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RWLT Dinner & Benefit Auction Land Preservation – A Community Affair

This year the RWLT will be hosting its 3rd Annual Dinner and Auction on May 19th at Minos Village, Kingston. The RWLT continues to build on this very successful event.

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Simon Lunn, a former Parks Canada biologist who is fast becoming recognized across Canada for his nature photography. Simon will take us on a photographic journey through the Rideau Corridor highlighting many of the special places the RWLT has preserved. His



photographs will hold the audience spellbound as he tells of his adventures and speaks with passion as to why he believes it is so important to preserve some of the special places left in our community.

The RWLT is pleased that CIBC Wood Gundy, Kingston continues as the presenting sponsor of this wonderful event.

This year will be even more exciting so please <u>Mark This Date and Plan</u> to join us for a fabulous meal, a great guest speaker and a chance to meet all of our friends.

RWLT Annual Meeting

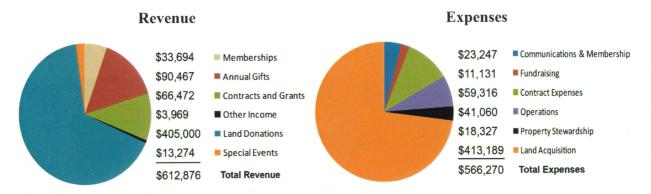
The RWLT's Annual Meeting will also be held May 19th at Minos Village in Kingston. The meeting will precede the dinner and we invite as many members as possible to attend the meeting and we invite everyone to stay to enjoy dinner. The meeting notice to members is included with this newsletter.

New Publication

As part of our ongoing public awareness program the RWLT has produced a new booklet that better tells the story of who we are, what we do and most importantly why people from the community support the RWLT. We have included a copy with this newsletter. If you wish additional copies to give to friends and neighbors please contact the office. The RWLT wishes to thank The Ontario Trillium Foundation and Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation for their financial support of this project.

2010 Financial Report

Thanks to great community support the RWLT continues to do well financially. In times of tightening Government budgets it is imperative for charities and other community organizations to grow their community support. The RWLT continues to expand its protected lands portfolio. With the addition of the Carter properties and Sugarbush Island the Trust has now preserved 18 properties for the benefit of the community it serves. It is also important that the Trust continue to meet both in short term annual operating costs and its long term land management expenses by growing its Endowment Funds. Looking ahead the Trust will be further developing its planned giving programs to ensure its continued growth. The charts below show the revenue and expense results from the last fiscal period as reported in the audited statements.



Leadership Circle

Like many charitable organizations the RWLT incurs operational expenses in the day to day running of the organization. These include the obvious expenses like telephone and insurance but sometimes it is the not so obvious that may surprise some, for example the cost of regulatory filings and year—end audits. Several years ago we invited our members to become members of the Leadership Circle by contributing \$1,200 per year in membership fees to be used exclusively for the operational costs of the organization. These people have shown true leadership and without them the long term survival of the RWLT would be much more difficult. Many have shown their commitment by joining the monthly giving club at \$100 per month.

The RWLT would like to thank:

- Karen Cooper
- Peter Gillespie
- Peter Hannah and Daphne Wretham
- Doug and Wendy Lewis
- Janice Ley and Eric Usherwood
- Bryce and Nancy Walker
- Vince and Elaine Watters

On behalf of all the members of the RWLT we congratulate these members. For further information on this program please contact Sharon at the office.

RWLT's New Operating Officer



On April 1 the RWLT welcomed back an old face when Dave Walker rejoined the staff as the RWLT's new Operating Officer. Dave has spent the last 10 years, first at the provincial level and since 2006 as the Executive Director of the Canadian Land Trust Alliance. Dave assumes the position of RWLT Operating Officer on a part time schedule at a time when charities in Canada are entering a period of great change. With new regulations governing charities and a new incorporations act being implemented by the Federal Government the RWLT is pleased someone with Dave's experience is returning to his community land trust roots. Dave will be responsible to guide the RWLT on all regulatory and financial matters over the next few years. In Dave's words

"I am glad to come back to a well managed organization like the RWLT and looking forward to continued growth as we all work to preserve special places in our community"

Dave will continue to be part of several national projects over the next while as he transitions back to community level land trusting.

Thanks to the following Individuals and Businesses for their support from January 1st - December 31, 2010

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Sugarbush Island Acquisition Completed

Sugarbush Island has been secured. In the early fall of 2010 the RWLT announced a capital campaign to raise the funds to acquire and preserve this ecological gem in Lake Opinicon. The friends and supporters of your Trust came through again contributing just over \$200,000 in 2 months. The island becomes the 18th property preserved by the RWLT and will be known as the James H. Fullard Nature Reserve, a noted biology professor who spent many summers at the nearby Queens University Biological Station. James was a favourite among his students and led many field trips to the island.



Thank you to our generous supporters who made this acquisition happen

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Canadian Land Trust Conference

The 2011 Canadian Land Trust Conference will be held in Kingston September 21 – 23 at the Radisson Harbourfront Hotel. After successful conferences in Ottawa, Quebec City, Halifax and Banff this is your opportunity to attend this event right in our own community. Three days of learning for land trust staff and volunteers from across Canada will kick off with a concert by Sarah Harmer. This Juno award winning artist continues to show her commitment to land conservation and will be joining the delegates and their guests for a live concert at Sydenham Street United Church. In addition to workshops and seminars by some of North America's leading land trust practitioners, the event will include field trips in the Kingston area, one of which will be hosted by the RWLT. This event is the highlight on the Canadian land trust calendar and if you would like to attend please contact Dave Walker at davew@rwlt.org.



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