



# Island Nature Trust Update

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## Donor Issue!

Island Nature Trust has many very good friends. Not just because you give generously to the Trust and its programs, but because you believe in what we stand for, stick with us through good times and bad, and let us know in many ways that you will support us when we need it.

Donors can never be thanked enough. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to those fine people who have donated funds to the Trust since the last issue of the “donor newsletter”.

Those donors that give an item to the Trust through our annual dinner are honoured in a summer issue of the newsletter.

So, what have we done with those donations? A huge amount! Here is a small sampling of our efforts this year.

- We have levered other funds from a variety of funding agencies and governments. We can use private donations as matching funds for a variety of our projects. As a result, we can double or triple these funds to get our work done.

- We have protected species at risk
- We have purchased land
- We have accepted donations of land—that is expensive too.
- We have delivered nearly 100 educational events over the last year
- We have collected inventories of most of our lands
- We have surveyed our lands for invasive alien species

The very fact that we have an office and full-time permanent staff makes us a stronger organization. But, we keep administration down to less than 11% of our budget and we penny-pinch constantly to keep this necessary expenditure low on the spending scale. We are “green” in our office work and environment; reusing, reducing and recycling everything and anything.

**So, to our wonderful supporters of many kinds - donors, volunteers, members and friends -**

**Thank you!**

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### We Are. . .

*Island Nature Trust is a non governmental, registered charity dedicated to permanent protection of natural areas on Prince Edward Island. We acquire lands through purchase and donation and help private owners protect their own properties. We also protect species-at-risk, conduct conservation research, ecological restoration and public education. Donations are always welcome.*

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## Our Board of Directors

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Island Nature Trust is governed by a Board of Directors of 12 to 16 members. Each member serves up to two three-year terms.

The Board of Directors of the Trust includes the following:

### The Executive

**Fiep de Bie** — President

**Ben Hoteling**—Vice-president

**Jennifer Roma**—Secretary

**Donna Giberson**—Treasurer and UPEI Biology Department Representative

### Group Representatives

Four Island groups have representatives on the INT Board:

**Donna Giberson**—

UPEI Biology Department

**Tom LeClair**—

Museum and Heritage Foundation

**Lynne Douglas** —

Natural History Society of PEI

**Becky Petersen**—

PEI Wildlife Federation

### Remaining members of the Board:

**Jim Jenkins**

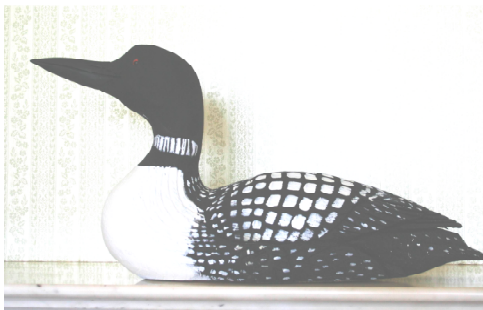
**Barb MacDonald**

**Paul Michael**

**Serge Serviant**

**Sandra McConkey**

**Dwaine Oakley**



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## Bits and Pieces

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### Members-Only Events—NEW!!

As a member of Island Nature Trust we want you to get more from your membership! We plan to offer “member-only” events through the next year. If you would like to receive email updates about upcoming member events and public presentations please send us an email with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line and we will add you to the list!

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### Software Donation!

Baseline Business Geographics has donated MapInfo Professional 10.5 software, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program to Island Nature Trust! Many thanks to Frank MacEachern of Baseline and to Heather Lizama for making the request for this remarkable donation. Look for more on this donation in local media and the next issue of “Update”.

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### Committees of the Trust—We Need You!

The Trust has several standing committees that do great work. Some meet ten times a year, others meet only once annually.

If you enjoy working with a group of talented and dedicated people toward a great cause, we would love to have you join us! Here is a list of the currently active committees. All you have to do is let us know you would like to participate!

**Policy and Planning**—writing and editing policies, strategic planning—meets at Ravenwood about 10 times per year.

**Land Acquisition**—review properties offered to the Trust or of interest due to threats, and sends recommendations to the Board—meets as needed about twice a year.

**Land Management**—this committee has not met for several years and should be revitalized—all takers welcome!

**Fundraising Dinner Committee**—first meeting for this year is after the Board meeting on February 24th. This committee works hard for three months prior to the dinner and then is very quiet for the remainder of the year.

**Endowment Fund**—meets once a year to review the Fund’s performance. If you have investment experience, this is the committee for you.

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## NATURE TRUST STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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Staff that can be found in the office for the next few weeks are:

Permanent, Full-time staff:

- **Jackie Waddell**, Executive Director, coordinates and assists all staff where required, deals with land acquisition, land management and strategic planning. Prepares and delivers educational events to schools, groups and the public. [exdir@islandnaturetrust.ca](mailto:exdir@islandnaturetrust.ca)
- **Barb McDonald**, Executive Assistant, operates all things financial and is responsible for office administration. [admin@islandnaturetrust.ca](mailto:admin@islandnaturetrust.ca)
- **Shannon Mader**, for two months and until February 25, and working on Piping Plover data and Important Bird Area Caretaker Program. [plover@islandnaturetrust.ca](mailto:plover@islandnaturetrust.ca)
- **Heather Lizama**, Volunteer, this GIS Specialist is upgrading and improving the GIS computer and software, providing training and support to staff in all matters GIS— Many thanks Heather!
- **Paula Tummon Flynn**— Intern with UPEI Environmental Studies course— Integrating Theory and Practice—working part time on a variety of projects until April 1. Thank you Paula!

All staff can be reached by phone at (902) 566-9150 or 892-7513 or Fax (902) 628-6331

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## FOUR NEW PRIVATE NATURAL AREAS NOW DESIGNATED UNDER PEI NATURAL AREAS PROTECTION ACT

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A hardwood forest in Thistle and Shamrock identified by Kate MacQuarrie many years ago as worthy of protection has finally been protected as a designated Natural Area under the PEI Natural Areas Protection Act. Owners Molly Colburn and Fred Gross have patiently waited for their land to be added to the Significant Environmental Areas list and then designated since 2000! Their patience is now rewarded. Sugar and red maple, beech and hemlock and the many species of forest plants that grow under them are now protected in perpetuity thanks to the

foresight of Fred and Molly.

The Nature Trust is also celebrating the designation of four properties on three sites: two properties totaling 173 acres at Cable Head East donated as Eco-Gifts by Gloria McKinnon Perret and Chuck Perret, an 86 acre property off the Souris Line Road known as Charnwood, purchased by the Trust in 2010 and finally, another Souris Line Road, 50 acre property purchased in 2006 that abutts the famed Townshend Woodlot. The hardwood properties off the

Souris Line Road are great examples of the Acadian Forest that once covered most of PEI. Unfortunately, none of that forest remained undisturbed by clearing or fire, but these two properties are relatively undisturbed and include large and excellent examples of the trees that make up Acadian Forest.

The Perret McKinnon property is young woodland, undeveloped shore and a raised bog only a few kilometers from Greenwich National Park.

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## Our Wonderful and Very Generous 2010 Donors

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### Individual Donors:

Percy Affleck	William & Verna FitzPatrick	Brian McAskill
Judi Allen & David McBurney	Dr. Robert & Dorothy Forsythe	Dan McAskill
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	Ken Mayhew	Dr. Leith & Joan Thompson
		Jackie Waddell

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## More 2010 Donors

Julie Waddell  
Winifred & David Wake  
Dr. Richard Wedge  
Sarah Wheatley  
Ann Wootton  
Lorne Yeo  
Dario & Sharon Zannier

### Groups & Businesses:

Maritime Counselling & Mediation Services  
Gulfshore Kindergarten  
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Canadian Land Trust Alliance  
Skills PEI - Community Internship Program  
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Summerside Tax Centre Social Committee  
PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund  
Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Schwarzkopf Professional  
Nature Trust of New Brunswick (Tri-Trust)  
Environment, Energy & Forestry

Franklin Imports Inc.  
Nova Scotia Nature Trust (2010 Aveda Earth Month)  
Maritime Electric Co. Ltd.

### In Memoriam Donations:

#### **In Memory of Frank MacDonald:**

Chris Tweel & Brenda Webster

#### **In Memory of Hilton Larter:**

Carmen & Margaret Ross  
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Donald I& Beryl Moses

#### **In Memory of Kathleen Curley:**

Diane F. Griffin  
H. Winston Johnston  
Natural History Society

#### **In Memory of Douglas Clayton Barbour:**

John & June Caseley

#### **In Memory of Kenneth M. Stewart: "Farmer, Father, Fiddler and Friend"**

Dr. Barbara Bloom

#### **In Memory of Velma Eunice Mugridge:**

John & June Caseley

#### **In Memory of Margaret & Harold Frizzell:**

Sally Bennett

#### **In Memory of Jennie Trainor:**

Doris Hendricken  
Arlene Power  
Menadora MacDonald  
Marie & Jim McDougall  
Darrell Sharpe  
Barb Trainor  
Chris Devoe  
Ann Cauty  
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## 2010 Donors

Allan & Joanne MacDonald  
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George Gallant  
Raymond & Patricia Kelly  
Ollie Huges  
William & Florence Griffin  
Louise Gallant  
Ella Mae Gallant  
Ray Hennessey  
Frances Gaudet

### Eagle Adoptions:

James & Lynn Travers  
Southern Kings Consolidated  
M.E. Callaghan Intermediate Senior High School  
Three Oaks Senior High School (2 eagles)  
Eliot River Elementary School  
Souris Consolidated School  
Judy Thibeadeau

### Endowment Fund:

Dr. Jean-Yves Dubois (twice)

### Donations Through Canada Helps!

David and Sonja Adams in honour of Karen and Tapani Kunelius

James Travers for Land Acquisition

Emily Reddin in honour of Alana Reddin and for Piping Plover protection.

### Sponsorship of the Bennett Fall Birding Classic

Province of PEI

## Land Acquisition Fundraising Continues

The most recent acquisition of land for the Trust was the Charnwood property off the Souris Line Road. This beautiful 86 acre hardwood site was a purchase rather than a donation. We borrowed from our own endowment fund with a 5-year repayment plan with interest. This plan will ensure the Endowment Fund continues to grow, even beyond market performance rates, and the principle will be repaid quite quickly. This plan will also allow us to purchase another important property, if needed, in the near future.

Thanks in part to generous individual and corporate donors, the Trust has made the first of 5 annual payments back to the endowment fund of over \$8,300.

RBC Foundation's Bluewater Fund has provided some funds for land acquisition, through donation, over two years. We are working to acquire just over 800 acres of woodland and wetland through this initiative.

Land acquisition, whether by purchase or donation, takes financial and human resources. Donated lands need to be appraised, may need a survey and may also require some legal costs, such as deed searches and registration fees. There is no small amount of staff time in-

involved in these acquisitions as well.

Three Land Trusts in the Maritimes—The Nature Trust of New Brunswick, the Nova Scotia nature Trust and Island Nature Trust—are working toward the end of two years of land acquisition in joint projects to secure land with Species at Risk habitat. This cooperative approach has allowed for flexible and immediate land securement where the need was greatest.

We know that hardwood forests like the Charnwood property are still underrepresented in the natural area system, and that the Island is still lacking in natural area protection in general with only 3% of the Island's land mass under protection. We also know that some habitats are adequately (or over-represented—if that is possible) protected in terms of number of acres. So, we need to be strong and say no to some offers of donated lands that need large investments of time and resources to restore to good health.

What is next? Island Nature Trust needs to create a new priority list of the most critical properties for acquisition and to continue to work with other organizations to ensure those lands are permanently secured.

## Annual Dinner Fast Approaches!

This year the Island Nature Trust Annual Dinner and Auction will be in a new and wonderful location! Be sure to attend the Trust's biggest fundraiser of the year at the **Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall at UPEI on April 29th.**

You will appreciate the **FREE PARKING**, that is close by and abundant!

The drinks are lower priced! Better bar service too.

Delicious food in a great atmosphere, and we are working to get the best collection of amazing auction and raffle items ever!

Best of all? **More of the funds raised at the 27th Annual Dinner and Auction go to the Trust! Your participation is so important.**

Please be sure to join us at this new dinner! Tickets are available now and are only \$50.00. Corporate tables are available—but only 12 of them—be sure to contact Barb at the Trust office to reserve yours.

Call or email us! (902) 892-7513 or [admin@islandnaturetrust.ca](mailto:admin@islandnaturetrust.ca)

## Electronic Island Nature Trust "Update" Newsletters

While we are working on completely updating our web page and getting the newsletter up there, you can help us save paper and postage and get information faster! You can achieve all of this by getting "Update" via E-mail. If you forward your e-mail address to Island Nature Trust, we will send you the newsletter electronically as a "PDF" file. 83 members have requested this service so far, and we would like to see that number climb to much higher levels. Email us at [admin@islandnaturetrust.ca](mailto:admin@islandnaturetrust.ca) to request your newsletter in electronic form.



## Membership Drive in Full Swing

Do you know someone that "used to be" a member of the Trust? Encourage your friends and neighbours to join us in our work to protect and manage the natural wonders of PEI. Forests, waters, dunes, shores and many kinds of wetlands need their help. We would like to see our numbers grow and grow and grow!

Let's aim for a membership of at least 400 people from PEI, Canada and all over the world.

There is such great strength in numbers when we are fighting for a particular natural area or for the many life-sustaining services natural areas provide for us.

Members will get this newsletter at least quarterly, special invitations to events such as nature presentations, tours of natural areas, and more. We have a new special membership fee for students—only \$10.00!

We have sent out invitations to nearly 160 former members to re-join the Trust and hope to attract many new members to join us as we work to protect and manage natural areas across PEI.

Invite someone you know to join us today!

## Environmental Calendar

- February 18 through 21—**The Great Backyard Bird Count**— find out lots more about this fun and easy count at [www.BirdCount.org](http://www.BirdCount.org)
- February 22—**The Important Bird Areas Caretaker Program in PEI**—Ravenwood—7:00 PM— Join Jackie Waddell and Shannon MacDonald for this informal workshop on this volunteer opportunity in 5 PEI IBAs under the Caretaker program. No Charge, refreshments will be served. Call 892-7513 for more information.
- March 1—**Regular meeting of the Natural History Society of PEI**—The Farm Centre, 420 University Ave. Charlottetown, 7:30 PM. Whitney Kelly Clark will be the guest speaker on Bird Feeder Diseases.
- March 16—**The Mammals of PEI**—Confederation Centre Public Library—7:00 PM—Jackie will narrate a slide show of the furry creatures of PEI from the smallest shrew to giant whales. Storm date the following Tuesday.
- April 5—**Regular meeting of the Natural History Society of PEI**—The Farm Centre, 420 University Ave. Charlottetown, 7:30 PM. Dr. Pierre-Yves Daoust of Atlantic Veterinary College will be the guest speaker on a subject to be announced.
- April 6—**The Natural History of Spring**—Cotton Centre, Stratford Library—6:30 PM—Jackie will speak on the processes and magic of spring—lots of trivia in this one! From sprouting plants to awakening animals, this talk will make you look forward to the warmer weather to come!
- April 20—**Signs of Spring**—Confederation Centre Public Library, 7:00 PM Jackie Waddell will speak on spring and its best parts. Similar to the April 6 talk but not quite the same.
- APRIL 29—ISLAND NATURE TRUST FUNDRAISING DINNER - WANDA WYATT DINING HALL, UPEI—New venue, free parking nearby! Get your tickets early—still only \$50 each — this is going to be a great event!**

## Membership Form

Single Membership (\$20)     Family (\$25)     Student - **NEW!** (\$10)     Sustaining Membership (\$50)

Active Membership (\$100)     Supporting Membership (\$250)     Life Membership (\$500)

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the Trust's work is enclosed (*tax receipts are issued for all donations*).

**Students:** Please let us know what School /University/College you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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