



## *Glendale: A 'Tiny Paradise'*

### *Join Us—As Historic Glendale Enters a New Era*

Our beautiful islands are surrounded by water, yet it's tough to find a beach ... at least for the general public. That's partly because steep bluffs stand guard over much of the Whidbey and Camano shorelines.

Glendale, facing Possession Sound on southeast Whidbey, is an exception. Described as a "tiny paradise" by an island historian, Glendale occupies a rare flat spot at the mouth of Glendale Creek, one of Whidbey's two salmon-bearing streams.

First settled in 1890, Glendale had a busy past, serving as a port, the terminus of a logging railroad, and the site of a hotel and car dealership. However, much of the evidence of Glendale's commercial past was erased by a massive slide that roared down the creek in April, 2009.

Now Glendale is about to enter a new era.

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## Glendale Cont ...

In partnership with Island County, we are in the process of acquiring three private properties totaling about six acres, including 420 feet of low-bank beach and tidelands near the mouth of Glendale Creek. Nearby forested uplands also are included.

The three properties serendipitously came on the market simultaneously, giving us an unprecedented opportunity to acquire and preserve a rare stretch of accessible Whidbey beach, with spectacular views, for public enjoyment.



*Light from the beach at Glendale shines through the arms of a giant maple tree located on the upland forest portion of one of the three Glendale properties. The soon-to-be permanently protected properties will provide public beach access.*

## Lost? Just Call Angus

*By Jessica Larson, Land Steward*

Meet my four-legged friend, Angus. Since he was a pup, my two year-old Gordon Setter has shared my world—the office, camping, and volunteering.

Angus volunteers with the local search-and-rescue group. Dedicated dogs and their handlers find people lost on Whidbey and Camano. We crash through woods, usually at night and in the rain.

Angus is an air-scent dog. He searches large areas off-leash for human scent. He's part of a team that includes tracking dogs that search for a specific scent and stay on leash.

This summer Angus and I graduated from “in-training” to “available.” We’ve been on three searches so far, including the recent tragic Oso landslide. There, in almost constant rain, we worked mostly in knee-deep mud or water.

We searched flooded farm fields and outbuildings, carefully wading through the wreckage of what once were houses. On our second day we were in the actual slide area. All we could see was mud and destruction. The hillside that collapsed was almost a mile away.

I thought about the power and energy of that landslide—so much damage from so far away. We didn't find anyone, but we experienced the fragile balance between nature and human development. So when you see Angus, give him a pat on the head. His hard work makes a difference.

With our help, Island County applied for grants that will remove development rights and ensure public access to the properties. We will own and manage the land. Plans call for removal of the remains of the old hotel, a vacant house, and an old creosote pier. These will be replaced by a small parking lot and picnic area with easy public shoreline access.

More money will be needed to make all this happen. We're currently seeking donations and have arranged a “bridge loan” to provide funding while awaiting approval of the grants, expected in the spring.

But when the Glendale project is complete, Island residents and visitors will have another beach within easy reach—a “tiny paradise.”

## Glendale Beach Access

### You Can Help Make it Happen

You can help us protect Glendale, southeast Whidbey's "tiny paradise." We need to raise \$370,000 by September 30 to close the gap remaining in this \$1.5 million project. Your donation today will help us save this amazing beach access opportunity AND restore nearby uplands to their natural condition.

Raising the money will help assure everybody has a nearby place where they can get to the water's edge, whether to play in the water, fish from the shore, launch a kayak, go beachcombing, picnic with family, or simply relax and enjoy the soothing sound of waves.

By helping us reach our fundraising goal, you'll also be helping clean up Puget Sound. Plans call for removal of dozens of old pilings that now leach toxic creosote onto the beach and into the water, jeopardizing the health of marine life—and all of us as well.

Your donation will be a gift for today and future generations. To donate, please visit [www.wclt.org](http://www.wclt.org) or call (360) 222-3310. Thank you!

### Glendale Project Overview

- Owned and managed by the Land Trust.
- Island County removes development rights and secures public access.
- 420 feet of low-bank beach, incredible scenic vistas, salmon streams and upland forest.
- Public recreation—beach walking, picnicking, nature-viewing, fishing and small boat launching.
- Secured: bridge loans, private donations and restoration funds.
- Two state grants pending.

**Need to Raise NOW:  
\$370,000**

## Protecting our Treasured Shorelines

A land-protection opportunity north of the Clinton ferry landing has kept the Land Trust's grant-writing team busy since last year.

If successful, the 57-acre Waterman Shoreline project will protect mature upland forest, wetlands, and several small creeks trickling down steep, tree-covered, eroding bluffs to 2,000 feet of private, sandy beach and tidelands full of bright green eel grass beds.

The property once played an important role in Whidbey's timbering history. Debra Waterman, administrator of the Waterman Trust, recalls that "wood chips from our family's sawmill in Langley were trucked to the property and funneled down the bluffs to barges" that took the chips to the mainland where they were sold for landscaping. The mill closed in 1990 and the pier was removed later.



*The Waterman Shoreline project boasts 2,000 feet of shoreline and an impressive abundance of eel grass.*

A wooden bulkhead still remains. However, we plan to partner with the State's creosote removal program to remove the structure. The preliminary results of our grant applications will be known this fall. Stay tuned!



## On the Land

### Kiosks, Fences, Trees & Trails!

Have you been to Admiralty Inlet Preserve recently? Well now is the time, because there's a lot to see!

Kiosks, fences, trees and a new trail are just some of the exciting additions to the Heritage Forest unit of the Admiralty Inlet Preserve near Coupeville. A whole-hearted thanks to volunteer, Steve Holmberg, for building three new kiosks for the Preserve.

Stewardship volunteers have been busy planting hundreds of trees and clearing a quarter mile of trail connecting the Heritage Forest unit to the Naas Prairie unit of the Preserve. At one of our spring tree-planting work parties, volunteers ranging from ages 19 years-old to 90 years-old worked together to plant 600 trees!

Coming to the Preserve this fall are interpretive signs created by Port Townsend artist, Larry Eifert. The five signs that will be installed depict: forest community, animals, military history, nearshore habitat, and a panorama of the Olympic Mountains and Admiralty Inlet.

### Pollinators on the Prairie: Taylor's Checkerspot



Photo: J. Balke, Ecofocus Environmental Consultants, Denman Island

Thanks to the continued restoration and stewardship efforts at our Admiralty Inlet Preserve's Naas Prairie, the chance to reintroduce native pollinators to the prairie, like the federally-endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterfly (pictured above), is increasing greatly.

Taylor's checkerspot is currently in imminent danger of going extinct. There are only 14 known populations in Washington and Oregon, with almost three-quarters of the population at only two sites.

Taylor's checkerspot is threatened most by the destruction of habitat as well as pesticide use.



## Care & Learn on the Land

All Ages and Abilities Welcome at  
Work Parties & Guided Tours

SIGN UP at [www.wclt.org/events](http://www.wclt.org/events)

### Stewardship Work Parties

September 13: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Trillium Community Forest, Freeland*

Let's trim some trails! Blackberries are still trying to take over at the Community Forest. Bring a friend, your work gloves, and some killer energy!

September 19: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Hammons Preserve, Clinton*

Come spend a morning helping our restoration areas grow. You'll remove invasive weeds and spread mulch around the native plants.

September 24: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Crockett Lake Preserve, Coupeville*

Lend a hand to remove blackberries! You'll help to make way for native plants to survive and thrive at this wetland preserve.

### Educational Guided Tours

September 20: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

*Ebey's Reserve Geology, Ebey's Bluff Trail in Coupeville*

This fun and educational tour will be led by George Biehl, professor at Skagit Valley College. Learn about Ebey's geology and natural history. Sign-up at [wclt.org](http://wclt.org).

October 11: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Walk & Talk with Fungi, Whidbey Institute in Clinton*

This popular tour is back! Join Ida Gianopulos to learn about fungi and why they're so important. Sign up at [www.wclt.org](http://www.wclt.org).



*2015 Whidbey Camano Land Trust Calendar*

**FOR SALE NOW! \$15/EACH**

Order your calendar today or purchase it at a local business near you. For complete information and to place your order, please visit [www.wclt.org](http://www.wclt.org).

*Utsalady Bay on Camano Island is pictured above. The photo, taken by Kevin English, is the winning cover photo of the 2015 Whidbey Camano Land Trust Calendar. Kevin and his family spend much of their summers on Camano Island.*

## **Partnerships for the Future**

### **The Next 30 Years—Connecting the Community to Conservation**



With 30 successful years behind us, our focus is now, more than ever, on the future. To capitalize on this milestone, Land Trust board members and staff are branching out to connect with new groups and members of Island County communities. From the health-

care sector (Whidbey General Hospital employees shown left at the Krueger Woods trail work day), to the military community, to local business owners, to schools and youth—2014 continues to be a year of new and renewed community relationships.



*As part of the Land Trust's 30th Anniversary outreach and education efforts, Coupeville Middle School's Fifth Grade Science Class learns how to monitor a conserved farm property.*



## Meet the Volunteers

### From Stewardship to Graphic Design—Volunteers Make it Happen

#### Jerry Lloyd, Stewardship Volunteer

The “Trillium Guru” is how Land Trust staff refer to long-time volunteer, Jerry Lloyd. Horses are one of Jerry’s many passions, so when the Trillium Community Forest Campaign began back in 2010, he contacted the Land Trust ready to help. Jerry hit the ground running. He advocated for the permanent protection of the Community Forest and then helped to build the initial parking lot.

Today, Jerry is the first and only equestrian site steward. He tirelessly donates his time and equipment to mow and maintain the trails, while keeping a watchful eye on the Forest. Thank you, Jerry!



#### Nancy Duncan, Graphic Design Volunteer

Local artist and graphic designer, Nancy Duncan, first began volunteering with the Land Trust two years ago. Since then, she has donated hundreds of hours designing annual reports, newsletters and promotional materials, while generously sharing her artistic knowledge! Nancy has been a great teacher for all staff, but is especially appreciated by Janelle Castro, Land Trust Outreach Manager.

You can see Nancy’s latest graphic design work in the 2015 Whidbey Camano Land Trust Calendar. She designed and put together the calendar and was integral to its success. Thank you, Nancy!



## EXPLORE AND PLAY—30th Anniversary Celebration

*Thank you for celebrating with us! Inspiring speakers. Fabulous marimba music. Delicious salmon BBQ. Educational and fun tours and activities. We hope you had fun! We look forward to seeing you at our next work party, event or guided tour.*



Camp Casey Picnic Area. Photo: John Joynt.





From left to right: Volunteers Loretta Wilson, John Boone, Rob Craig, Ruth Stibre and Stephanie Garlichs at a Trillium Community Forest work party.



Volunteers Steve Guss and Michael Stansbury, at the annual Conservation Partner Thank-You Event. Photo: John Joynet.



Volunteer tour leader, Pam Pritzl (pictured left) at the spring birding tour at Iverson Spit, Camano Island.

## Thank You Land Trust Volunteers!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help with work parties, guided tours, special events, office work and much more. The following volunteers donated their time from September 16, 2013 to July 31, 2014.

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Your continued support makes permanent protection and stewardship of our natural areas, working farms, scenic vistas and shorelines possible. Cheers to you!

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