

# The LAND TRUST NEWS

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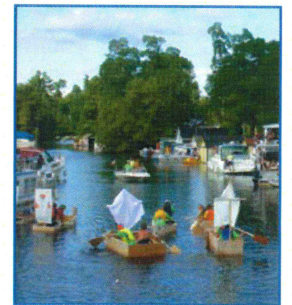
## Corn Roast 2006 Raises \$16,000

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the **Locks Rocked** at Chaffey's at our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Roast. The Rideau Waterway Land Trust Corn Roast is an annual fundraising event for the Land Trust.



This year two of our volunteers James Swartz and his daughter Allison organized a Boat Parade to kick off the Corn Roast. The Parade began at Indian Lake Marine and sailed to Chaffey's Lock. Crowds lined the locks to view the entrants and vote for their favourite boat. Watch for this event again next year.

The Fast & Furious Sea Trials event is an annual favourite. This year there were eight boats entered. The teams score points based on their craft design, the number of sponsorships they collect, and where they place in the race. The teams design their own seaworthy crafts and in less than three hours, they build their vessels and launch them. Cheering crowds line the lock offering encouragement to their favourites.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 52 volunteers who gave their time to make this Land Trust event a success. We would also like to thank the Rideau Home Hardware Building Centre in Smiths Falls who donated the Fast & Furious boat building materials, the Enbridge Gas Distribution Barbeque Team, Gavin Liddy, Superintendent of the Rideau Canal for Parks Canada, Township of Rideau Lakes Mayor Ron Holman for presenting the Fast & Furious trophies and last but not least Vince Watters, the lockmaster at Chaffey's Lock and his employees who work so hard each year to help us make this day a success. The event raised \$16,000 for the programs of the Land Trust.

Visit our website at [www.rwlt.org](http://www.rwlt.org) for more information on Corn Roast events and winners.



## Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Queen's University Biological Station, Chaffey's Lock - Thursday September 21st, 2006

The Land Trust volunteers and staff look forward to our Annual General Meeting and Dinner each year. This is one of the few opportunities we have to meet face to face with our members and supporters. The AGM begins at 5:15 p.m. followed by a reception upstairs at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be catered by the Fall River Pub & Grill again this year. There were many compliments from our members after last year's dinner. Paul & Michele (owners) will prepare a meal of healthy and flavourful organic food. Their motto "think global eat local". The menu is on the back of your registration form. Come and enjoy!

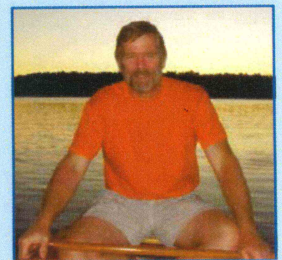
Our AGM Dinner would not be complete without our famous "Dessert Auction". For those who have not attended in the past, each Board member and the chef bring a decadent cake. The cakes are beautifully arranged on a display table so you may browse and carefully select your bidding favourite.

As the bidding starts, Auctioneer Dave Walker pounds away until the table with the highest bid wins their choice of dessert. Each cake is auctioned off to the last crumb. Of course all the proceeds go to the Land Trust. Yes we accept credit cards.

### Our Very Special Guest - James Raffan

**From Dunder to Devon Island - Reflections on sovereignty, change and citizen stewardship**

Close on the heels of summiting Rock Dunder this past winter, Seeley's Bay writer and adventurer James Raffan has just completed a journey through the Northwest Passage on a Canadian Coast Guard Icebreaker, on assignment for Canadian Geographic and CBC Radio. James, in a lively and informative slide presentation, will take AGM attendees from the Morton Cut into the summer ice above the Arctic Circle, setting the work of the RWLT in the larger context of climate change and citizen stewardship.



James is a gifted writer who loves canoeing. He will wake us up to our obligation to nature with reality and humour. We are sure you will enjoy this special evening with James Raffan.

### Rock Dunder - What is Happening?

The successful completion of the Over the Top for Rock Dunder Campaign was just the beginning for Land Trust volunteers. They began work on the road and the new parking lot in early Spring. Now the focus has switched to the trail work, clearing fallen trees and cutting back brush along the narrow trail paths. The summer heat and deer flies forced us to slow down but with the help of the Rideau Trail Association volunteers and many RWLT volunteers we plan to continue improvements to the old trail soon. This fall, we will also endeavour to pour the pads for the benches, which were donated by several of our supporters. Brad Johnson & Dave Walker have selected the picturesque vistas which will provide hikers a needed rest place.

**On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, the Rideau Trail Association and the RWLT will be celebrating the New Blue Trail on Rock Dunder. There will be Apple Cider at the first cabin and a short but rugged hike with the interpretive skills of RWLT Biologist Simon Lunn. We invite you to come and share a toast. There will be a \$5 fee. Mr. Stan Huff is the contact person for this event and he may be reached at 613-548-3003.

If you have not seen Rock Dunder in the fall, you will enjoy this trip. Please plan to come!

Directions are Highway 15 north from Kingston, (watch for the RWLT/Rideau Trail signs), turn left on gravelled road immediately south of Morton.

**Our Thanks to the following Individuals & Businesses who have renewed their Memberships  
or Become Members of the Land Trust from January 1, 2006 - August 31, 2006**

**Protector**

Vince & Elaine Watters

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Joseph Holmes  
Don & Nancy Hutto  
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Doug & Wendy Lewis  
Janice Ley & Eric Usherwood  
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Richard & Gwen Bunnell  
Nancy Cain & Gord Giffin  
Brenda Carter  
Bob & Wilma Chadwick  
Mark Chojnacki & Linda Nuttall  
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Evert Vanbolhuis  
Peter Walker  
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If your name is missing or misspelled please accept our apologies and let us know so we can correct our records

**The Importance of Memberships to Your Land Trust**

The Rideau Waterway Land Trust would like to welcome new members who have joined over the summer. You are joining a dynamic group of your neighbours and friends who share your interest in the preservation of natural lands in the Rideau Corridor.

A strong and devoted membership base is important to the Land Trust. Our members are an essential part of the funding for our projects and volunteers who are active in the securement of our properties.

The most important role a strong membership plays is that it shows funders and government agencies from outside the Rideau Corridor that our Land Trust has earned the support of the community. This support is an essential factor which funders and government agencies look for when they make decisions to support the Land Trust financially.

Although many of our members have renewed their membership for 2006/2007, we would like to remind those that have not yet renewed, or formally joined, to please take a few minutes to send in your membership form.

## A New Strategic Plan for the RWLT

Recently, the Rideau Waterway Land Trust made application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and received a grant to develop a new Strategic Plan. The Land Trust has grown considerably in the past three years and we do not have a current Strategic Plan, which addresses our growing support. The recent acquisition of Rock Dunder, for example, has contributed to a significant number of new volunteers and supporters. Specific attention will be paid to the development of an expanded volunteer management program to ensure our volunteers have meaningful tasks and a safe environment in which to work. Meeting this challenge will help ensure more volunteers and increased volunteer retention.

The RWLT current Board of Directors has done a remarkable job in guiding the organization through its formative years but a Strategic Plan is needed to manage the succession to the next generation. The plan will provide an extremely valuable tool in the recruitment of the next generation of Board Members as it will lay out what the organization is, what it does and where it is going.

During the process of developing this new Strategic Plan, you, as members may be contacted for input. Please help our team by freely expressing your thoughts and concerns regarding the work of your Land Trust, now and in the future.

### Our Board of Directors

Hon. Bob Rae, Honorary Chairman  
Peter Hannah, President  
Doug Lewis, Vice-President  
Frank Symons, Secretary  
Dave Walker, Treasurer  
Brian Gold, Director  
Joe Hamilton, Director  
Simon Lunn, Director

*An excerpt from the poem*

### Rideau Lakes

As summer shadows swing around,  
Begin to lengthen,  
Trees redden in the westering sun and  
Shadows obscure the morning shores  
That have echoed evening loon calls for several thousand years.  
Horizon trees serrate the bottom  
Of the engorged disc of red  
As it slides below the edge of the earth,  
To leave golden slivers of cloud,  
And hide behind the islands and far shore cliffs.  
There lurk the ghosts of Indian paddlers,  
Children's shouts on immigrant barges,  
Parasolled travellers of a century ago  
Along the rails of steamers  
As gone now as the swirling black smoke.  
Purples and ruddy greys in the sky  
Slip into the shades of night  
As we pause a while in the evening cool,  
And think of other seasons  
That led to this and will follow it -  
The greening in spring as hope is once again renewed,  
The scarlet orange testimony to departing life  
Around these shores in fall.

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The Rideau Waterway Land Trust believes the preservation of ecologically sensitive and cultural heritage lands is important to protect the natural environment and improve the quality of life in communities throughout the Rideau Corridor for the benefit of present and future generations.

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