

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

For nearly 20 years the Deschutes Land Trust has relied on volunteers to help conserve land in Central Oregon. Those volunteers evaluate conservation projects, monitor and help care for our lands, help with fundraising, lead hikes and more. Their work helps maximize the Land Trust's ability to do great conservation. In short, we'd be lost without them!

Our 2014 Volunteers of the Year are great examples of volunteers who dedicate themselves to our mission and truly make a difference. Eva Eagle has been a Land Trust member since 2003 and a volunteer since 2005. A number cruncher in her professional life, Eva stepped up years ago to take the reins of the Land Trust's bird survey program. For nearly 10 years (half the Land Trust's life!), Eva has collected and analyzed the sightings submitted by volunteer birders from several Land Trust properties including Camp Polk Meadow and Indian Ford Meadow Preserves.

While Eva has donated many hours for other Land Trust efforts, the bulk of her hours have been dedicated to the bird survey program—1355 hours since 2005! The survey data has been critical in monitoring wildlife at the Preserves, as well as tracking the effects of large restoration projects like the Whychus Creek restoration at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.

"We sincerely value Eva's long-term dedication to the bird survey program. She has helped guide its development over the years and is always sharing intriguing and useful information with us about the bird communities at our Preserves," said Amanda Egertson, the Land Trust's stewardship director.

Thanks, Eva, for your expertise and commitment!

Although our other 2014 Volunteer of the Year is newer to the Land Trust, her contributions have also made a huge difference. Ginny Elliott has been a Land Trust volunteer and member since 2012. A former educator and self-proclaimed invasive weed devotee, Ginny immediately

jumped into the Land Trust's hike program and volunteered for the Weed Warriors.

To ground herself in the ecology of her new place, Ginny enrolled in Oregon State University's Master Naturalist program. At the same time, she volunteered to be the shepherd for numerous Land Trust hikes. Then, she joined the Land Trust's Weed Warriors, heading out to our protected lands rain or shine to pull invasive weeds. To top it off, she joined work parties and helped with other Land Trust events.

"We're thrilled to have such a jill-of-all-trades volunteer for the Land Trust! Ginny's dedication to the Land Trust has been top notch. We especially appreciate her weed-pulling zeal and the natural history she contributes to her hikes," said Sarah Mowry the Land Trust's outreach manager. **Thanks, Ginny, for all your time and energy!**



GINNY ELLIOTT, SUBMITTED PHOTO

EVA EAGLE, SUBMITTED PHOTO

HUGE THANKS TO THE 165 INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO DONATED MORE THAN 4,404 HOURS TO THE LAND TRUST LAST YEAR!

Cal Allen, Sue Anderson, Anonymous (10), Tom Atkins, Jon & Elaine Austin, Gary Bagwell, Jason Baker, Bob Barss, Jim Bauersfeld, Michelle Bergeron & Pat Gaunt, Sherry & Larry Berrin, Marilyn Bertran, Carol Bishop, Rod Bonacker & Maret Pajutee, Fran & Nancy Borcalli, Becky Boyer, Jeff Boyer, Rebecca Brown-Thompson, Robert Brunoe, Mary Campbell, Bob Chandler, Judy Clinton, Scott & Kristan Collins, Nancy Conner, Richard & Briar Cornuelle, Debra & Joe Coss, Mary Crow, Mike Cutting, Gretchen Dakin, Janet Davis & Mark Rogers, Byron Dudley, Eva Eagle & Bruce Bowen, Ginny Elliott, Kay Ellyard, Mike Emmons, Sharon & Robert Evans, Win Francis, Norma Funai, Corbin Genzler, Michael Graham, Bob Groves, Gus & Linda Gustafson, Daniel & Barbara Hammer, Jim Hammond, Jade Hartman, Collins Hemingway, Jan Hodgers, Dick Hollenbeck, Mike Hollern, Norma Holmes, Jeff Horton, Nathan Hovekamp, Betsy Johnson, Paula Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Frances Keels, Tammi Sue Knutsen, Mary Krenowicz, Kris Kristovich, Spencer Krueger, Sparky Lisle & Polly Gribbskov, Bruce Livingston & Bethany Rowland, Derek & Jane Loeb, Malcolm Lowery, Blake Lowrey, Anna Lund,

Laura Lusa, Martha Lussenhop, Paul & Barbara MacMillan, Kelly Madden & Rick Treleaven, Jay Mather, Joanne Mathews, Steven & Kim McCarrel, Daniele McKay, Gene McMullen, Jane Meissner-Ford, Gary Meyer, David Miller, Gary Miller, Carol Moorehead, Linda Morris, Corinne Muldoon, James Naibert & Jill Miller, Heidi Nichols, Jim Nicol, Jerry Norquist, The Nye Family, Gillian Ockner, Leslie Olson, Joyce Padgham, Dashiell Pare-Mayer, Kathy Parenteau, Karen Parker, Sisters Ranger District Youth Work Crew, Ginger Remy, Rimrock Ranch, Jan Rising, Bruce Rognlien, Stephanie Rohdy, Rick Rupp, Jake Schas, Sharon Selvassio, Linda Shaw, Katie Sheldon, John Shelk, Julia Sherwood, Bill Smith, Gail Snyder, Al St. John, Susan Stafford, Kirin Stryker, David Tenney, Bob Thomas, Rick & Linda Thomas, Terry Turner, Wendie Vermillion, Douglas Vincent, Melinda Walker, Carol Wall & Pat Kearney, Larry Weinberg, Bruce White, Dave White, Glenn Willard, Dougal Williams, John Williams, Fran Willis, M.A. Willson, Bob Woodward, Mandy Wyland, Mary Yanalcanlin, Brett Yost, and Jennifer & Andrew Zalewski.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The Land Trust welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors this year. Mike Cutting is a co-founder and retired president of Northwest Atlantic Partners, a national real estate brokerage and consulting firm based in Washington. Mike is a fifth generation Oregonian who grew up on a farm in the Willamette valley. He brings extensive experience in the real estate industry and a passion for Oregon to the Land Trust Board of Directors.

Glenn Willard is an owner and managing partner of the US office of Quick Feat International, a Hong Kong based apparel manufacturer. A Bend resident since 2001, Glenn brings years of international business expertise, as well as relationships developed in the outdoor recreation industry to the Land Trust's Board. Glenn enjoys camping, biking, snow and water sports, horseback riding, travel, and microbrews.

We also bid adieu to Board member Rod Bonacker. Rod officially joined the Board in 2005, though he has been a key part of the Land Trust since its founding in 1995. Rod served as a Board member for eight years, including two years as President of the Board during our acquisition of Whychus Canyon Preserve. His quiet mastery of complex natural resource issues combined with his innate leadership skills and boundless passion for the land made him an invaluable resource for staff and Board. Rod, thank you for all you've done, created, and inspired!



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