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Bea Kimmerly: An Omena Original Preserves Her Family Land

by Carolyn Faught

My purpose in writing this article is to announce that my 96-year-old neighbor, Bea Kimmerly, has engineered the permanent protection of her family's 35 acres in Omena through the donation of a conservation easement to the Leelanau Conservancy. But I can't quite get to that story without first talking about this extraordinary nonagenarian whom I have known since moving to Leelanau in 1987.

The first thing I would say about Bea is that she gives an impressionable hug. When I see her on our road, or on my occasional forays to church, she greets me with open arms. Her hugs are hearty and enveloping, always accompanied by a definitive kiss on the cheek. Anyone who gets a hug from Bea knows that she means it, and is all the better for it.



Bea Kimmerly, 96, stands in front of maple trees she planted as seedlings

The second thing is that she is sharp as a tack—and not just for a ninety-something-year-old. She still travels all over the world making annual visits to her daughter in Utah, and to Germany to see her grandchildren. She's a fan of

crossword puzzles, and her reflections as a lifelong Republican during the last election were thoughtful and informed.

The third thing is that she is always thinking of other people. She never fails to inquire after my children, and when my mother moved north 16 years ago, Bea was the first to reach out and invite her to coffee hour at the Omena Fire Hall, to church, and to Club 21, an Omena do-good women's group that Bea co-founded. Last year, when my mother had knee surgery, Bea visited often, bringing a loaf of banana bread or a plate of cookies. It was Bea, more than I, who helped my mom integrate into our community.

I first became acquainted with Bea's land when my old-



Freeland Creek, which empties into Omena Bay, runs through the Kimmerly Family's 35 acres

est son was born 19 years ago. It was September, and we were in the midst of a glorious Indian summer. Then as now, the September light and fall colors were at their most beautiful. The mellow days made me a restless new mother so I would load Sam in a front pack with a light blanket, and amble up Freeland Road to Bea's lane and visit.

Freeland Creek runs through the Kimmerly land. I often walk along Freeland Road, and always pause to watch and listen to the creek's soothing rush toward Omena Bay. Bea and her children's land takes in 1,600 feet of stream frontage. It also is home to native white cedars that shelter wetland birds and other creatures. Our 21-acre Frazier Freeland Preserve is just across the road, so the sum total of these protected lands is good news for area wildlife.

Bea's house, tucked back off Freeland Road, features a welcoming screened-in porch and is framed by golden maple trees. She and her husband, Myles "Mike" Kimmerly, bought the house and land in 1962 from an old bachelor. According to Bea, the house was built from lumber taken from the old Omena Hotel. I never knew Myles, for whom the county

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With spring finally in the air and the winters' snowfall near its end, it is time to bring all of you up to date on the happenings at your Leelanau Conservancy



As many of you are aware, we had a very good year in 2008 despite the economic downturn. We preserved over 1,000 acres of important land utilizing out-right purchase as well as through conservation easements. As a matter of fact, we leveraged every dollar generously given into five dollars of buying power to complete these important projects. This year, we will continue to accelerate our land preservation pace.

That said, we are approaching 2009 very conservatively. Like many philanthropic organizations we continue to find ways to cut costs and remain frugal without impacting our mission. We have a clear vision of conservation priorities in Leelanau, as expressed in our recently completed strategic planning process. Our new strategic plan, coupled with a talented and experienced professional staff, should continue to bring concrete results.

More great news: In the first month after the roll-out of our new FarmAbility program, we received 25 applications for Farmland Conservation Agreements that will protect 5,000 acres! This was our goal for the first phase of the program, which has been enthusiastically received by the farming community. These contracts include financial incentives for farmers to continue active farming for a minimum of 10 years. Enrolled farmers will also receive assistance with financial planning, retirement and succession planning and access to educational programs sponsored by the Conservancy and other agricultural agencies in the area. These efforts, we feel, will ensure that profitable farming will continue to be an important part of Leelanau County life. (Read more about this innovative new program, and our partners, on page 5.)

This year, as in the past, will present challenges to your Conservancy. We will continue to rely on your help in reaching our financial goals that will translate into preserving the land, water and scenic character of Leelanau County for many generations to come.

I read a recent article in the AARP magazine written by Dr. David Servan-Schreiber M.D., Ph.D, a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine that describes his formula for a long and healthy life. He recommends a healthy diet, regular exercise, remaining engaged with loved ones and helping to preserve our environment. I agree completely. ENJOY SPRING.

Tom Deuser

park near Maple City is named. But by all accounts he was a compassionate probate judge with a soft spot in his heart for troubled youth. Myles spent just 10 years on Freeland Road; he was diagnosed with cancer soon after they moved in, and died in 1972.

Before moving to Freeland Road, the couple had operated and lived above a general store in Omena from 1946 to 1958, now the Tamarack Gallery. They raised three children there. Bea's memories of that era, with its resort hotels, summer theatre, and vibrant farming culture are fascinating. Summers at Kimmerly's Grocery were busy. They sold ice that had been cut from nearby Moughey Lake in the winter. In this time before modern cherry shakers, she says that every farmer in the area employed as many as 100 pickers, and at noon the workers would descend upon the store for 10-cent crackers and slices of cheese and bologna. They went through so much bologna that she stacked it like cordwood in the store. She got to know everyone, from seasonal pickers to the summer people of Omena Point. "I've watched the kids from the Point grow into teenagers, and now they are all grandparents!" she laughs.

When Mike was appointed probate judge in 1958, they closed the store and moved to Freeland Road. Her children were nearly grown. Son Jack liked to hunt on the land, and she enjoyed walking in the woods. Myles loved the solitude, she says. She also kept a small garden, and took to transplanting maple trees behind the house.

As a longtime Conservancy member, Bea says she had read about conservation easements in our newsletters. "It sounded like a good idea for our land," says Bea. "I think it's nice to make sure that this stays as it is. Because it seems like every time you turn around there is another house on top of a hill." Bea's two living children, Karol Ann Berwald and John Kimmerly, and her two grandchildren, James and Patrick Kimmerly, jointly own the land and are named in the conservation easement. Like her, Bea says they all wanted to see the land stay the way it is. Bea's single request was that a sign be posted on the land noting that it had been conserved in Myles' memory.

On the day that we sat down to talk about her project, Bea told me that her favorite thing to do in Leelanau is to just take a nice long drive. "It's getting awfully busy, but it's still the best place in the world to live," she says. "The people are all so nice and friendly." I would venture to say that they are because she is.

"You can't have it any better than this," she adds. I tend to agree, and am reminded every time I see her what a wonderful role model she is for all of us, regardless of our age.

"I am contributing back for every thing that I've gotten from the land for my whole life."



Largest Conservation Easement Protects Scenic Valley in Empire

Nearly a mile of frontage on M-72 and one of the most scenic vistas near Empire has been forever protected through the completion of the Conservancy's largest conservation easement to date. An Empire-area family has protected 285 acres that will preserve forever the views seen from the highway as well as from a scenic overlook on County Road 677. The land is predominantly hardwood forest with some planted pines, a small amount of open land and a spring-fed pond.

The Conservancy was able to purchase the conservation easement with private donations using a "bargain sale" or part sale/part donation format. The bargain sale purchase allows the landowner to receive a percentage of the conservation easement value in cash and donate the remaining value to the Conservancy in exchange for federal income tax benefits.

"We felt it was very important to protect this land because of the tremendous scenic qualities enjoyed by the public from major roadways, in addition to its important wildlife corridor functions," says Matt Heiman, Director of Land Protection. Under current zoning, the land could have accommodated scores of home sites, many of which would be situated along a prominent ridgeline overlooking the Empire valley. Intense residential development of the property would also have severely fragmented the forest ecosystem and degraded the wildlife corridor potential of the property. Instead, the conservation easement terms will allow only five new homes over the entire



You can see for miles and miles: 285-acre conservation easement will help protect this view.

"Protecting this unfragmented block of forestland will also help to preserve a large portion of a wildlife corridor connecting the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore forestland with the Pere Marquette State Forest," adds Heiman. "The health and sustainability of wildlife populations depend on intact corridors of natural habitat to facilitate animal movement and plant dispersal between larger tracts of public forestland." The hardwood forest here has been managed by selective timber harvest and is in good condition. Continued forest management will be allowed by the conservation easement terms under an approved forest management plan.

One member of the family, who wishes to remain anonymous, says he wanted to protect the land he grew up on "because I would love to see it remain as it is forever. I feel like I am contributing back for every thing that I've gotten from the land for my whole life."

The Leelanau Conservancy's Land Acquisition Fund, which is supported by gifts from hundreds of donors, helped make this project possible. The Conservancy would also like to extend special thanks to the Ricord Family, David & Cara Cassard, and the Porter Family Foundation for their strong leadership support, without which the project could not have moved forward. The Orion Foundation and the Robert J. Trulaske, Jr. Foundation also supported the project generously, with gifts in memory of Marsha Hunter and Robert J. Trulaske, Jr., respectively.



A spring-fed pond provides wildlife habitat

285 acres. Homes will be constructed below the ridgelines in strategic locations that will keep the vast majority of northern hardwood forest intact. As with all conservation easements, the land stays in private hands, is not open to the public, and remains on the property tax rolls.



Unique Friendship Helps Complete DeYoung Purchase

Fundraising for the land purchase of the 145-acre DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake officially ended on December 31, 2008 when an unbelievably generous and meaningful final gift of \$104,532 was received to complete the private fundraising portion of the acquisition. The \$2 million purchase has taken three years to get to this point with 673 private donations made toward the purchase. Another key funder is the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), which has granted \$910,200 to Elmwood Township for the purchase of the lakeshore portion of the property. After completing the acquisition process with the Trust Fund, the Township will own 60.5 acres, including the entire 4,500 feet of shoreline along Cedar Lake. The Conservancy will maintain ownership of the remaining 84 acres, mostly west of Cherry Bend Road. The Conservancy looks forward to working with the township to establish a long-term management plan for the township's portion of the property through public input at upcoming Parks and Recreation and Township Board meetings this spring.

"We're thrilled on so many levels," says Anne Shoup, the Conservancy's Director of Charitable Giving. "DeYoung is a tremendous project with great community and ecological value. And the story behind that incredible year-end gift is pretty wonderful, too."

That story goes back to 2004, when a Conservancy supporter named Nancy Gallagher met two bachelor brothers in their eighties. The brothers, Vincent and Andy Kiselius, were living together in a small house on 41 acres in Greilickville. Nancy, a hospice nurse, was caring for Vincent, who was in the last stages of lung cancer. During the six months that Nancy visited their home, she developed an extraordinary friendship with Andy. "We began to have these great conversations and he was such an interesting man," says Nancy. "We were at opposite ends of the spectrum politically and in many other ways. But we developed this genuine liking and mutual respect for one another. My father was quite conservative too, and Andy reminded me a lot of my dad." Vincent passed away in March of 2005, but Nancy continued to come by and check on Andy. She lived nearby and was concerned about him living alone. She fretted over the steep, narrow steps that led to his basement. Often she brought one of her two children along. They all liked hearing "Andy stories."

Their debates and conversations continued for another two years. She says Andy gently teased her, calling her a "tree hugger." He spent most of his days outdoors doing various projects on his land, and clearly loved it even though she says



The friendship between Andy Kiselius and Nancy Gallagher led to a bequest that helped us complete the purchase of the DeYoung Natural Area

he was not what she would call a classic environmentalist. Developers regularly knocked on his door, trying to buy his 40 acres and its ridgeline views of Grand Traverse Bay, but he never seemed too interested in their sales pitches.

"Many of our discussions revolved around this county and the need not only to preserve, but to honor the land that fed us on every level, so I know that he did care about Leelanau County and its future. And if he didn't love the land, I think he would have been living in the city."

Having lived through the Great Depression, Andy was incredibly frugal. "He kept the thermostat at 60 or less so that I could see my breath, and I had to keep my big down coat on when I visited," she says. He darned his own socks and even though she bought him pairs of warm wool "Smart Socks," it was no surprise to find them in a dresser drawer, still in their wrapper, after he died in September, 2007.

Andy had made his living as a TV repairman, and, on the

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Conservancy & Partners Launch FarmAbility Program First-phase Goal of Enrolling 5,000 Acres Already Met!

After more than two years of effort, the Leelanau Conservation District, the Leelanau Conservancy, Michigan State University Extension and the Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Station launched an innovative new project called “the FarmAbility Program.”

“FarmAbility” means doing whatever it takes to support Leelanau farm families who are going strong, today, tomorrow and in the future. This cutting-edge program joins the goal of enhancing agricultural innovation with the goal of supporting farm families to continue farming in Leelanau. It is the first privately-run program of its kind in the U.S. and will offer non-governmental financial incentives to family farmers in return for signing a binding agreement to farm their lands for a 10-year period. These financial incentives include per-acre cash payments and cost-sharing for both workshops designed to enhance profitability and estate or tax planning to help position the transfer of the farm to the next generation of farmers.

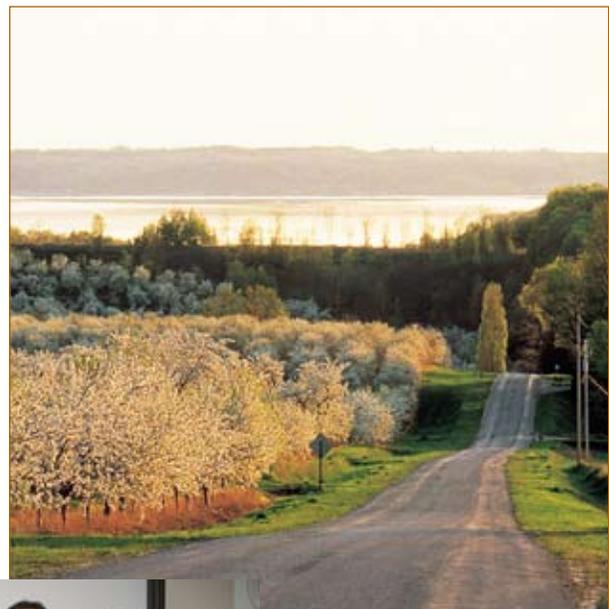
“Farm families have been great stewards of these lands for such a long time and should be applauded for it,” said Tom Nelson, Director of Farm Programs at the Conservancy. “We couldn’t be more pleased to be teaming up with these three superb organizations to support a continuing robust business climate for farmers in Leelanau County. More than ever, Leelanau County’s economic future depends on a strong agricultural-tourism sector. When farm families prosper, and are able to continue farming, everyone benefits.”

“We are extremely excited to be partnering with the Conservancy, MSUE and the Research Station,” said Buzz Long, the Conservation District’s Executive Director. “The program will truly benefit those producers willing to make a small commitment to keep their land in agricultural production.”

The FarmAbility Program is very similar to the state’s P.A. 116 farm conservation program, but is more farmer-friendly—many farmers are reluctant to enroll in the state’s program for a number of reasons. However, in the FarmAbility Program, any eligible farm family may apply for a 10-year farm conservation agreement to maintain their farm in active agriculture during the term. And, unlike Michigan’s P.A. 116 program, payments will not be tied to household income or property tax rates, and there is no financial penalty levied if the family does not re-enroll at the end of the 10-year term. This program will provide annual cash payments of \$10 per acre of active agricultural land and \$5 per acre for woodlots, wetlands and other acreage with signifi-

cant conservation value.

“This innovative approach to supporting local agriculture benefits our growers as well as the entire Leelanau County community,” says Nikki Rothwell, Coordinator for the Horticultural Research Station.



Progressive partners working with farmers to protect the land include Buzz Long of the Leelanau Conservation District, Nikki Rothwell of the MSU Horticultural Research Station, Rob Serrine, County MSU Extension Director and the Leelanau Conservancy’s Tom Nelson

“This is a real win-win for both the ag community and everyone in the county because it is an investment in the strengths we already have in Leelanau,” says Rob Serrine, MSU Extension Director. “And, with all the talk in Lansing of budget-cutting, the timing for this privately funded program couldn’t be better.” Farm families enrolled in the program will receive discounts of up to \$250 annually on registration fees for approved workshops and seminars provided by these sponsoring organizations. Also, up to \$1,000 in matching funds over the 10-year term will be provided for estate and/or tax planning designed to position the transfer of the farm to the next generation for farming.

We hope to permanently protect over 9,000 acres of farmland in the next 10 years and enroll a total of 15,000 acres in Farm Conservation Agreements. Farmland Conservation Agreements are a great tool for us to “buy time”, and to obtain a “right of first refusal” if a farmer enrolled in the program decides to put a farm up for sale.



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Cheers! L. Mawby Vineyard Lands Forever Protected

Here at the Leelanau Conservancy we know and love vintner Larry Mawby for a lot of reasons. He served on our Board of Directors for nine years, and as chairman of our Land Protection Committee, provided leadership that led us to some of our most significant projects in the last decade. Larry founded our Conservancy Wine program and continues to produce wine that benefits our farmland protection fund. His creativity was also instrumental in taking our auction to new heights. No matter what we ask him, he never says no. He makes us laugh at the many meetings he has been a part of. Finally, Larry and his wife, Lois Bahle, are long time Sustainers and volunteers.

And now, Larry and his new partner, Stuart Laing, have permanently protected 32 rolling acres near Suttons Bay, home of L. Mawby Vineyards. The donation of the conservation easement coincided with the year-end sale of half of his business to Stuart and his wife, Sharon. The Laings are from Suttons Bay, and are also grape growers with a seven-acre vineyard near Lake Leelanau.

"The timing was right for both of us," says Larry. "The business was getting too big for me to handle by myself. I needed a partner. Stu's investment will allow us to respond to the continuing demand for our wines." Their business plan calls for doubling production to 10,000 cases or more in the



New partners Stu Laing and Larry Mawby share a love for growing grapes and an optimism about the future of Leelanau wines.

acumen gained as co-owner of a steel fabrication plant before retiring. "He's already taking a big load off of my shoulders," says Larry. Sharon, who has worked in the tasting room for four years, will help to manage it.

Permanently protecting the land with a conservation easement was part of the new venture. "I've always wanted this land to stay as ag land," says Larry. The sale of the business coincided with his retirement from our board of directors, and made for good timing all the way around.

The easement provided some needed tax relief for both parties. "While we're both altruistic, there are also benefits that go along with preserving the land," says Larry. Both men had capital gains they needed to address in 2008. Larry had a low basis in the land and the partial sale of his company to offset. Stu had sold appreciated stock before the market crashed.

Money, however, can never be the prime motivator when it comes to preserving land, says Larry, "Because it's always worth more as development land, you do give up some value."

"I'm not a very good capitalist when it comes to land," he continues. "I believe we're stewards of the land and that we have responsibilities. We really don't own it; we're just here to take care of it. What our conservation easement does is enlist the Leelanau Conservancy to be the steward of the land after I am gone."

Stu says that knowing Larry as well as he does made it an easy decision to enter into a partnership. Their relationship began seven years ago when Larry guided the Laings in the

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Larry bought this 35-acre farm in 1975 from a group of investors who had planned to build a golf course here.

coming year. A new building near the village of Suttons Bay was recently purchased for the expansion.

Stu, 57, brings an M.B.A. to the table, along with business

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In Their Own Words: Why We Donated a Conservation Easement

"We grew an appreciation for Leelanau County over the years of vacationing and summering here. Our living in more populated places like Cleveland and Chicago reinforced for us just a how special a place it is.

While we played with the idea of owning property in Leelanau for a number of years, it was a happenstance drive-by of the farm, and its pastoral views that captured us for good.

Upon purchasing our farm in 2002, we were very interested in the farmland preservation movement in Leelanau County at the time and its goal to preserve the rural character of the county. While we learned that our situation didn't really fit into that program, discussions with the Conservancy's Tom Nelson helped us understand the benefits of a donated conservation easement to achieve farmland preservation.

While we deliberated making the donation for nearly two years, the decision came rather quickly after we became full-time residents. The Conservancy did a commendable job in accommodating our short time line to construct and close the agreement within the last three months of 2008. We appreciate all the help Yarrow Wolf provided to guide us through the process.

The bottom line is that the donation and subsequent tax



savings will provide a means to support our objective of returning the farm to active agricultural use. This has already begun with the establishment of our vineyard which we look to expand over the next few years.

At the same time, it gives us a sense of great satisfaction knowing we have played a role in helping Leelanau County retain its rural beauty by preserving our small part of the county in perpetuity."

~Ray and Deb Kuhn

(The Kuhn's 35-acre farm in Centerville Township is off Good Harbor Trail. The property includes about seven acres of mixed hardwood and conifer forest near its eastern edge, which provides important habitat for wildlife and helps facilitate wildlife movement across the nearby agricultural landscape. There is a prominent ridge, which on a clear day you can see Lake Michigan, and much of the property consists of rolling hills, open fields and vineyard. This property is considered important agricultural land as stated in the Centerville Township's Master Plan, and has a long history of productive farming.)



Views from Good Harbor Trail, now & forever, thanks to the Kuhns.

Rice Creek, Lake Leelanau Benefit from Conservation Easement

In October the Conservancy was delighted to complete a 40-acre conservation easement that provides significant water quality and wildlife habitat protection in the Lake Leelanau Watershed. The wooded parcel off of Mikowski Road in Centerville Township has tremendous conservation values including several groundwater springs that emerge and coalesce into a single stream. This stream bi-sects the property and flows into Rice Creek, a prominent South Lake Leelanau tributary stream.

The property is undeveloped and has been left in its natural state for over 40 years. This long period of natural succession has created a healthy hardwood forest community that encompasses the fragile groundwater springs and stream corridor. The small wetland pockets lining the stream and groundwater emergence areas support several native ferns including some that are uncommon in this area.

The conservation easement allows the landowner limited construction inside of an approved residential envelope. It restricts further development and subdivision of the land. The project was a 'bargain sale' purchase (sale at less than full market value to a qualified charitable organization) and was part of our Lake Leelanau Permanent Land Protection Project II funded by a MDEQ Clean Michigan Initiative grant. Under a 'bargain sale' approach the landowner receives a percentage of the conservation easement's real estate value as cash. The remaining value is considered a charitable contribution to the Conservancy benefiting the public, and is eligible for federal and state tax benefits.



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Andy Kiselius gift to DeYoung, continued



Nancy Gallagher learned more about our DeYoung Natural Area when her children visited the Cedar Lake Trail with Pathfinder School

side, had bought and sold small houses in Traverse City. One day he drove her around and showed them to her. His only family was a sister with severe dementia who was living in a nursing home. He told Nancy that he did not have a will, and mused about what to do. She put him in touch with attorney, Bill Rastetter at Olson, Bzdok & Howard. Soon after, Andy asked her to become his trustee, and said he trusted her to do what she thought was right with his money after he was gone. Other than expressing a wish that some of his estate be directed to certain charitable causes, he told her it was up to her.

The trustee responsibility is one that she does not take lightly and says it is about “trusting my heart and gut about his unspoken wishes.” She knew after reading about the DeYoung Natural Area that it was a project she wanted to help fund. She learned more about the land and its history after her children spent time there with the Pathfinder School.

A Carls Foundation matching grant was due to expire on December 31, 2008, and Nancy realized that she could also make an even greater positive impact by ensuring the Conservancy would not miss out on the challenge match. It felt like the right time to make the gift. She had been in contact with the Conservancy’s Director of Charitable Giving, Anne Shoup, and knew the amount needed to finish the purchase and allow the Conservancy to claim the challenge gift. Shoup says that the land had to be paid for before the Conservancy could move forward on creating upland trails or restoring some of the historic farmstead structures. “We’re enormously grateful to Mr. Kiselius, to Nancy, and to all of the donors who made this possible,” says Anne.

“My heart tells me that Andy would love this,” says Nancy. “Helping preserve the DeYoung property, and what I think of as the Gateway to Leelanau County, seems a fitting way to not only honor the land, but also my friend.”

Mawby Vineyard Preservation, continued

startup of their own vineyard and then purchased their subsequent harvests. “Larry has a great product and a well-known name,” says Stu. “I wouldn’t want to be starting our own winery right now. It would be a five- to ten-year haul before we could establish a label, and a very hard climb.”

Buying into Larry’s business was also a family decision. The Laing’s two grown sons are interested in the business. Mike, 29, left his job as a high school math teacher and is now working at the winery full time. As for Stu, he says as much as he loves working outdoors on his own vines, he “didn’t realize how much I had missed being in business, and making business decisions.”

Larry bought the 32 acres now under easement in 1975. He had just graduated from M.S.U. and had spent a summer in Europe. He knew he wanted to come home and grow grapes in Leelanau County. While working on his family’s fruit farm, the land came up for sale “A group of investors who had planned to develop a series of golf courses and condominiums from here to the lake defaulted on their loan,” says Larry. He bought the 35 acres and started putting in vines.

The rest is history. Now, in peak season, there are 32 full- or part-time employees on the L. Mawby payroll, and likely more in the future. “Stu and Larry make a great team,” says Tom Nelson, Director of Farmland Programs for the Leelanau Conservancy. “They embody a land ethic that embraces the need to keep our globally rare farmland in production while supporting the business of agriculture that helps to keep our local economy strong. Here you have two really smart, creative people who are making money, employing people and maintaining the simple beauty of one Leelanau farm all at the same time.”

LEAVE A LEGACY

We would be honored to have you as a member of our Heritage Society, which includes Conservancy supporters who have chosen to contribute to the Leelanau Conservancy through wills, charitable remainder or lead trusts, gifts of insurance, retirement plans or other estate planning arrangements. Many of you have already named the Conservancy as a beneficiary in one way or another. If you have done so and not yet informed us, please let us know: we would like to list you as a member of our Heritage Society to recognize your commitment and because your actions may help to inspire others. If you have questions about the Heritage Society or would like to learn more about your options, call Director of Charitable Giving, Anne Shoup (256-9665) or email ashoup@theconservancy.com.

17th Annual Blues a Hit

What would the Blues at the Bluebird be without a winter storm? Luckily, Eddie Shaw and the Wolf Gang of Chicago made it to Leelanau before bad weather hit on February 21. Thanks to everyone who ventured out in the storm to attend this fun and sold-out event. The Bluebird put on a fantastic buffet dinner for everyone. We're grateful for their annual support and to our 2009 sponsors: Biggs Construction, Dr. Russ LeBlanc, Leelanau Enterprise, Leland Lodge, The Homestead, Easling Construction, Gourdie-Fraser, Inc., Jim & Barb Varley and Jack and Susan Seaman. This year the sound was better than ever thanks to Kent Holton of Northport who volunteered his time and equipment.



Dancing the night away: Bob Jones and Sylvia Stephenson.

WISH LIST

- Metal Detector
- Coffee Maker (BUNN)
- Toaster Oven (small)
- Gently Used Small Microwave
- Deck Furniture for back deck
- Shop vac, used or new

Conservancy Cost Cutter

Is it time for you to renew your membership? If so, you can help us save significant \$\$ by using the envelope in this newsletter to send in your contribution. By doing so, you save us the time, paper and postage associated with us sending you a renewal notice—and you also make good use of an envelope we've already paid for! Thank you in advance for saving us precious paper and financial resources. Smart moves like this mean we can protect more land with the funds you so generously donate.

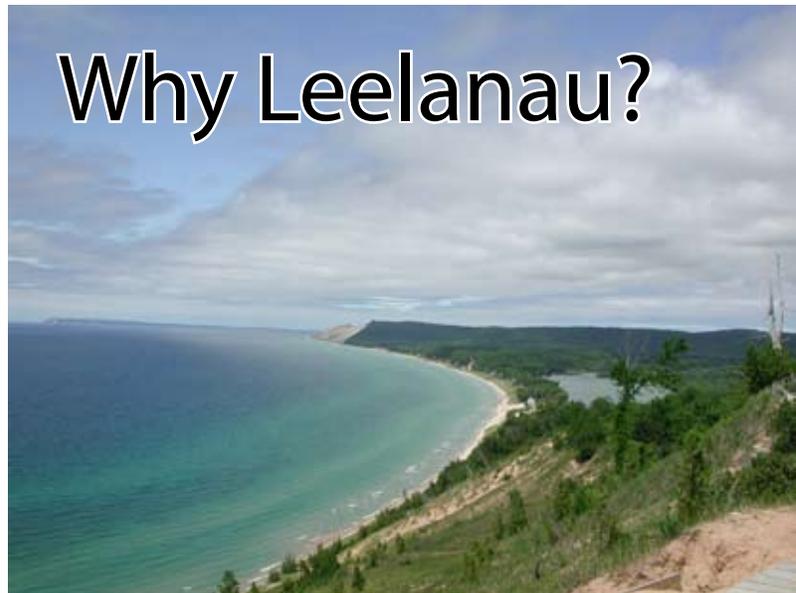
Welcome, New Sustainers!

Members of the Leelanau Conservancy Sustainers Circle do just what their name implies—they sustain our organization with their annual gifts. The dependable support from this deeply committed group has allowed us to take on big projects and to maintain a professional staff needed to carry out our mission. Sustainers make a non-binding commitment to contribute to our operating fund annually. Giving levels start at \$500. Benefits include special recognition in our publications, and two events per year where Sustainers can meet our staff and others who share their commitment to our work. May kicks off our 2009 Sustainer campaign, where we invite current members to join this important circle of givers. If you would like to join the Sustainers Circle, or have any questions, please call Gayle Egeler: 231-256-9665.

Thanks and welcome to our newest Sustainers:

Charles and Joanne Knight
 Nancy P. Williams
 Lee and Candy Gardner
 Mary Cusick and David Wible
 Jennifer Baker and Stephen Fishbein
 Daniel and Diana Darland
 Tom and Margaret Paskins

Why Leelanau?



View, share, enjoy beautiful Leelanau Photos at www.theconservancy.com/blog2



Schedule of Hikes, Work Bees and Events

We are pleased to offer this schedule of outings at no charge led by our knowledgeable volunteer docents. Do dress according to weather. So that we may provide the best experience possible and be fully prepared, we require (and appreciate!) advanced registration by calling 231-256-9665. Most hikes last around two hours unless otherwise noted. There are no toilet facilities at our natural areas. Directions (both written or via our Google mapping feature) can be found on our website. Learn about our natural areas and the docent leading your hike at www.theconservancy.com

April

Saturday, April 25th 10 am
Earth Day Celebration at Houdek Dunes

Join docents Ann McInnis, Marsha Buehler and Ed Arnfield as they lead you through the trails of our largest, most diverse 330-acre area featuring a variety of dunes and 100-year-old birch trees.

Saturday, April 25th 1 pm
Spring Hike at the Chippewa Run Natural Area

Join Docents David Harris and Lou Ricord for a hike around the Chippewa Run Natural Area in Empire. If you missed the bird hike last week there should be plenty of migrating and resident birds to spot today. We'll tour the field, apple orchard, wetland, hardwood, pine and old beaver pond areas.



May

Tuesday, May 5th 1-3pm
Work bee at Chippewa Run Natural Area

Help us plant a living fence of native trees along the property to reduce snow drifts on the trail and ensure quite secluded hiking for the next generation. Bring a shovel and gloves. Kids welcome.

Thursday, May 7th 10 am
Discover Kehl Lake Natural Area

Explore this biologically diverse natural area replete with virgin forest, pristine lake, former pioneer homestead and native American sacred sites with docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler. View emerging spring wildflowers, hear returning migratory birds, discover the spring activities of lots of wildlife, while experiencing the special wonder of this unique natural area.

Saturday, May 9th 1-3 pm
Spring Comes to Chip Run

Come see who has arrived on the pond, in the creek, and in the trees. We will discover four separate ecosystems within 110 acres. The 100 rescued wildflowers which were planted along the stream should be showing their beauty. Docents David Harris and Sharon Oriel are looking forward to you joining us on the 1.25 miles of trail.

Sunday, May 10th 3-5 pm
(Mothers Day) Spring Beauty at Belanger Creek Preserve

Come enjoy the variety and beauty of this unique preserve while spring wildflowers are in bloom. Plan to get your feet a bit muddy as we explore the bottomland along the creek. Northern hardwoods on the uplands and big cedars, hemlocks, and white pines will be found in the lowlands. Docents leading will be Jack Schultz, David Amos, and Judy Smart.

Tuesday, May 12th 1-3 pm
Work Bee at Lighthouse West

Help with trail building and mulching recently planted native trees and other dirty tasks. You'll enjoy knowing that your work will be viewed by hundreds of migrating birds and their birdwatchers.

Saturday, May 16th 10 am
Blossom Tour

Take a free bus tour and enjoy a free cherry brat lunch while celebrating the blossoms! See story on page 12.

Sunday, May 17th 10 am
Birding at Lighthouse West

For thousands of beautiful songbirds and majestic raptors this natural area provides a critical resting place before crossing Lake Michigan. Join docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler and Kay Charter of Saving Birds Thru Habitat as we look for over 120 species of warblers and other birds in this ideal habitat. Bring binoculars.

Saturday, May 23rd 10-11:30 am
Spring Hike at the DeYoung Natural Area

Enjoy an easy hike close to Traverse City and discover an historic farm with a diverse landscape, ranging from fields to a cedar forest to the lovely lake shore. Discover ferns, flowers and trees coming into full leaf with docents David Amos and Lou Ricord.

Saturday, May 23rd 10 am
Serendipity Stroll at Kehl Lake

Wander the gentle paths of Kehl Lake enjoying what comes our way. Wild flowers in bloom, birds singing their spring songs, frogs peeking out from the shore's edge are some of the things we'll be watching for with docents Bobbie Poor and Judy Hoeffler.

Sunday, May 24th 2 pm
Houdek Dunes Hike

Celebrate Memorial Weekend by hiking through the different habitats which have been slowly stabilizing these centuries-old dunes. Native wildflowers, including protected pink lady slippers, migratory



Hikes, Work Bees, Events

birds, lots of wildlife activity and more will delight hikers guided by docents Ann McInnis, Ed Arnfield and Roland Drayson.

Saturday, May 30 10 am
Whaleback: The View from the Top!
View the Manitou Passage and check out one of Leelanau County's few stands of thimbleberries with docents Ann Mason, Judy Hoeffler and Roland Drayson. No, the berries won't be ready to eat! See the beautiful and fragrant villain sweet woodruff, along with other seasonal wildflowers. Moderately strenuous uphill climb; good hiking shoes recommended.



June

Wednesday, June 3rd 1 pm
For the Young at Heart: Kehl Lake
Visit Kehl Lake Natural area with docents Bobbie Poor, Pam Schmidt and Ann Mason and be an explorer, zookeeper or artist as you "string" along. This rich eco-region has much to discover for all ages.

Saturday, June 6th 2-4 pm
Crystal River Dune & Swale
Come explore the dune & swale that makes the Crystal River extraordinary. This is your chance to learn some geology, see the river, and perhaps spot the otter and ducks who call the river home. Wear sturdy shoes as we will not be walking on trails. Docent Sharon Oriel and a surprise expert will be your guides.

Saturday, June 6th 9:30 am
Wild About Herps!
Make discoveries with docent Ann McInnis about some Michigan amphibians and reptiles, meet some live ones, and take a "Herpin" Hike at Saving Birds Thru Habitat, a Conservancy preserved

landscape in Omena. Directions and info: 231-271-3738.

Saturday, June 6th Presentations:
9 am - 12 pm or 2 pm - 5 pm
Phragmites - Never Fear!
A Free Public Workshop to Identify and Eradicate this Invasive Plant
The Hagerty Center, 715 East Front Street, Traverse City. <http://www.nmc.edu/hagertycenter/> Join Conservancy staff and other organizations in either the morning or afternoon session to learn how to identify, treat and partner with neighbors and local groups all working to protect our native shoreline habitat. An exhibit hall will offer booths, displays, and informational handouts. Booths will be staffed by local watershed organizations, herbicide companies, licensed contractors, DEQ, Conservation Districts, and others interested in phragmites education and removal. Please RSVP to the Watershed Center. Contact Denise Baker at 935-1514 or dbaker@gtbay.org.

Sunday, June 7th 2 pm
Explore the Lamont Preserve
This preserve honors the memory of Jeff Lamont who had a deep love for Leelanau and the natural world. Join docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler in exploring excellent wildlife habitat including a variety of trees, flora, and varied terrains during this active time of the year.

Saturday, June 13th 10 am
Teichner Preserve: A Hidden Gem
Join docent Ann Mason for one of our newer hiking experiences - a trail through cedar wetlands to the shores of Lime Lake, and a chance to hug a giant, very old and rare American chestnut. The time is right for the gorgeous yellow flags to be in bloom. Insect repellent recommended.

Sunday, June 14th 1 pm
Early Summer Hike at Chippewa Run
Learn about the Chippewa (Ojibwa) history of this area with docents Lou Ricord and David Harris. Discover early summer wildflowers like orange hawkweed and blue flag iris. Be on the lookout for colorful birds like red-winged blackbirds and

red-eyed vireos. We'll also head over to the old beaver pond to see what birds are singing there.

Tuesday, June 16th 1-3pm
Work Bee at Jeff Lamont Preserve
Explore this gem with us and finish building this short but sweet walking trail. We'll need a few strong backs too.

Saturday, June 20th 10-noon
Summer's Entry at Kehl Lake
Enjoy the last day of spring in the field, woodland, and along the shore of beautiful Kehl Lake with docents Jack Schultz and Judy Hoeffler. See how glacial history, climate, and man's determined efforts have resulted in what we'll find in this special place.

Saturday, June 20th 10-11:30 am
Late Spring Hike at DeYoung Natural Area
Enjoy an easy hike close to Traverse City and discover an historic farm with a diverse landscape, ranging from fields to a cedar forest to the lovely lake shore. A portion of the farm is still in use and a walk up to the highlands can be added for those who would like to continue on with docents David Amos and Roland Drayson.

Sunday, June 21st 7:30 pm
Father and "Sun" Whaleback Solstice Hike
Celebrate Father's Day and the summer solstice with a hike up to the top of Whaleback for a breathtaking view of the evening setting sun. Enjoy wildflowers, trees, birds, geology, wildlife and more as you hike this popular glacial feature with docent Ann McInnis.

Thursday, June 25th 10 am
Explore Houdek Dunes
Join docent Judy Smart for an early summer hike through dunes, hardwood forests, and savannah-like meadows. Come enjoy the friendship and beauty on the trail as nature calls to us in this special area of diversity.



Schedule of Hikes, Work Bees and Events continued

Saturday, June 27th 9:30 am
Cedar River Kayak/Canoe Trip

Join docents Pam Schmidt and Sharon Oriel for a morning paddle down Victoria Creek. Meet in Cedar at the parking area near the ball diamonds. View a wealth of flora and fauna along the way. You will need to provide your own kayak or canoe.

Sunday, June 28th 1 – 4 pm
Fountain Point Celebrates 120 Years

The historic Fountain Point resort on Lake Leelanau will hold an open house with voluntary donations to benefit the Leelanau Conservancy. We'll take part by leading tours of important wetlands on the property that help keep the lake pristine. The Staff at Fountain Point will also feature a talk and museum along with refreshments. Info: 231-256-9800 or www.fountainpointresort.com



July

Friday, July 3rd 10 am
Lighthouse West: Summer at the Tip

Check out this new biologically rich natural area. Participate in a Bioblitz to gather natural history information to share with each other and the Conservancy. Join docents Ann McInnis, Judy Hoeffler and Ed Arnfield in exploring the flora, fauna, and geology of this important avian flyway.

Thursday, July 9th 10 am
Kehl Lake Natural Area

Hike in search of "the animals that rule the world!" Learn why these animals are so valuable that many life forms would

probably disappear without them. Experience the restorative peace of this special place while discovering evidence of an amazing diversity of fauna and flora with docents Ann McInnis, Bobbie Poor and Ed Arnfield.

Sunday, July 12th 2 pm
Finton Natural Area & Cathead Bay Wildlife Corridor

Take a magical walk through this woodland with docents Ann McInnis and Ed Arnfield while learning about the forest ecology of Finton. Explore an ecological restoration project on a nearby conservation easement. Both of these areas are part of our trans-peninsula wildlife corridor project.

Saturday, July 18th 2 – 4 pm
Natural Variety at Tiechner Preserve

From one of Leelanau's largest American chestnut trees to big tamaracks to the quaking ground at the northeastern shore of Lime Lake, come enjoy the wide variety of plant life and geography at this mostly wetland property with docents Jack Schultz and Judy Hoeffler. (You don't need to wear boots though!)

Wednesday, July 22nd 9:30 am – 1 pm
Canoe/Kayak Trip on the Cedar River

Beginning at the village of Cedar, we'll paddle our way through Conservancy property to where Cedar Run joins the Cedar River. A short walk on the floating mat of plants in that area will introduce us to the special fen and bog plants. We might even see some wildlife on this trip! Docent leaders are: Jack Schultz and Sharon Oriel.

Thursday, July 23rd 10 am
Hike Whaleback

Come lift your spirits and spend a few hours with docent Judy Smart as we hike through a serene forest filled with hardwoods and summer plants. Enjoy the amazing views of Good Harbor and Pyramid Point from the observation deck at the top of Whaleback.

Saturday, July 25th 10 am
Wildflower Explosion at Chipewa Run

Join docents Lou Ricord and Roland Drayson on a hike to see summer flowers at their peak! We'll help identify a riot of flowers, including St. John's wort, purple vetch, horsemint, Joe Pye weed, hoary alyssum and more. Learn about their uses in pioneer and modern-day medicine. We'll also wander to the old beaver pond and look for eastern kingbirds.

Sunday, July 26th 2 pm
Houdek Dunes Doggie Hike

See the world through new eyes, a keen nose, and a close-to-the-ground perspective by allowing your dog to lead you. Dogs must be on six-foot leash and well behaved. Bring a poop bag. Docents Ann McInnis and Ed Arnfield will fill in any details your dog or you might miss.

Thursday, August 6 5pm
Annual Friends Picnic and Auction

See back page for details!



Calling All Worker Bees!

More work bees than are listed here will be announced through our email listserve. If you want to work on trails, remove invasive species and help with many other projects we have planned to keep these beautiful places in top shape, please send an email to jrowe@theconservancy.com.

Popular Cherry Blossom Tour on Tap for May 16

The 2nd annual Leelanau Cherry Blossom Tour is coming! On Saturday, May 16, tour buses complete with guides will depart from and return to Eagles Ridge Restaurant in Peshawbestown.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians have joined founding organizations, Leelanau Conservation District, Leelanau Conservancy and Leelanau Enterprise, in seeking to promote the beauty of Leelanau County at blossom time.

Horticulturalists within the cherry industry have helped select this year's optimum blossom-viewing date, which is some six days later than the 2008 tour. Organizers have mapped out a new one-hour route that will again include two stops. Participants will be encouraged to exit buses for a first-hand experience at working cherry farms in the Omena area and in northern Suttons Bay Township. Cherry growers will be on hand to explain their work, and tour guides will offer explanations of the history and importance of cherry farming for Leelanau County along the route.

At the Eagles Ridge Restaurant, participants will be provided free cherry brats, cherry drinks and cherry cookies and entertainment. The day begins with an opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at Eagles Ridge. Bus tours start at 10 a.m. and



will run until 2 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tour maps will be available at area businesses prior to the tour, and may also be downloaded in PDF form at www.theconservancy.com so that you may take the tour at your convenience. The route was selected to show a glimpse of the beautiful Leelanau County countryside as cherry blossoms reach their peak.

Wildflower Rescue Plant Sale: Memorial Day Weekend



The 16th Annual Plant Sale on the Village Green in Leland is coming! Last fall and this spring, our Wildflower Rescue Committee dug up, potted and whisked native wildflowers out of the path of impending development. Now is your chance to purchase unusual natives like ferns, trout lilies, and trillium, along with a huge selection of nursery perennials. When: Memorial Day weekend. Sale begins Friday, May 22nd and runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday; Sunday noon to 4 p.m. All proceeds help maintain the Village Green.

The Wildflower Rescue Committee continually seeks new sites on which to dig. If you are building a home, driveway, addition, or know of someone who is, please contact the WRC so they may have a chance to remove these precious wildflowers before the excavators arrive! Contact Patty Shea: 256-9249 or Joanie Woods: 256-7154.

Volunteer Thanks



Our docents have been leading hikes all winter and have a great summer schedule planned. In this shot, on a very frigid January day, docent Lou Ricord leads hikers at DeYoung Natural Area on our Cedar Lake Trail.



Our auction committee has been hard at work putting together another great event. Thanks to the committee, and everyone who has donated an item so far, such as Ken Scott and Gail Robinson who will help high bidders build their own personal igloo next winter.



Thanks to Kent Holton, whose sound equipment and expertise made our Blues at the Bluebird even more wonderful. Kent has also volunteered to work his sound magic at our annual picnic on August 6.



Volunteer and snow plower extraordinaire Rick Cross, at Kehl Lake Natural Area after an early March snowstorm that dumped a foot of wet snow in the area. "Rick is great," says Jenee Rowe, Stewardship Director. "He hasn't tallied his plowing hours for me for 2009 yet, but last year he spent 18 hours behind the wheel, making this beautiful place accessible to visitors at no charge to us. We are really grateful."



Thanks to Sharon and Pat Oriel who hosted a gathering at their home to help raise funds for our Empire scenic valley conservation easement purchase. Sharon also serves as liason for our wonderful Docent Program and led hikes this winter.



Help Wanted! Conservancy Ramps up Volunteer Opportunities

We cannot protect land without the help of volunteers who increase our capacity to care for and manage our natural areas. Over the winter, we have been working hard with board member Mary Taylor to figure out how to improve, expand and maximize our stewardship volunteer program.



Mary's experience working with other volunteer programs has helped us to identify our needs and to write job descriptions for positions that range from long-term, intensive commitments to short windows of helping out. Mary has also stepped forward to be our Trail Steward Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you!

The volunteer plan that Mary helped write will be implemented in large part by our Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe, and our super stewardship intern, Sarah Cook, who will return for a third summer.

Want to get in on the action? We seek volunteers for the following positions. Visit our website for full descriptions and volunteer applications.

Stewardship Worker

Makes a small-level (approximately 2 hours) commitment to help out at two work bees per year.



Work Bee Crew Leader

Makes a medium-level commitment to lead a minimum of two work bee events per year. Leaders will spearhead group work during a two to three-hour work bee doing activities that may include: build trails, build benches, boardwalks, resurface wooden signs, repair boardwalk, remove invasive species through mechanical or chemical treatments, plant native tree seedlings, mulch and weed whip, plant native wildflowers and pick up trash and debris.

Trail Stewards

Makes an advanced-level commitment to monitor their chosen natural area or preserve a minimum of three times annually. Also commits to turn in timely reports and perform necessary maintenance.

We have openings for a limited number of preserves. Tasks may include: clear branches or fallen trees, remark trails with painted blazes, repair boardwalk, recognize natural and invasive species, serve as crew leader for scheduled improvements and alert Conservancy of any perceived problems/violations.



Coastal Dunes Rapid Assessment and Removal Monitor

Makes an advanced-level commitment to monitor a section of Leelanau County's coastal dunes at least twice annually. This person will, in effect, adopt a road-end or section of Great Lakes shoreline. They will monitor the site in the spring with a GPS and record the location and size of any coastal invasive species, especially lyme grass, baby's breath, garlic mustard and phragmites, reporting the GPS data and performing appropriate removal of small patches.

If you are interested in assuming any of the above roles, please contact Stewardship Director Jenee Rowe: 256-9665 or jrowe@theconservancy.com. We look forward to providing volunteers with training, guidance, and tools they will need to have a rewarding experience helping to care for and enhance our natural areas and preserves.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Outdoor work not your thing? Volunteers are also needed to help with mailings, photography, to work at our annual picnic and on our auction committee, and many other assorted tasks, from wearing costumes at the picnic to weeding our office wildflower garden. If you would like to get involved, please call to request our volunteer survey of interests: 231-256-9665 or email cfaught@theconservancy.com.



Save the Date!

2009 Annual Picnic and Auction: Thursday, August 6!

This event promises to be as fun and exciting as ever. It will be in a yet-to-be disclosed beautiful locale and will feature our wonderful local foods and wine. Plan to stay for the exciting live auction featuring eight items, including Mario Batali's dinner for 12.

Watch our website for details to come about pre-picnic field trips and the launch of our exciting new 2009 online auction website. We already have over 50 great items and uniquely Leelanau experiences loaded on the site, which will go live in early May! If you would like to donate to the auction, or join our wonderful sponsor group, call Carolyn Faught or email cfaught@theconservancy.com. Participants receive great exposure on our website, in our flier and at the event attended by over 700 people.

Desired auction items:

- week's stay at home or condo in a desirable locale, including Leelanau County!
- Golf passes to up north courses, especially Crystal Downs
- Someone willing to host a beach party for 20 to 30
- "Green" items or services (think low water use appliances, compost bins, etc.)
- Good cooks to prepare/donate dinner for groups of 8
- Garden/landscaping related items or services
- Anything Mackinac Island, from ferry passes to lodging to restaurants.
- Gift certificates to area restaurants or shops
- Tickets to sporting events, college and pro
- anything uniquely Leelanau—a special social event or excursion you just can't buy...get creative!

Local Food Champion: 

Beverage Tent Sponsor: 

Mario Cooks Again - With a Leelanau Twist!



What an opportunity! If you and your friends love great food and want to rub elbows with one of the world's finest chefs, this event is for you. In late August, 12 lucky people will join Mario Batali for an afternoon of hands-on cooking, wine tasting

and enjoying a Sunday Supper using some of the finest ingredients available in Leelanau. "I'm building my menu around what's freshest and in-season—it's the only way to go," says Mario. "I can't say exactly what will be on the table—that's up to Mother Nature—but I can promise you it will be delicious and a lot of fun. With my kitchen partners from Epicure Catering, we'll be in touch with local farmers and specialty producers to procure the best that's out there."

"After the dinner, we'll post the recipes on the Conservancy's website and tell you where we got the ingredients. I hope you'll make the same meal, and when you do,

you'll be supporting your local farmers," adds Mario.

The event will take place in the Epicure Catering kitchen at Cherry Basket Farm in Omena. Guests will arrive to taste wines from Leelanau's fabulous Mawby Vineyards and the best of southern Italy along with some hand-made salumi from Mario's Babbo ristorante in NYC. Guests will then participate in the creation of the meal that will showcase Leelanau's bounty.

What's for dinner? "Falanghina with peaches and pizzette to start, cool insalata caprese with fresh buffalo mozzarella and local heirloom tomatoes, fettuccine with tiny meatballs, special Pork Arista from northern Michigan, cherries, apricots and the bounty of the Leelanau Peninsula married to the delightful sentiment that is Neapolitan cooking at its most divine starting at 4 in the afternoon and going until the royal Amalfitano mindset is achieved," says Mario, who splits time between New York City and Leelanau County with his wife and their two sons.

"Leelanau is an incredibly beautiful, unique place that I hope will retain its character and natural treasures," concludes Mario. "What you have here is invaluable and I am delighted to help the Leelanau Conservancy in its efforts to protect it."

Batali was named "Chef of the Year" in 2005 and "Restaurateur of the Year" in 2008 by the James Beard Foundation.



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Ms. Lori Lutz

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Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

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Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

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Bequests can be shaped in different ways to achieve your goals.

General Bequests enable you to leave a specific amount to the Conservancy:

“I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Leelanau Conservancy the sum of \$____, or ____%, or (fractional interest) of my estate to the Leelanau Conservancy, Inc. of Leland, Michigan.”

Specific Bequests enable you to designate a specific piece of property to the Conservancy:

“I give the sum of \$ ____ or ____% or (property description) to the Leelanau Conservancy.”

Contingent Bequests take effect only if those named as primary beneficiaries predecease you:

“If any or all of the above named beneficiaries do not survive me or disclaim any interest in (description of property), I **give** that beneficiary's share of such property to the Leelanau Conservancy.”

Residual Bequests allow you to bequeath assets remaining after all other specific bequests have been satisfied:

“I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Leelanau Conservancy the rest, remainder, and residue of my estate, or ____% of the rest, remainder, and residue of my estate.”

Undesignated Bequests are directed by the Conservancy Board to the Leelanau Conservancy Endowment Fund, with a portion allocated in support of direct land protection.

Restricted Bequests allow you to designate your bequest for a specific purpose:

“It is my desire and instruction that this bequest to the Leelanau Conservancy be used for preservation projects in (name the area) or for the following purposes....”

For more information, please call or email Anne Shoup at ashoup@theconservancy.com or 231-256-9665. Thanks for your interest!





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Mario Loves Farmland

Chef Mario Batali will again offer his spectacular dinner for 12 in our live auction that will be held at our Annual Friends Picnic on August 6th. He'll be building his menu using local foods and it promises to be spectacular! This year, Mario will direct the auction dinner proceeds to our Farmland Fund. Here's why:

“Leelanau County's farmland feeds me and my family in a number of ways. We love the incomparable taste of just-picked local fruit and vegetables that we enjoy all summer long. We like meeting the people who grow and produce the things that we eat. And we love the landscapes from which this food comes. The rolling orchards, farm fields and weathered barns are some of the things we treasure most about this place.

Protecting Leelanau County's farmland and its farming way of life is very important to me. I have been to enough places in the world to know that once farms are gone, they are gone forever. That is why I believe in eating local foods, and why I support the Leelanau Conservancy's efforts to protect farmland. This year, I will direct the auction proceeds from my dinner to the Conservancy's innovative new farmland protection program, so that long after we're gone, people will still be sitting around the table eating the great food that comes from Leelanau's globally rare land and microclimate.”



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