



the A quarterly publication for members and friends of The Lands Council Legacy Circle.
LEGACY JOURNAL

Spring 2008

It's Not too Late to Reserve your Seat!

The Lands Council 13th Annual Auction & Dinner

Friday, April 18th, 2008
Northern Quest Casino
Doors Open at 5:30pm

Contact Kristi Fountain at kfountain@landscouncil.org or 509-209-2851 to make your reservation, donate an auction item, or volunteer on our auction committee.

Help us make this year's auction the best ever!



The Legacy Circle is comprised of exceptional donors who provide the resources and guidance to sustain The Land Council's long-term environmental protection work in the Inland Northwest.

Wildlife Supporter
(\$250-\$499 annually)

- A copy and recognition in our annual report
- Our "Legacy Journal" – exclusive quarterly newsletter
- Invitation to news briefings and special events

Forest Champion
(\$500-\$999 annually)

- Contributors receive the benefits above and...
- A special monthly e-newsletter
- An invitation to an annual reception to honor our highest donors

Watershed Sponsor
(\$1000 - \$4999 annually)

- Contributors receive the benefits above and...
- Opportunities for personal updates from our staff and Board
- Invitations to join staff and Board on "Watershed Tours" to visit special places The Lands Council is working to protect.

Bioregion Sponsor
(\$5000 or more annually)

- Contributors receive the benefits above and...
- Advance notice of key program initiatives and reports
- A personal invitation to an annual breakfast with the Board President and the Executive Director

— DIRECTOR'S LETTER —



Dear friends,

You can feel the energy of spring at The Lands Council. Our water and forest program directors are engaged in on-the-ground collaborative efforts to protect our public forests and waterways. Our environmental health staff is out in urban neighborhoods, protecting kids from toxics through screening and education. Our outreach and volunteer staff are engaging with community volunteers to plan for Earth Day in Riverfront Park, Spokane River Restoration Day, and other exciting events. The fundraising staff is knee-deep in membership renewals and planning for our 13th Annual Auction & Dinner on April 18th.

I have been working diligently to organize legal support and raise funds to argue a very important legal case in Federal Court. Last year, The Lands Council won the landmark Mission Brush lawsuit, stopping a timber sale on more than 3,500 acres of critical wildlife habitat in North Idaho and opposing the Administration's attempts to manipulate science for industry goals. Now, we are defending this important ruling. Our last hope to protect vulnerable forests and wildlife in North Idaho and set a precedent for the use of best available science in timber sale decisions across the nation lies in our ability to win this case.

The Mission Brush timber sale is a pivotal court case with national interest. If we lose this old growth forest, we could lose many others AND the ability to challenge future timber sales.

Your support is needed now more than ever to empower the Lands Council to champion forests and wildlife in the courtroom. If you have recently received your membership renewal notice, consider increasing your gift this year. I'll be sending another letter about this important case in April. Please give as generously as you can! Our wild forests depend on you.

Hope to see you at our Auction & Dinner on Friday, April 18th at Northern Quest Casino!

Sincerely,

Mike Petersen
Executive Director

THE LANDS COUNCIL

25 W. Main Ave., Suite 222

Spokane, Washington 99201

509.838.4912, fax: 509.838.5155
www.landsCouncil.org

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER PROFILE



Barbara and son Alex on a sea kayak trip in Alaska.

Barbara Morkill

Although she was raised in an urban neighborhood in Oakland, Barbara Morkill grew to care for the outdoors at an early age. Her father loved the mountains and took the family on camping trips in California and near Bend, Oregon. As the kids grew older, the family participated in Sierra Club backpacking trips. Barbara continues to ski and hike and exposes her own sons to outdoor adventures.

Barbara met her husband while teaching 5th and 6th grade in Bonners Ferry and, together, they slowly moved south, living first in Sandpoint, then in Coeur d'Alene, and now on 15 acres near Nine Mile Dam on the Spokane River. "It's the best of both worlds," says Barbara. "We have beautiful views in a rural setting, yet I can get to downtown Spokane in 20 minutes."

Barbara continued to teach in various capacities over the years. She and her husband owned a furniture store for 10 years. Now semi-retired, she has time to volunteer at The Lands Council and the Inland Northwest Land Trust. Son Alex is in his first year at Seattle University and son Garrett is a junior in high school.

Barbara has been a member of The Lands Council for three years and part of The Legacy Circle for the past two. Barbara notes, "I've always supported national environmental issues, but I really appreciate that The Lands Council works locally on a whole range of issues."

Barbara met her husband while teaching 5th and 6th grade in Bonners Ferry and, together, they slowly moved south, living first in Sandpoint,

Upcoming Events

The Lands Council River Restoration Day

Sunday, April 20th

9am-12noon

Meet at Sandifur footbridge in Peaceful Valley at 8:30am to check-in. Volunteer your morning to give back to the earth and restore the Spokane River for Earth Day! Bring gloves and wear work clothes. We will be removing noxious weeds and planting native species. Contact Audra to sign up to volunteer at akrislock@landscouncil.org or 209-2852.



The Lands Council

Quarterly Open House and Art Show

Friday, May 2nd

5-7pm

Enjoy food, wine and artwork at The Lands Council offices -- 25 W. Main, 2nd Floor (enter by Isabella's Restaurant and take elevators on the south side of the building). Guest artist: Ellen Picken

Save the Date!

The Legacy Circle Cocktail Party

Thursday, July 24th

5-8pm - The Lands Council Offices at 25 W. Main

Celebrate the summer with a party on the rooftop patio at The Lands Council. More details to come!

NEW LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS

Allan Bonney

Don and Dorothy Jacklin

James Kevin O'Halloran

Jane Schelly

BOARD MEMBERS

Caroline Woodwell
President

Tim Sweet
Vice President

Jim Harless
Treasurer

Bart Haggin
Secretary

Rein Attemann

Neil Beaver

Rob Benedetti, M.D.

Paul Fish

Jeff Hedge, D.O.

Jim Hollingsworth

Anne Martin

Mary Ann McCurdy

David Moershel, M.D.

Judge Jim Murphy

Mark Ostersmith

Mike Schnell

Janice Simchuk