$135,000 in public donations towards the purchase. It is hoped with the support of community organizations and corporations, that the remainder of the \$1.3 million price can be found in time to complete the agreement in December, and have the property added to Valhalla Provincial Park. ■



Valhalla Mile is the name that's been given to a property within the boundaries of Valhalla Provincial Park that TLC and the Valhalla Foundation for Ecology and Social Justice are attempting to buy and protect. Photo Kathryn Martell

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