

# Let's Get Outside!

## SEPTEMBER EVENT!

### TREASURED PLACES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013  
10:00 - 3:00

Join us for our annual celebration for members, landowners and volunteers! This year we're celebrating our work in the Central Lakes area, with a family friendly event that will include lake activities (boating, kayaking, hydrobikes and paddle boards) and more.

Our host location, Clearwater Forest, is located just 12 miles east of Brainerd. A wonderful camp for kids and families, it also has a conservation easement on its extended lakeshore.

Also available: a high ropes course (\$20 fee/person required to cover trained/certified staffing; must be age 12 or older).

For more information, and to reserve your space, please go to [www.mnland.org](http://www.mnland.org).

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HIGH ROPES!

SAILING!

CANOING!

DAN KAUFMAN

## OCTOBER EVENT!

### SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL FIELD TRIP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013  
10:00 - 2:00

This is a rare opportunity to walk the trail with two of the key people who helped lay it out.

John and Jan Green are legends. An expert birder, Jan has been involved in a number of Great Lakes environmental issues and has advocated effectively for Minnesota's natural resources. John literally wrote the book on Minnesota Geology, and will provide a fascinating tour of Duluth's unique landscape.

This moderate hike is designed to take advantage of the nearby hawk migration, and the exceptional overlooks that will provide a unique viewpoint for a lunchtime discussion on the St. Louis River Estuary.

This field trip is a fund raiser for the Land Trust, and we thank the Greens for generously donating their time. Your \$150 donation includes a spectacular lunch and an unforgettable hiking experience.

Call 651-917-6289 with questions and to reserve your spot.

## PLANNED GIFT SUPPORTS LAND TRUST'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Land Trust is thrilled to announce a gift from the late Marianne Wadsworth Fielder that will support the organization's Conservation Easement Stewardship Program. Marianne was a long-time member and reminded us that we were "one of her favorite charities". Like many others who have left a legacy gift via their will, her gift was a welcome surprise to MLT. Our only regret is that we couldn't thank her personally.

If you would like more information about the Minnesota Land Trust's legacy gift program, contact Walter Abramson at 651-917-6285.



BECKY FIELD



THE TEN MILE LAKE EASEMENT PROTECTS BALD EAGLE HABITAT.



### A SHARED VISION FOR TEN MILE LAKE IS REALIZED

The Ten Mile Lake Association has donated a conservation easement protecting over 2,000 feet of undeveloped shoreline on a very popular recreation and fishing lake that is home to bald eagles, sandhill cranes, nesting trumpeter swans and red-necked grebes. The Cass County project adds to an existing Minnesota Land Trust conservation easement on Ten Mile Lake.

It is part of the Leech Lake Area Watershed, where population is predicted to increase 60% by 2030, according to Minnesota State Demographers.

Funding for the acquisition of this conservation easement has been provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. Specifically, this conservation easement was funded through the "Conserving Sensitive and Priority Shorelands in Cass County" program and is part of the initial funding that supported the work of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation.



## Gifts that will stand the test of time.

### Sensitive Central Lakes Shoreline Protected from Development

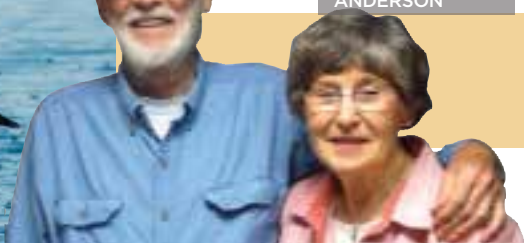
THE GENEROSITY AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS OF LANDOWNERS IS INSPIRATIONAL. MINNESOTANS FREQUENTLY PUT ASIDE THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT MONETARY GAIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CONSERVATION ASSETS OF THEIR LAND INTO PERPETUITY.

LANDOWNERS' GIFTS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS BENEFIT ALL OF US. BY KEEPING LAND UNDEVELOPED, NATURAL SHORELINE IS PRESERVED. THIS MAINTAINS HABITAT FOR FISH, AMPHIBIANS, WATERFOWL AND OTHER CREATURES, AND OFTEN HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY.

THE GENEROSITY OF THESE LANDOWNERS INSPIRES US TO LOOK FOR WAYS THAT WE TOO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATURAL ASSETS WE ENJOY IN MINNESOTA. WE HOPE YOU ARE INSPIRED AS WELL.



LANDOWNERS LEN AND BETHEL ANDERSON



### WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTED ON TURTLE LAKE

Len and Bethel Anderson's gift of a conservation easement on their Turtle Lake property is the capstone of a life of conservation awareness and activism. Their 47-acre property is a combination of forest, grassland and wetland that supports a wide variety waterfowl and other wildlife.

The Andersons have observed and documented trumpeter swans, ring-necked duck, fisher, pine marten and otter. In fact, Len describes the behavior of the swans as they defend their young from hungry eagles. He has observed the swans protectively spreading their wings to shield their vulnerable signets as they swim across the lake.

The Andersons have been forward thinking in their stewardship of fields that long ago were tended with a horse-drawn tractor. Many similar fields nearby have been converted to gravel pits, leaving the land forever changed. Instead, the Andersons chose to allow their fields to naturalize into an abundance of milkweed that typically supports clouds of monarch butterflies.

**"We know we can't predict the future of mankind and the world. But we feel better knowing we have done our best to keep our property as a wildlife habitat."**

- Martha Davidge



LANDOWNERS GEOFF AND MARTHA DAVIDGE, WITH MLT PROJECT MANAGER JOHN BROSNAN AND LLAWF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAULA WEST.



### LOWER WHITEFISH LAKE EASEMENT FORMS LARGER COMPLEX OF PROTECTED LAND

Over 1,300 feet of undeveloped shoreline on Lower Whitefish Lake will remain undeveloped, thanks to the generosity of landowners Martha and Geoff Davidge who have donated a conservation easement protecting their land in perpetuity. In addition to the undeveloped shoreline, the property includes a large pond and wetland area with nesting habitat for diving ducks along with high-quality habitat for wildlife species such

as black bear, muskrat, otter, bald eagle, sharp-tail grouse and the common loon.

Protecting this particular piece of property is especially important as it is nearly adjacent to the Minnesota DNR's 110-acre Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area. Its protection helps create a more effective complex for wildlife habitat in an increasingly developed and popular resort area.



### OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDING SUPPORTS LAND PROTECTION

ACQUISITION COSTS FOR THE TURTLE LAKE AND LOWER WHITEFISH LAKE EASEMENTS WERE BOTH FUNDED IN PART BY MINNESOTA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL (LSOHC), THROUGH THE PROTECTING SENSITIVE SHORELANDS IN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO PROTECT SENSITIVE SHORELANDS IN NORTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.

# We couldn't do it without you!

EACH YEAR THE MINNESOTA LAND TRUST RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

## 2013 Landowner of the Year



This year's recipient represents a model of citizen activism resulting in outstanding land protection. The Ten Mile Lake Association is a group of landowners who are active in protecting and improving the natural environment of Ten Mile Lake, located near Hackensack in North Central Minnesota.

The Ten Mile Lake Association completed a project that protected over 2,000 feet of shoreline in June, adding to 3,000 shoreline feet that was protected by the association in 2008.

The association actively fundraises for future conservation efforts, provides resources to assist landowners with shoreline improvement, and conducts other outreach efforts with the goal of protecting and enhancing the quality of Ten Mile Lake.

## 2013 Partner of the Year

It's hard to imagine a more appropriate recipient of this year's partnership honor than the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF), led by Executive Director Paula West. Since 1995, this organization has been dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural assets within the Leech Lake watershed. Among other sources, the Foundation has received funding by the Minnesota Environment and Natural



**"The Leech Lake Watershed is part of the heart and soul of our Minnesota heritage,"** observed Central Lakes Project Manager John Brosnan. **"The Minnesota Land Trust is proud to be in partnership with this exceptional organization."**

Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) that accelerated conservation work in its original focus area, Cass County.

Because of the success of that program, the scope of the Foundation's work has expanded to include Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties with funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund as recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC).

All three easements profiled in this publication stem from the work of the LLAWF. Land Trust Executive Director Kris Larson is thrilled to see the results of this partnership: "We expect to announce a number of new easements in the coming months that will be a significant win for conservation in the Central Lakes Area."

## 2013 Volunteer of the Year

We're pleased to recognize Hank Scheinost for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Land Trust. A certified volunteer monitor since 2003, Hank was an active member of the Crow Wing Chapter, part of the early organizational structure of the Land Trust.



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