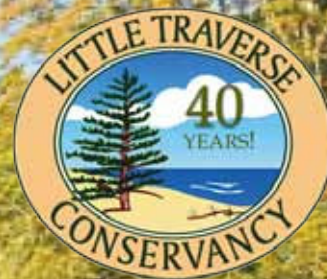


# Celebrating 40 Years!



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## Philip J. Braun Nature Preserve

Todd Parker

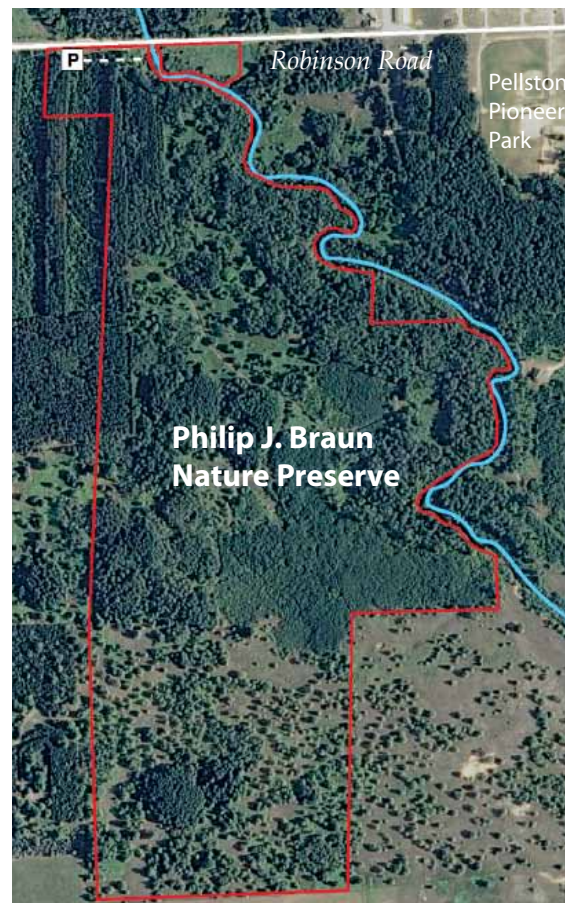
A BRAND NEW "NEIGHBORHOOD" NATURE PRESERVE HAS BEEN created near the village of Pellston thanks to longtime conservationist John Woollam. This past winter, the Philip J. Braun Nature Preserve was officially transferred to Little Traverse Conservancy, protecting 125 acres with 4,500 feet of Maple River frontage. Located within village limits, the preserve is an easy walk from downtown as well as from the adjacent Pioneer Park and ball fields off Robinson Road on the west side of US-31.

"Because of its location, size, river frontage, and incredible natural beauty, this is a really special place," says Ty Ratliff, Conservancy land protection specialist. "People of all ages have come to the river at the road crossing here for years. Now this location and much of the land surrounding the river to the southwest will be open and accessible to the public as a permanent nature preserve."

The Maple River is designated and regulated as a trout stream, and fish surveys have been conducted on the river since the 1950s. From 1979-1986, the Department of Natural Resources stocked the river with both brook and brown trout and it remains a popular fishing destination today.

Northern Michigan's beautiful woods and waters have shaped the lives and loves of so many people. As with most of his previous land projects, Woollam felt that protecting this particular land was fitting to memorialize someone special to him and his family, Phil Braun. John had become good friends with Phil through his in-laws, Robert and Vivian VanCampen, and for many years had been looking for a piece of land on the Maple River to protect and dedicate in Braun's honor. "Phil was just a person who loved life and the outdoors," Woollam says. In 1928, Phil Braun Sr. taught

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## Birge Preserve Complex Grows Again

An 83-acre parcel was purchased this past winter by the Conservancy to add to the Birge Preserve complex in Mackinac County. The new addition includes 1,500 feet of Lake Huron frontage. The purchase was made possible with funding from the J.A. Woollam Foundation.

"We have been working with this family for more than two years to expand on the Birge Preserve and to extend our shoreline preservation of Search Bay," says Land Protection Specialist Ty Ratliff. "As the Birge Preserve becomes more and more popular for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, this acquisition will give preserve users the opportunity to access Search Bay."

Nearly two miles of Search Bay frontage are now protected with preserves and conservation easements through the Conservancy creating "landscape level" conservation for migratory birds, waterfowl, wildlife, and people to enjoy for years to come.



## Cedarville Bay Preserve Formed

With additional funding from the J.A. Woollam Foundation, LTC has purchased a 5-acre parcel on La Salle Island with 1,000 feet of Lake Huron/Cedarville Bay frontage. This is the Conservancy's first preserve on La Salle Island. It is located close to, and is visible from, the Cedarville shore.



*Braun Preserve continued from cover*

his 8-year-old son Philip how to fly fish on the Maple River. "Whether it was fly fishing, writing, photography or gathering with friends, Phil Braun was a delight to be around," Woollam says. "Years ago, Phil purchased an old horse trailer and converted it into a dark room. He so loved photography that he was outdoors with his son taking photos just a few months before he passed away. He was generous and kind - not complex - extremely honest, and successful in his endeavors. It seems fitting to name a piece of land that is so full of life and beauty after such an individual."

The Conservancy commends Woollam for the effort he put into ensuring the preserve was protected and formed. "It wasn't a simple process and lasted for several years," Ratliff explains.

On May 12, Ratliff and LTC board member Mark Pad-dock led a Riverine Mammals field trip at the Braun Preserve. While the trip was going on, several people appeared to look for morels. A handful of boys arrived at the road crossing with fishing poles in hand. "This preserve epitomizes so much of what LTC hopes to accomplish for northern Michigan communities," Ratliff adds.

A new parking area was created at the preserve last month with a short river access trail. For more information on this project, please call the office at 231.347.0991.



## Inspiring the Next Generation

On May 16, nearly a dozen enthusiastic elementary students from Pellston Public Schools participated in Brian Kozminski's fly fishing class at the new Braun Preserve. The class was offered through the Crooked Tree Arts Center's 21st Century Arts Program.

The casting instruction session on the Braun Preserve at "The Big Hole" at Robinson Road was the culmination of a fly tying class that had occurred in previous weeks. Conservancy Director of Stewardship Doug Fuller met the students at the preserve to help collect and identify river invertebrates and teach fly casting.

## The Maple River Watershed

The Maple River Watershed covers a surface area of about 115,000 acres. Approximately 61 miles of tributaries and ten miles of mainstream are found within the watershed. Flowing through both Emmet and Cheboygan counties, the two branches converge to form the mainstream at Lake Kathleen, an impoundment on Woodland Road, south of Pellston. The river's east branch originates at Douglas Lake and Van Creek, and the West Branch begins at Larks Lake and the Pleasant-view Swamp.

Todd Parker



## Save the Trees...

..and the lakes, rivers, farm fields, meadows, wetlands, ponds...

### 23rd annual Save the Trees Benefit for Little Traverse Conservancy

**Thursday, August 2, 2012 6-11 pm**  
**The Boathouse of Harbor Springs**

**Chef/farmer Mike Everts of Blackbird Gardens will present a special evening featuring a Caribbean-style menu using fresh, local northern Michigan ingredients.**

**Featuring the John Driscoll Ensemble**

**Tickets: \$35      Raffle: \$10**

**Live auction and raffle with auctioneer Rip Hayes.  
Visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) to register online and  
for a preview of raffle & auction items!**

## New Members

*The Conservancy would like to thank the following new Friends or Benefactors or members who have increased their level of giving within the Friends or Benefactors level from February 24 to May 31, 2012*

### Friends and Benefactors Businesses and Organizations

#### Individuals or Families

Mr. John D. Carruthers  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pennington III  
Todd and Kathy Petersen  
Bruce and Linda Riley  
Mr. Mel Shafer

Ms. Katherine Strojny  
Frank and Barbara Taylor

### New Contributing Members Individuals or Families

Ms. Gin Cawood  
Ms. Marty Cheney  
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Crow  
Ms. Linda Kaiser  
Jon and Anne Kantola

John and Connie Morgan  
David and Kristine Moutrie  
Allan and Susan Owens  
Mr. Michael Penkevich  
Cadi Reiss  
William and Deborah Rutter  
Richard and Barbara Stone  
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stuart  
Donald and Sheila Wright Jr.  
Mr. Scott Wright

## Wish List



- miter saw
- dump trailer
- new gas efficient car
- angle grinder
- bench grinder



### Three Nights of Housing Needed in August

*We are seeking free housing for an invasive species inventory and treatment crew of two women. They will need a place to stay in the Harbor Springs area during the week of August 13th (for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night of that week.) They'll be working at the Kalman and Thorne Swift preserves as part of a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant. Please contact Cindy at 231-344-1011.*



## Calling all Runners!

**Saturday, July 14, 2012**

Check out the brand new beautiful trail marathon in northern Lower Michigan offered this year! In addition to the full marathon, a half marathon, 10K and kid's 2K are offered. The course follows a remarkable section of the North Country Trail that travels from Cross Village to Mackinaw City. Features include grassy bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, coastal forests, and inland wilderness lakes. The half marathon starts at Wilderness State Park. A portion of the proceeds from this race will benefit Little Traverse Conservancy and LTC staff and volunteers will be helping at the aid stations. For more information, visit [www.greatlakesendurance.com](http://www.greatlakesendurance.com).

*This is one event you won't want to miss this summer!*

*Celebrating Our Back Forty*  
**40th Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2012**  
*Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve*  
 1-3 pm field trips (see list below)  
 3:30 Annual Meeting  
 featuring Guest Speaker Rodney Stokes, DNR Director  
 5:30 - Cocktails  
 6 pm - Pig Roast by Pond Hill Farm  
 Live music with Younce Guitar Duo  
 Art Exhibition from Tvedten Fine Art Gallery

**Afternoon field trips to area nature preserves designed for all ages and abilities.**

Nature Photography Workshop - Elmer Johnston Preserve Hike - Nature Scavenger Hunt -  
 Native American Stories - Tour of Pond Hill Farm Conservation Easement - Adventures in Geocaching -  
 Goodhart Area Natural History Hike



*The following gifts were received from March 1 - May 31, 2012*

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### Thomas H. Carruthers IV

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### David L. Davies

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## Honorariums

**Jeannine Palms & Dale Petty in honor of their commitment to land preservation**

Mary Goode and Woody Kellum

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Sterling in honor of their 50th Anniversary**

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Touma

## Volunteer Spotlight: John Maximiuk

RAISED IN DETROIT IN THE 1920S, JOHN MAXIMIUK HAS A RARE PERSPECTIVE ON CHANGE.

"I've traveled a great amount of time and watched a lot of destruction of nature's precious beauty around the world. I appreciate all of nature's resources and what LTC is doing to help preserve 'our' area of the world. I accepted the opportunity to retain the beauty and magnificence of nature's products by volunteering to do my part to assist with LTC's mission."

At age 91, John epitomizes the phrase "aging with grace." He has been a regular part of the volunteer mailing crew since 2003 and is the preserve monitor for the Kreag and James nature preserves.

This city boy became attached to northern Michigan when he and his wife, Marie, first started taking trips to the Upper Peninsula. On their way home one year, the family took a detour to Cheboygan to look for property. "We ended up camping on the Sturgeon River and from there, we bought a parcel with 50 feet along the river." As years passed, another 100 feet of river frontage and an ever-improving homestead emerged. The Maximiuk family, which eventually included two daughters and two sons, developed their love of the north country one getaway at a time.

In 1980, shortly after retiring from a 35-year career as an Industrial Specialist with the Defense Department, John and Marie sold their downstate home and moved north permanently. "After Sunday church, we would take a ride to explore and absorb the different shades of beauty through the year," John says. He and Marie traveled extensively before she passed in 2001. Today, when John isn't visiting family all around the country, he not only volunteers for LTC but also the Petoskey Senior Center, and the Cheboygan Opera House. "I would like this area to remain the same for generations to come and not have it overrun by condos and big box stores. My contribution is minute compared to the enormous task of just trying to 'hold the line,'" he believes.





The Knee High Naturalist Box is one of nine theme-based boxes available for loan through the Conservancy. Visit the education page of [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) to see all nine and consider one for your summer education program, play group, or supplemental summer education.

Alison:

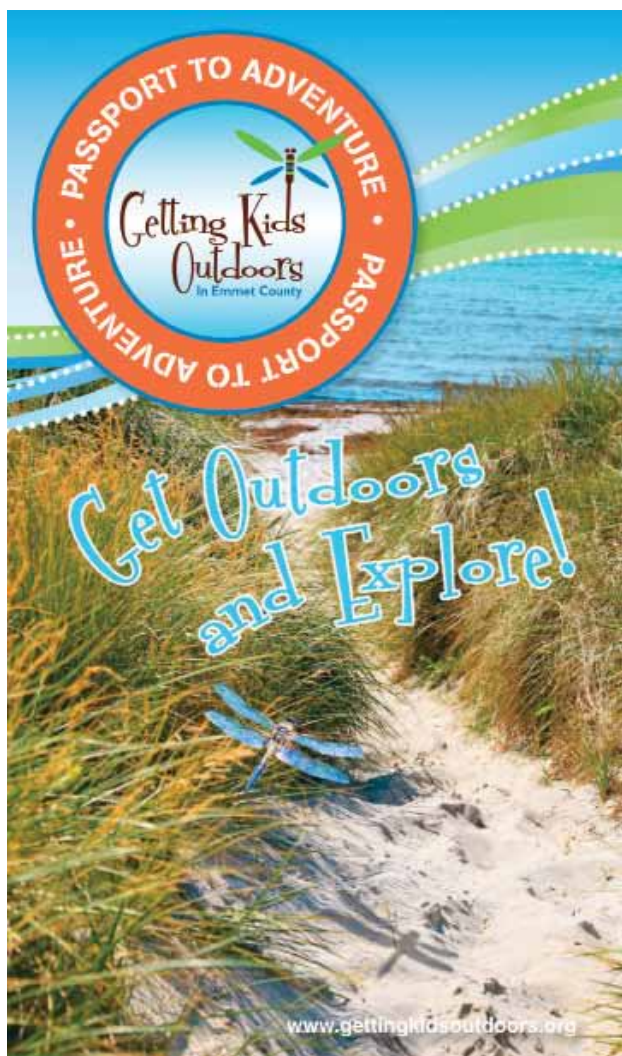
I wanted to share with you the most amazing story from this morning. It constitutes one of the most rewarding moments of my teaching career!

We had a smaller than usual group of kids at the daycare today. Four of these kids are considered special needs. I had the 'Knee High Naturalist' Discovery Box and read a few stories appropriate for their age. We used the puppets and some plastic bugs & other creatures as props. We then ventured outdoors with our nets. These kids were TOTALLY engaged and engrossed! It was amazing. Most of these kids have poor social skills and very short attention span. We brought a few bugs inside and watched them under the magnifying glass. The kids were amazed and amused. It warmed my heart so. I will never forget this morning.

Thanks again for all of your community outreach work. Please know that everything you do is very appreciated and makes such a positive impact on our precious children.

Sincerely,

Patricia Graham  
AAS, Early Childhood Educator  
Munchkin Manor



## About GKO's New Passport to Adventure

With help from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Frey Foundation, Getting Kids Outdoors was able to rejuvenate and update its Passport to Adventure, all new for 2012.

The Passport to Adventure, modeled after the DNR's Recreation Passport for kids and families, encourages children and their families to get outdoors and explore while promoting local events, programs, and nearby natural destinations in Emmet County and surrounding areas.

Along with a beautiful new cover, inspiring colors, and a creative design by Johnson Graphics, the new passport is complete with several new sites to explore throughout Emmet County and surrounding areas. These include the Bear River Valley Recreation Area, the Skyline Trail and the Headlands Dark Sky Park. A detailed map shows the site locations and offers suggestions for Destination #14, "Create Your Own Site."

The booklet offers tips on how to get started, principles of leave no trace, pages for notes to encourage sketching, writing, and observations. Each destination page encourages kids to write about their experience, pay attention to weather that day, and describe their discoveries through their senses. After visiting a site, participants are encouraged to ask for a stamp at the site to verify their experience. (If no one is available at a site, stickers can be obtained at any participating partner location.)

Don't forget to register your passport on the GKO website ([www.gettingkidsoutdoors.org](http://www.gettingkidsoutdoors.org)) for a chance to win a gift certificate for an outdoor related purchase. (It also helps GKO keep track of how many passports are out there being used.)

There is no time frame for completing a passport. A family or individual may complete the passport in one summer, or over the course of a year, or two summers. At the annual Spring Celebration hosted by various GKO partners, GKO provides certificates to those who have completed their passport, in addition to fun activities for all. No need to complete the passport to attend, all are welcome.

Get Out There!

# Summer Kids Outings

*This summer, we've expanded our summer environmental education program offerings into three age groups to best suit the broad range of development in the younger ages. All of these programs are offered at no charge, but space is limited and pre-registration is required to allow us to prepare supplies and make these quality experiences for everyone.*

## Knee High Naturalist Programs (for ages 3-5)

3 programs on Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30, 11:00-12:00 & 1:00-2:00 (unless noted)

All programs will be held at Spring Lake Park. Pre-registration is required by calling Alison at 231.344.1010.

**Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

### Sense of Wonder Journey

Children are born with a natural sense of wonder. Join us at the Imagination Tree where we will gather to read a book about the wonders of nature and use our senses to discover nature. Bring an interesting-to-you nature item to share and pass in the Wonder Bowl. Before our hike we will talk about what kinds of things we will discover in nature. Fun "journey sticks" will guide us on our walk and help us use our senses as we discover and explore. Children will leave with their own mini Wonder Bowls and Journey Sticks to take home as a reminder to keep nurturing their sense of wonder!

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Secret Spaces & Tiny Places

There's something mysterious to young children about the small things in life, enticing them to look more closely and wonder what life would be like if they were that small. Young children are curious by nature, and a little closer to the ground where the world of little things is waiting to be explored. After reading the inspiring book *Children of the Forest* we will go for a walk in the woods on our own quest for secret spaces and tiny places in nature. Be it beetle bugs, birds, or the elusive trolls and fairies, we will investigate, discover and explore the forest floor! Upon our return we will have our own attempt at creating mini shelters for fairies, bugs, and any other tiny critters! Bring your favorite mini friend to share in building your secret space (examples: GJoe, Polly figure, miniature animal, etc.)

**Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Stone Soup, Nature & Goop

The classic folktale *Stone Soup* will begin this fun nature adventure. During the story we will work together to make one big crock of stone soup. After reading, we will briefly discuss the topic of sharing and how nature shares with us. On our walk we will be the travelers in search of non-living nature ingredients to borrow for our own tasty stone soup. Children will be free to continue testing their culinary skills using natural materials. A mini mud kitchen and nature potion station will be available for unlimited sensory exploration and free play.

**Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Hangin' Loose w/ Nature

Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back with no specific set of



directions. Join us as we explore this fun concept through natural materials such as sticks, stones, mud, water and more! The children's book *Land Art for Kids* will inspire us in trying out our own creations like mini structures, making designs, or our favorite, making it up as we go. Dress for the messiness!

**Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

### Artsy by Nature

Nature is full of all kinds of magical designs, patterns, creations and inspiring things to discover. Meet us under the Imagination Tree as we explore the different ways art can be found in nature; the colorful flowers and birds, patterns on insects and leaves, and other shapes and designs that occur naturally or with the help of animals. After a hike we will make some nature-inspired art of our own. Art activities include making magical nature wands (wizard wands), painting *WITH* nature and painting *ON* nature! We are looking for creative kids – *dress as artsy and fun as you please for this occasion!*

**Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Summer Celebration w/ Ron Fowler - 10:00am-12:30pm

Join us at Spring Lake Park as we celebrate the summer fun we've had at Spring Lake before our last nature session. Ron Fowler of Blissfest Music Organization and Petoskey Public Library will lead the way through story, music and song. Sing, dance and groove to the tunes and fun instruments as Ron takes us on a silly adventure that's sure to make you giggle! Stick around for more fun after music with Ron. **Bring a lunch, drinks will be provided if you please.**

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

### Jive to the Nature Vibe

After the fun at the Summer Celebration with Mr. Ron, we will surely be inspired by music! A lot of music is inspired by nature, just listen to the birds, the wind, the insects, the water...we could go on forever! Join us under the Imagination Tree as we talk about different sounds in nature and look at different types of fun instruments, even home-made ones! Then we will head into the woods, near the pond and around the park in search of music in nature. After a hike, we will head back to create a nature wind chime to take home.

## Junior Naturalist Programs (for ages 6-8)

2 programs on Wednesdays: 10-11:15 am; 1-2:15 pm

*In partnership with Walloon Lake Land Trust & Conservancy*

Each session includes a book reading, nature walk and activity. Please be sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have sunscreen and sunglasses. It is preferred that parents/guardians stay during program. To register, call Melissa at 231.344.1004.

**Wednesday, June 20**

### Wild Homes and Hideouts

Animals need homes too. Where do they eat, play, and sleep? Let's explore some different habitats and where critters find shelter. Where would you hide? Build a hideout for a critter or yourself in the woods.

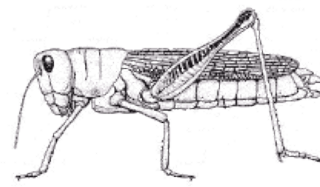
**Resort Township East Park**

**Wednesday, June 27**

### Creative Kids: Nature Art

Let's get our creative juices flowing! We'll do a variety of fun and art activities inspired by nature! Bring your imagination and wear clothes suitable for art activities!

**Resort Township East Park**



**Wednesday, July 11**

**Bug Safari**

**Resort Township East Park**

They fly, jump, crawl, and swim. They fascinate us and gross us out. Let's explore the world of bugs, how they live, and how important they can be! (We'll use nets to catch some and observe them up close.)

**Wednesday, July 18**

**Scavenger**

**Resort Township East Park**

They get a bad rap, but scavengers in the wild help keep our planet tidy. Let's explore the world of these scroungers and go on a nature scavenger hunt ourselves.

**Wednesday July 25**

**Water, Water, Everywhere!**

**Petoskey Waterfront**

Experience a variety of watery habitats at the Petoskey waterfront. Lake Michigan shoreline, ponds, and a creek are waiting to be explored by you! We'll visit the different watery habitats, look for the critters that call them home and finish off with a rubber duck race. Bring your own or we'll provide one for you. Wear shoes you don't mind getting wet. (Bring a picnic lunch and explore more on your own afterwards.)

## Adventure Naturalists Programs (for ages 9-12)

**Thursdays from 10 am to noon**

Appropriate footwear and clothing, extra water and sunscreen/insect repellent is recommended for all Adventure Naturalist programs. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required by calling Sarah at 231.344.1018.

**Thursday, June 21**

**Skyline trail hike**

**Skyline trailhead**

More than 800 acres of land and an elevation of more than 1,200 feet create dramatic views of the northern Michigan skyline. This section of North Country Trail winds up in a switchback pattern, just like climbing a mountain! A variety of wildlife calls this area home. We'll keep an eye out for smaller species, such as red-backed salamanders, as we hike to the scenic overlook that has must-see views of the Bear River Valley.

**Thursday, June 28**

**Mountain biking adventure**

**McCune Preserve**

Join Little Traverse Conservancy naturalist Sarah Mayhew and former professional mountain biker, Chad Wells, for this fun biking adventure through the McCune Nature Preserve! Chad Wells is the manager of North Country Cycle Sports in Petoskey and brings with him a wealth of mountain biking knowledge. This program is designed for children with an intermediate biking ability. Mountain biking experience is not required; however, the ability to ride a bike is. The trail is not extreme and hill climbing is minimal. Mountain biking is a great way to encourage kids to explore their natural surroundings and get outside in the summer months! LTC has a wide variety of preserves that allows biking. A mountain style bike is required for this program. Extra water, appropriate footwear and helmets are required.

**Thursday, July 5**

**Intro to Nature Photography**

**Spring Lake Park**

Love the outdoors and want to learn how to take better pictures? Grab your camera for some photo fun with naturalist and photographer Sarah Mayhew! Our focus is on helping you improve your nature photography skills and expand your creativity while providing you opportunities to photograph unique and exciting nature subjects. Any ability and camera is welcome.

**Saturday, July 7**

**Introduction to Nature Photography**

**Birge Nature Preserve**

Love the outdoors and want to learn how to take better pictures? Grab your camera for some photo fun with Little Traverse Conservancy naturalist and photographer Sarah Mayhew! The focus is to help you improve your nature photography skills, expand your creativity and provide opportunities to photograph unique and exciting subjects on the beautiful Birge Nature Preserve. This program is geared for ages 10 and up. Younger siblings are welcome with parental supervision. A short hike

will accompany this program; Please wear appropriate footwear and sun protection and bring water. Any ability and camera is welcome!

**Thursday, July 12**

**Intro to Wilderness Survival**

**Offield Preserve**

This course is an introduction to the skills and mindset needed in survival situations. We'll cover the importance of being prepared and informed before venturing out into the woods, as well as strategies for addressing a survival situation. Skills include shelter building, fire building and identifying the 10 essentials. Discussion will include the importance of attitude in survival situations as well as the need for self-reliance and sound decision making. The Offield Preserve offers a variety of maintained trails through a beautiful Michigan hardwood forest. A short hike will also accompany this program.

**Thursday, July 19**

**Creek Crawl**

**5-Mile Creek Preserve**

Take a walk on the creek side! With no established trail, this hike is for the adventurous child. We'll be exploring the creek up close during this adventure and may get muddy and wet. Where does it come from? Where does it go? Who calls this creek home? Although the walking is not extremely difficult, it is not as easy as walking a maintained trail and will require maneuvering over logs and through branches. Please be sure to dress for hiking in the woods.

**Thursday, July 26**

**Pontoon Crooked Lake & Hike Oden Island**

Come explore the Inland Waterway Preserve via pontoon boat! Take a hike on our Oden Island Preserve! Swim in Crooked Lake! This program will combine a little of all. Dress appropriately for getting wet and tromping through the woods. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Sunscreen, towels and extra water are recommended.

**Thursday, August 2**

**Berries-n-Bogs**

**Stutsmanville Bog Preserve**

It's blueberry time again! Come munch on some delicious Michigan blueberries that you pick while exploring and learning about what makes bogs so cool and interesting. The Stutsmanville bog is a very unusual and fascinating place that's a must see in northern Michigan! Long pants and appropriate footwear recommended.

## Stewardship Assistant Hired for Summer Season



Mike Lynch

This year we welcome Mike Lynch as the Conservancy's summer stewardship assistant. Mike is an Illinois native who moved to northern Michigan a few years ago when his parents retired to the Boyne City region. At that time, Mike transferred from Southern Illinois University to Lake Superior State University. This past December, he graduated from LSSU with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management. One of his influential instructors during college was Conservancy trustee Ashley Moerke.

Since moving north, Mike has been discovering a growing interest in the conservation world. He has held landscaping jobs for several years, gaining skills that make him well suited to the outdoor stewardship tasks. He is enthusiastically learning more about the broader conservation world during his time with LTC. "I look forward to taking my interest to a more professional level and branching out to learn how I might shape my career," he says.

Some of Mike's outdoor interests include fishing, camping, and downhill skiing, which is what brought his family north in the first place.



Michael Kent recently finished a GIS internship with the Conservancy as part of his coursework at North Central Michigan College.

## BEAVER ISLAND PRESERVE UPDATE Trail and Parking Area Changes at Little Sand Bay

The condition and maintenance of the long access drive extending far into the interior of the Little Sand Bay Preserve on Beaver Island has been problematic over the years. (We have received complaints about low-clearance vehicles bottoming out, and cars getting scratched by the junipers.) In general, we try to locate our preserve parking areas near road frontage in order to minimize interior road maintenance and vehicular impacts to the preserves. Little Sand Bay has always been an exception to this standard.

LTC has recently been approached by the Beaver Island Historic Society (BIHS) about the possibility of preserving or restoring an old house on the property. Known as Gallagher House (after the last occupants) and also as the Early/Doney Home, it is thought to be one of the oldest homes on the island, dating from Mormon times. Although building preservation planning with BIHS is yet to be finalized, LTC staff reasoned that reconfiguring the parking area and trailhead to be near the historic preservation site would serve double-duty for both preserve and historic site visitors.

In April, the old access drive was abandoned and blocked, and a new parking area delineated by split-rail fencing was constructed next to the historic homesite. The preserve name sign was moved to the new driveway entrance. LTC staff designed and cleared a new trail leading to the old trailhead. Volunteer Pam Grassmick subsequently mowed the new trail, which runs through meadow and juniper shrub habitat.

The reconfiguration of the trail adds 0.18 mile (950 feet) to the distance from the parking lot to the beach, so it is now a 2,300-foot-walk to the beach at Little Sand Bay. High School students from Beaver Island Community School recently constructed and installed trail-side benches as part of their senior service project, to provide resting and viewing opportunities along the somewhat longer trail.



Installing a new sign at the Little Sand Bay Preserve



Little Sand Bay

## Seeking American Kestrel Partner Volunteers

Little Traverse Conservancy has been approached by a generous donor who would like to launch an American Kestrel nest box program on our nature preserves. The American Kestrel Partnership, a project of The Peregrine Fund, is coordinating a nest box monitoring network all across the Western Hemisphere. This effort was started in response to steep kestrel population declines over the last few decades, and the many unanswered questions about kestrel biology.

American Kestrel Partners install nest boxes, monitor the nest boxes, and report the data to the American Kestrel website. Professional scientists will then analyze the data for environmental factors that might be influencing kestrel nesting success.

LTC would like to provide our preserves as host locations for nest boxes. Curtis, Goodhart, Elmer Johnston, Winston, Fochtman, Stutsmanville Bog, Cha-boiganing, Ransom, Rogers, and Jordan River could be good locations for Kestrel boxes. These are all in Emmet, Charlevoix, or Cheboygan counties. Once the program is established, we will expand it into the Upper Peninsula.

However, LTC does not have the staffing or resources to manage this volunteer effort, install or maintain the boxes, or collect the data. The monitoring and data collection program would entail weekly visits to each nest box, from April through July. Maintenance (cleaning nest boxes every January and adding fresh wood shavings) would also need to be done annually.

We are seeking a dedicated volunteer to set up and run this program on our preserves, and other volunteers to participate. Contact Cindy Mom at 231.344.1011 or [cindy@landtrust.org](mailto:cindy@landtrust.org) if you are interested in becoming a Kestrel Partner.



Candace Stuart

## Dogs on LTC Preserves

Seems like more and more often these days we are asked whether dogs are allowed on our nature preserves, and if so, if they must be leashed. The answer is YES, dogs are allowed on our preserves, and YES, state law requires that dogs must be leashed. In fact, the leash requirement is both an LTC rule and a State law.

Only if a dog is "working" (e.g. leader dogs, hunting dogs, or dogs being trained to hunt would fit in this category) is it ok for them to be off-leash. Admittedly, it is difficult for us to effectively enforce this rule, but we hope that dog owners will be considerate of other preserve users and wildlife, and comply with our rules and the law.

We also expect dog owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs. This means carrying a baggie, picking up after the dog, and taking the waste away for proper disposal - not just flinging it into the woods with a stick. Another option would be to carry a small trowel and bury the waste. At our more popular and heavily visited preserves near cities, such as The Hill in Boyne City, and the Offield Preserve near Harbor Springs, we have increasingly been receiving complaints about dogs that are off-leash, or about large quantities of dog waste on the preserve. We plan to post special signs stating the leash rule at these (and possibly other) preserves soon.

## Meet our 2012 AmeriCorps Stewardship Technician

### Katherine Brown

The Conservancy is pleased to welcome Katherine Brown to our office for a six month position through the Huron Pines AmeriCorps program. Katherine is a recent Central Michigan University graduate where she double majored in Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) and Environmental Science with a minor in Leadership. Raised in Canton, Katherine attributes an excellent geography class and instructor for inspiring her towards an environmental career. "I could stare at a map all day," she says. An immersion in the college's Alternative Breaks program also helped shape her interests as she traveled and coordinated alternative spring and summer breaks to regions around the country where a social or conservation-related project was completed. Katherine is excited to learn new skills at LTC and appreciates the opportunities to work with several staff in all the departments.



## Join our Stewardship Work Days Crew!

We hold work days throughout the year, many of which are too spontaneous to publish in our newsletter. If you would like to be on our Project Volunteer list, we will send you an email to let you know about upcoming work days. Tasks include trail work, cleanups, invasive plant control, tree planting, and more. Also, keep an eye on our Facebook page where we post upcoming activities. Contact Cindy at 231.344.1011 or [cindy@landtrust.org](mailto:cindy@landtrust.org) with questions or to sign up.

### Little Sand Bay Knapweed Pull Charlevoix County, Beaver Island

**Wednesday, July 11, 2012 9 am – 12 noon**

Beaver Islanders, this one is for you. Help clear invasive spotted knapweed from the beloved beach and dunes at Little Sand Bay. Trash bags and disposal of the knapweed will be provided by the Beaver Island Association (BIA). Be sure to bring gloves and drinking water. A shovel or hand spade can be helpful, too. This work day will be rescheduled to July 12 or 13 if the weather is inclement on the 11th. Contact Pam Grassmick at 231.448.2314 (or Beth and Ed Leuck at 231.448.2196) for more information.

### Vermilion Point Knapweed Pull Chippewa County, near Whitefish Point

**Friday, July 20, 2012 - Dawn to dusk – choose your own hours  
and Saturday July 21, 2012 - Dawn to 3 pm – choose your own hours**

For the sixth year in a row, we will be pulling spotted knapweed at Vermilion Point. This high priority project is a cooperative effort of Little Traverse Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, Lake Superior State University, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Eastern U.P. Cooperative Weed Management Area, and will help keep Vermilion's habitat in shape for Piping Plovers and Lake Huron Tansy. This is a rare opportunity to stay overnight at Vermilion in the historic Life Saving Station barracks. Contact Cindy Mom at 231.344.1011 or [cindy@landtrust.org](mailto:cindy@landtrust.org) for more information or to reserve your spot.

### Kinglet Preserve Clean Up Charlevoix County, near Bayshore

**Thursday, August 16, 2012 9 am - 3 pm**

In September, 2011, LTC added a 32-acre addition to the Kinglet Preserve along U.S. 31 near Bayshore. Besides lowland forests and scenic roadside meadows, this preserve comes into our possession with a collapsed building. Volunteers are needed to help LTC staff achieve the scenic and wildlife habitat potential of this new preserve addition by cleaning up the old home site. Contact Katherine Brown at 231.344.1002 or [katherine@landtrust.org](mailto:katherine@landtrust.org) for more information or to sign up.

### Pigeon River Erosion Control Project Agnes Andreae Preserve Cheboygan County, just east of Indian River

**Saturday, August 25, 2012 9 am – 4 pm**

We've been staging a streambank erosion control project on the Pigeon River since 2009. While we thought the project would be wrapped up last year, we find that we still have a day's worth of work to place the final amounts of rock and gravel. Lots of volunteer help will ensure that this project is completed once and for all this year. Some volunteers will need to wade in the river (which is fairly shallow in this location). Although it's hard work, it is fun and rewarding too! Come for an hour or the whole day. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please call Doug Fuller at 231.344.1009 or [doug@landtrust.org](mailto:doug@landtrust.org) for more information.



Ed and Diane Strzelinski with summer stewardship assistant Mike Lynch clearing brush at the Rogers Family Homestead.



Boy Scout Troop 11 of Charlevoix (photo above and below) rode their mountain bikes from the Andreae cabin to the Banwell Preserve and hauled in boardwalk lumber for the Andreae/Banwell connector trail. Notice snow still on the ground!





Darrell Amlin

Bill and Treva Breuch

## Bill and Treva Breuch

*LTC Members since 1980*

In the early 1900s, Treva Breuch's grandfather's brother came to Douglas Lake and set in motion more than 100 years of return visits to the lake. At first, travel from the family's home state of Indiana was by train, with horse and buggy their final transport to the lake.

In 1938, Treva's grandfather joined his brother and started renting on the lake, buying his own land a decade later. While Treva's mother died when she was very young, she and her four sisters continued to come north with other family members. Today, three of her sisters live permanently on Douglas Lake near the original family land.

Treva and Bill met at the University of Wisconsin when Bill was Treva's first blind date as a freshman in 1956. "I have been up here literally every year since the spring of 1957," Bill says.

In 1979, The Breuchs bought their own land up north and in 1980, they were introduced to Little Traverse Conservancy through LTC trustee Tom Pointner. They've been members ever since. "With 40% of the lakeshore owned by University of Michigan, Douglas Lake is unique," Bill says.

*As part of featured stories during this 40th anniversary year, we will be highlighting longtime members of Little Traverse Conservancy in every newsletter issue. These and other interviews will be posted on the LTC website as well. Volunteer Marty Amlin conducted these interviews on behalf of LTC and her husband, Darrell, took the photos.*

"That is why we keep coming back. We just get the Conservancy map and find a new place to go."

Bill says that he has an "appreciation of the effectiveness of the organization. I'm the kind of guy that reads the annual report and looks at the numbers. Bailey has fulfilled the visions of this organization well. I'm very impressed. There are so many organizations after your dollar that it is important for me and Treva to feel good about the ones we support."

"Bill reads the numbers. I just go to the wild places," Treva adds. "Providing access to those spaces is wonderful. You can own a big piece of land and there's not a trail on it. But the trails where we can access those spaces are important."

Aldo Leopold is considered the "father of the land ethic" in the conservation world. When asked if she would share her own land ethic, she answered: "To me, a personal land ethic is such a broad issue and is something that you strive for and that evolves. But it is so engrained in you. I believe it takes a whole lifetime to understand what a personal land ethic is and what you do to carry it forward."

How do the Breuchs think LTC could get more people involved in its mission? Treva's advice to others is "just go out and enjoy. If you're an outdoors person, you can't not appreciate it."

Bill adds, "So, it's not like twisting arms. You either believe or you don't. And if you don't, you should."



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# Reflections...Tom Bailey

## Public Land

In the earliest years of the American Republic, land seemed to be an endless resource. Population centers were surrounded by vast areas of natural land, and the relationship of people with the land was an integral part of Who We Were as Americans. In the twentieth century, however, all of this changed. In the proverbial “battle of humanity versus nature,” humanity won. The land was settled. Predators were exterminated, rivers throttled, forests subjugated, and Wide Open Spaces became the exception rather than the rule. Americans moved to town in great numbers – and from being a nation with 90% of people living on farms in 1800, as the twenty-first century begins to unfold that number has dropped to about 2%.

Thus it should come as no surprise today that our principal challenge, as I’m fond of saying, is not so much to protect civilization from the ravages of the wilds but instead to protect what’s left of the wild from the ravages of civilization.

Here in the North, those lines can seem blurred at times. After all, a look around can lead one to believe that open land is still an endless resource. But a look at a plat map, posted “no trespassing” signs and other indicators show that the availability of large areas of land for recreation – whether our favorite outdoor activities involve hiking, hunting, or simply pausing for a moment to enjoy the quiet and the view – is not what it used to be.

People have been coming to northern Michigan to enjoy the abundant resources here for dozens and dozens of centuries. From the Native people who came by canoe each year to take up seasonal residence, to those who made the journey later by lake steamer and then train and more recently by private aircraft, folks have seen our area as a seasonal retreat since time immemorial. And there have also been those stalwart few who braved the winters, from the Native people who stayed year-round, to the “hivernants” of French Voyageur days, to those we now refer to simply as “locals.” The thing that keeps people coming back is the abundance, the bounty and the beauty.

The days of open land as an abundant resource to be taken for granted have long since passed. Michigan, blessed with more state forest land than any other state east of the Mississippi River, is better off than most states and so is able to make great strides in touting “Pure Michigan” to those across the country who may not know how blessed we are and how much enjoyment there is to be had here in renewing one’s connections with the beauty of nature and the joys of outdoor recreation. And while most people appreciate how blessed we are in Michigan to have abundant public land – and Conservancy land – which we can all enjoy, there are still a number of challenges.

Economic challenges often bring with them calls for liquidation of public land. Some public officials still subscribe to the 19th century view of public land as a commodity to be disposed



of rather than a resource to be treasured. There is the allure of “tax base,” too, which holds that if public land were only in private hands, government would reap more in taxes and somehow the cost of public services would go down.

Alas, while these 19th century ideas still have their appeal to some, a number of facts have been lost. In Michigan, most of what we now know as public land was once in private hands. Due to mismanagement, exploitation by speculators and the hardships of soil and climate, the land reverted to the state for non-payment of taxes. Good stewardship has restored much of this land to a much better state of health, and it is easy these days to forget that much of our public land base today is land that nobody wanted.

Of course there are serious issues about how revenues are shared between units and levels of government. The systems in place in Michigan for property taxation and revenue sharing can be likened to a haphazard patchwork quilt, a product of many changes over the years but not really well thought out. It is entirely appropriate to take a new look at these systems and to see how things have changed. It’s not only appropriate but desirable to refresh our approach to these vital public resources so that we can ensure that costs and benefits are appropriately allocated.

Our multi-billion dollar forest products industry and multi-billion dollar recreation and tourism industry could scarcely have been imagined by our Native forebears or the first European settlers who occupied this land. But they certainly would recognize the forests, shorelines, meadows, lakes and streams that draw people to the North Country as they have for dozens of centuries. I have a feeling that they would also agree that something would be lost in life if we were forced to give up those remaining open lands, those last vestiges of what this country was like when the character of its people sprang forth from the great abundance, hardship challenges, and incalculable rewards of life in a place that reflects Aldo Leopold’s observation: “Man always kills the things he loves, and so we the pioneers have killed our wilderness. Some say we had to. Be that as it may, I am glad I shall never be young without wild country to be young in. Of what avail are forty freedoms without a blank spot on the map?”



# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Summer 2012 Field Trips

LTC's field trips for 2012 are celebrations of the habitat diversity represented at LTC's nature preserves. Most outings will include an educational component regarding the habitat type listed after each description. All trips are offered at no charge unless otherwise noted. Participation is limited and registration is required for all trips by calling 231.347.0991.

### **Native American History Oden Island Nature Preserve**

**Monday, July 9 10am-noon**  
Hike the mile of trails on Oden Island with Eric Hemenway, historical researcher, who will share how inland waterways and wetlands were, and still are, of great importance to the Odawa. *Marshes & Swamps, Upland Forest, Inland Lake*

### **Geocaching Adventure Banwell Nature Preserve**

**Tuesday, July 17 1-3 pm**  
Get the whole family outside exploring through the woods and trails with a purpose. Learn new skills with the GPS unit or enhance your knowledge while searching for these hidden treasures in small groups. *Mixed habitats*

### **De Tour Peninsula Kayaking Thursday, July 26 10am-4pm**

Explore the richly diverse and scenic shoreline of the new 145-acre De Tour Peninsula Preserve by kayak. Near the Eastern tip of the Upper Peninsula, this preserve includes boreal forest, limestone cobble shores, and a coastal fen. Some kayaking experience required. Limited to 10 attendees (or a few more if we use tandem kayaks). Cost is \$65 per person, including kayaks, PFDs, associated equipment, and guide service. Participants pack their own lunch. Please reserve through Jessie Hadley at 906-484-4157 or woodswatercotours.com. *Boreal forest, Great Lakes marsh, cobble shoreline*

### **What Makes a Bog A Bog?**

**Friday, August 3 2-3:30pm**  
Join botanist Roger Knutson and LTC Stewardship Technician Mike Lynch on an in-depth adventure at the Stutsmanville Bog. The ¼ mile trail leading to an overlook of the bog will allow you to explore this unique habitat and all the life it contains. Attendance is limited due to the fragility of this habitat. Register soon! *Bog*

### **Forest Types of the Seven Springs Preserve Thursday, August 9 10am-noon**

Explore the 1.5 miles of trails at this unique preserve with Wildlife Biologist Glen Matthews. Glen will highlight the transition between upland forest and wetland lake-edge forest communities, and point out the natural springs feeding into Burt Lake. *Upland Forest, Conifer Swamp, Inland Lake shoreline*

### **Mountain Bike Goodhart Farms Wednesday, August 15 1-3 pm**

Looking for a new trail to bike? Join Chris McKay from Latitude 45 for a guided ride. This is a fun, somewhat-hilly, singletrack trail about 3 miles long. Some experience suggested. *Farm field and Mature Hardwood Forest*

### **Vermilion to Whitefish Point Beach Hike Saturday, August 18 9:30am-4pm**

Join LSSU Biology Professor Tom Allan and LTC Stewardship Director Doug Fuller to experience this unique hike along the unspoiled Lake Superior shoreline. Starting at the historic Vermilion life-saving station, we will hike the beach for 8 miles from Vermilion Point to the lighthouse at Whitefish Point. Please note: this is a remote field trip and only those in good health should register. Be Prepared: bring plenty of water, snacks, sun cover, bug spray, appropriate footwear and foul-weather gear. Participation limited to 15 people so register soon! *Lake Superior Shoreline, Dunes, Wetlands, Boreal Forest*

### **Farmland Preservation Tour: Conservation Easements**

**Thursday, Aug 23 1-4pm**  
We will explore partnerships between local family farms and land preservation in northern Michigan while visiting three farms in Charlevoix County: Inwood Farm, Lakeview Ranch, and Martinchek Farm. These working farms are protected with conservation easements and owned by private landowners. Kieran Fleming and Jay Neff from LTC will talk about easements and LTC's experience working with farmers to protect their livelihood. We will then carpool to each of the farms for a tour given by the landowner. *Farmlands*

### **Mushrooming with Marilynn**

**Thursday, September 6 1-3 pm**  
A mushroom hike with local mycologist Marilynn Smith is a special treat! Be amazed by her vast knowledge of all things fungal as you wander the autumn woods. Location to be announced.

### **Paddling Exploration of Trout Lake Area Preserves**

**Saturday, September 8 10am-3pm**  
The new Anna Badgley-Little Trout Lake Preserve has 4,000 feet of shoreline frontage on Little Trout Lake, and the Muir Woods Preserve has about one mile of shoreline frontage on the Upper Carp River and Mud

Lake. Join LTC staff member Doug Fuller on a paddling outing to visit and explore these preserves from the water. This will be a one way, four-mile paddle with a lunch break along the way. *Inland Lakes & Streams, Swamps & Marshes*

### **Gorge Exploration**

**Saturday, September 8 10-noon**  
**UMBS Property, Cheboygan County**

Retired LTC board member and former UMBS Associate Director Mark Paddock will lead a hike along bluffs and down into a gorge. Learn about the importance of protecting land for wildlife and habitat corridors, ecology and natural history. Join us in venturing out into this unique habitat which includes scores of natural springs which form a large cold stream which empties into Burt Lake. *Upland Oak/Pine Forest, Lowland Conifer, Artesian Springs*

### **Legends, Labyrinths and Lore**

**Sunday, September 9 2-4pm**  
Join Jennifer Eis and Don Ward, authors and lecturers, for an educational walk-about at their 50-acre protected property. You will be free to explore the teachings of the Medicine Wheel, walk the largest turf Labyrinth in Michigan, sit in the Talking Circle or the coils of the Great Serpent. Interpretive signs at each of the features will allow for a self-guided experience. Arrive anytime between 2 and 4 pm and expect the unexpected. Due to the walking and fragility of structures, this program is not suitable for young children. *Meadow*

### **Archeology & Forest Ecology at Colonial Point Saturday, September 15 10am-noon**

Bringing back one of our most popular field trips! Mark Paddock will walk participants through the old growth oak stand at this premier preserve and delve into the cultural history of Colonial Point. *Old Growth Forest*

### **Beaver Island Natural Areas**

**Monday, September 17 2-6pm and  
Tuesday, September 18 9am-6pm**

Here's your chance for an intimate look at the Island's natural features. On Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday LTC staff will transport participants via van to visit and explore LTC's five Beaver Island Preserves as well as other natural areas. Local experts will be on hand to provide added insight. Bring a picnic lunch for Tuesday. Participation limited to 15; cost is \$25 per person for vehicle transport around Beaver Island. Information on travel arrangements to the Island, lodging, and food can be provided. *Great Lakes and Inland Lake Shorelines, Wetlands, Forests, Dunes, Unusual Plant Communities, Cultural Features*

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## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Every Thursday morning in July and August this summer, the Three Village Arts painting group will be out painting in the Little Traverse Conservancy's preserves and in the byways of northern Emmet County. All levels of artists are welcome. Come and join us! The group is sponsored by Three Pines Studio in Cross Village. For more information or an outing schedule, contact Candace Petersen at 908.675.0288 or email: [candacepetersen.art@gmail.com](mailto:candacepetersen.art@gmail.com).

Get the latest info about events, field trips and other special opportunities during this anniversary year.

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## Tom Bailey Inducted into Michigan Environmental Hall of Fame

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, The Michigan Environmental Hall of Fame inducted its inaugural class at a ceremony held at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids. Those inducted included Peter Wege, Grand Rapids; Robert "Bud" Slingerlend, North Branch; Tom Bailey, Harbor Springs; Theresa Bernhardt, Muskegon; and Gloria Miller, DeWitt. The Michigan Environmental Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Muskegon Environmental Research and Education Society.



*Pictured (front row from left): Theresa Bernhardt; Mary Goodwillie Nelson, daughter of Peter Wege; Terry McCarthy, Wege Foundation; Gloria Miller; and Carol Rose who accepted the award for Robert Slingerlend.*

*(back row from left): Greg Moss, Ruddiman Creek Task Force; Superintendent Gene Pierce, Tuscola Intermediate School District; Tom Bailey, executive director Little Traverse Conservancy; and Paul Steen, Huron River Watershed Council.*