



2008 Gala “An Evening on the Burning Plains”

The warm welcome from the Alderville Community Centre for the Land Trust’s Gala Dinner, set the stage for a wonderful evening of music, history and camaraderie. The Gala was held on Thursday, 31st January.

The Sugar Island Singers, a youth drum group, (*above*) greeted our guests with an authentic performance of drumming and chanting. It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of this young group of musicians.

The reception featured a selection of wines generously provided by Oak Heights Estate Winery in Warkworth. There was a Silent Auction with a wide variety of gifts and the menu included such local delicacies as moose casserole, bannock and wild rice pudding.

Councillor Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nations, and an avid historian, talked about the history of “Alderville and the Black Oak Savanna”.

Attended by 110 people, the Gala raised over \$5,000. We are very grateful for the generous support of all our guests, donors and sponsors (*see insert on page 2*).

The Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) is a voluntary program available to landowners who own four hectares or more of forest land, and who agree to prepare and follow a Managed Forest Plan for their property.

The deadline to qualify for a re-assessment under the MFTIP for the upcoming calendar year is **June 30th, 2008**. Your application and Managed Forest Plan must be received by that deadline. <http://ontariosforests.mnr.gov.on.ca/>

News from the Board

The Northumberland Land Trust has elected a new President. James Thomas, a member of the Board since 2003 will take over from Dr. Doug Galt. Mr. Thomas, a long-time resident of Cobourg is known for his work on the Rotary

Grateful thanks go to two members of the Board who are stepping down. To Dr. Doug Galt for his dedicated work in getting the Land Trust to where it is today and to Paul Peterson who has provided legal services and advice since the inception of the Board. Both plan to continue their interest in the work of the Land Trust.

If you would like to join our Board or become a Committee member we would welcome your interest.

NCC Donates McEwen Property to the Land Trust

The transfer of the McEwen Property from the Nature Conservancy of Canada to the Northumberland Land Trust is now complete. This picturesque 100 acre property in the Ganaraska Hills is adjacent to the Oak Ridges Moraine trail.

When the McEwen family generously donated the property to Nature Conservancy Canada, it was with the understanding that ownership would be transferred to the Northumberland Land Trust.



A Management Plan will be developed during 2008 to ensure the long-term protection of the property.

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 13th to celebrate this occasion—see over for the invitation.

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Family Day — Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre, May 10th, 2008

INVITATION



Photo courtesy of Dr. Brenda Beck

Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre

8000 Telephone Road, Cobourg.

NORTHUMBERLAND LAND TRUST'S "FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION"

Saturday, 10th May, 2008
9.30a.m.—2.30p.m.

You are invited to explore the Outdoor Education Centre and learn about the work of the Northumberland Land Trust.

- Guided Spring Walks
- "Green" Scavenger Hunt
- Pond Life through the Computer Microscope
- Refreshments
- Draws



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Individuals:

Rick Beaver, Dr. Brenda Beck, Joan Chalovich, Karen Chalovich, W.J. (Bill) Crowley, Dr. Doug & Cathy Galt, Elisabeth M. La Fontaine, Hon. Rick Norlock, Lou Rinaldi MPP, Bonnie Smith.

INVITATION

The Nature Conservancy of Canada and The Northumberland Land Trust invite you to join us as at the McEwen Property in the Ganaraska Hills as we celebrate its donation to conservation, and its transfer from NCC to NLT.

13 April 2008, 2 pm

The property was generously donated by the McEwen family in 2007 for the benefit of nature and for future generations of Canadians. NCC Program Manager Mark Stabb will lead a guided tour of the property's prairie remnants, Oak Pine Forest, and wetland areas.

Light refreshments will be provided following the tour.

Please RSVP to Elisabeth La Fontaine at operations@northumberlandtrust.ca

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LANDOWNERS AND DONORS WELCOME!

If you are interested in learning more about the Northumberland Land Trust with a view to donating a property or selling a piece of land to us for conservation, please let us know. We will put you in touch with the relevant Board Member who will meet with you and explain how you may be eligible for a significant tax benefit and the costs involved in setting this up for you.

McEwen Property Celebration—Sunday, April 13, 2008, 2.00p.m.