



Newsletter

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LFP acquires site for Cole Memorial Nature Preserve

After years of efforts by the Stewardship Foundation and citizens of Lake Forest Park to save the headwaters of Brookside Creek, the City of Lake Forest Park has purchased the land that holds these headwaters, as well as other wetlands and open space. The two parcels, totaling more than 11 acres, were owned by Rob Hill and George Petrie. They will become the core of the Grace and Carl Cole Memorial Nature Preserve.

Grace Cole was our state representative. She also served for many years on the Shoreline School Board. The Coles believed in the principles of conservation. They were instrumental in giving the City another tract, owned by the Briarcrest Community Club, now part of the preserve, too.

One of the Stewardship Foundation's primary goals at its founding in 1998 was to preserve this open space. We mounted legal challenges to development in Lake Forest Park and in Superior Court. We held fundraising auctions. We wrote the application that won the first significant funding for the Cole Preserve. Even more important, our efforts focused on helping the community - and hence City Hall - become aware of the critical importance of the wetlands on this property to the health and vitality of riparian habitat, to the salmon downstream in McAleer Creek, to flood control and water quality everywhere between the headwaters and Lake Washington, and to the community at large.

This property has been purchased by the City of LFP using a variety of funding sources, none of which involve money from the city's General Fund. You may be aware that the General Fund is facing a critical shortfall over the next several years, and City Council and staff are under a great deal of pressure to make up for this shortfall by cutting costs and/or increasing revenues. However, they managed to purchase the land for the Cole Preserve without using the General Fund at all. Funding for the purchase came from three sources:

1. A King County Conservation Futures grant.
2. Revenue from real-estate excise taxes, which can be used only for capital projects such as land acquisition.
3. Funds from the state Economic Stimulus Package, written by Sen. Darlene Fairley. Acquisition of both the Hill and Petrie properties would have been difficult, if not impossible, without her efforts.

For more on the Cole Preserve, see our website at www.lfpsf.org.

Thanks to all of the members and friends of the Stewardship Foundation for your help and support in this effort. It would not have happened without you. We are looking forward to working with you in restoring the Cole Preserve to its natural state and in making it accessible and enjoyable by all residents of the City.

-- Doug Mitchell, President

A tribute to Bob...



The Stewardship Foundation has gained much by having Bob Simmons as a director these past three years. His wisdom, his facility with language, his political savvy, his incredible resources and personal connections helped this fledgling organization in its infancy. Now, he leaves the board to concentrate on writing and teaching. Even so, he has agreed to serve on our Advisory Board.

Notable among Bob's contributions was the enormously successful *Salmon's Guide to Lake Forest Park*. Often when he submitted one of his writing projects, he would say, "Let it bleed," meaning, "Don't hesitate to red-pencil my draft," even though he had already spent hours crafting it. This was so characteristic of Bob. He knew the main thing was our work, not our egos, and sharing ideas freely and frankly would make our collective work stronger.

Yuichi Shoda, fellow board member, recalls one scenario:

"It was a hearing before the Board of Adjustment. It was after midnight. The chair gave us 10 minutes to prepare a closing statement to sum up the arguments and expert testimony that had taken three weeks to compile. As we all huddled around Bob, putting in our two cents worth, Bob sat at the table and scribbled furiously. There was no question who would speak.

"Bob made a powerful and moving closing statement, coming out of a deep concern for the world we all share. When all the technical details and legal arguments were said and done, I realized that we draw lasting power from that deep caring within us. I learned so much from Bob."

We all have. We'll try to put the lesson to good use.

We luv ya, Bob!

**—Carol Dahl,
on behalf of the entire board and membership**

Foundation will use grant to hire part-time administrator

The Seattle Foundation has awarded \$5,000 to the LFP Stewardship Foundation to run its day-to-day operations.

This one-time grant will pay for a part-time administrative assistant, said President Doug Mitchell, allowing board members to focus on strategic planning, strengthening the organization to ensure long-term stability, and meeting new and old challenges in the community that are not getting due attention.

Candidates will be sought in the Fall to fill the position by year end, Mitchell said.

Calling all volunteers!

To help restore and develop the Grace Cole Memorial Nature Preserve, the Stewardship Foundation will host work parties in the near future. We'll be removing invasive plants, planting natives, clearing trails and clearing litter.

We'd certainly love to have you help us. If you'd like to help restore the site to its natural state, call (206) 361-7076, or drop us an e-mail at info@lfpsf.org.

Wanted: Silent Auction Coordinator

Yes, we are already planning the fifth annual Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation Benefit Dinner and Auction, which will be held April 26, 2003! Please consider this volunteer opportunity.

We are looking for a lead person for the silent auction part of this event. This person will organize the silent auction and be a key member of the auction team. Most of the work will come this Winter and Spring. It's important work, because this is our major fundraiser.

If you are interested, please call (206) 361-7076.

Graduation Day

Brookside pupils plant Coho fingerlings in creek

The children gathered beside the creek, each carrying a plastic cup, one hand shielding its precious contents. Ever so gently, each child released a tiny fish into the creek.

The little salmon had arrived at Brookside Elementary School as eggs, and hatched in the rearing tank there. Teachers and pupils watched over them carefully until they grew to about two inches long. This was graduation day.

The Coho fingerlings will stay in Brookside Creek or the larger McAleer Creek for the first year of their lives. They'll find food and protection there. Then they will venture on to Lake Washington, through the Ballard Locks to the salt water of Puget Sound and eventually on to the ocean.

In four to six years, some will return as adults to spawn in Brookside Creek, re-establishing the life cycle that had been interrupted by development so many years before.

Perhaps the children will be there for the class reunion.



Brookside School pupils Carter Osborne and Neal Walker released salmon fingerlings into the creek.

May 14 was a big day for the Stewardship Foundation, too. In conjunction with the release of the fingerlings, the organization kicked off its restoration of the salmon habitat in Brookside Creek. The project is funded by a \$49,000 Community Salmon Fund Grant, a collaboration of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and King County Waterworks.

More than \$23,000 raised at benefit dinner and auction

More than 130 members of our community turned out April 27 for the LFP Stewardship Foundation's fourth annual Dinner and Auction. Spirited bidding in the silent and live auctions brought more than \$23,000 to advance habitat preservation and restoration projects in Lake Forest Park.

Co-chairs were Mamie Bolender, Carol Dahl and Peggy Stephenson. They extended thanks to RE/MAX Northwest, CityBank and Custom Pure, corporate sponsors; to caterer Eric Gorbman, auctioneer David Espinda, musicians Doug Mitchell and Tom Kellock, and master of ceremonies Bob Simmons; to Victoria Gilleland for the floral table arrangements, to volunteers *extraordinaire* Marilyn Mogrige, Liane Newman, Eric Alef and Dee Simmons; and to "all our loyal donors."

Next year's date is already set: April 26, 2003.

Relax on a park bench, thanks to LFPSF donors

Lake Forest Park residents will have six new park benches and green spaces, thanks to those who donated \$5,000 to the "Fund a Park Bench and Mini-Park" project at the Foundation's 2002 Dinner and Auction. The feature was a late addition to the auction, and drew 32 bidders, who will be acknowledged on plaques on the benches.

Four were installed in June. The locations are: near the Cherry Hill Apartments on 25th Avenue Northeast at Forest Park Drive; overlooking Lake Washington on 41st Avenue Northeast at Northeast 165th Street; in the triangle just below Northeast 178th Street and 47th Avenue Northeast; and along Ballinger Way just west of 35th Avenue Northeast. Two more will be added this Fall.

Diane Yates of the Foundation's advisory board suggested the project as a special feature of this year's auction. The donors were: Lennie Barrere, Carol Dahl, Tom Elliott, Sen. Darlene Fairley, Patricia Fox, Jacqueline Gardner, Nancy Graves, Peter Gunby, John & Jill Gwazdauskas, Susan Hauth, Stacia Kirby, Liz Krzyminski, Simon Martin, Doug Mitchell, Mary Ann Odegaard, Roger & Connie Olstad, Gordon Orians, Mark Phillips, Barbara Renshaw, Brian Saunders, Polly Saunders, Jay Saunders, Kammie Saunders, Anne Stadler, Peggy Stephenson, Barbara Swan, Steve Teel, Sandy Thorsen, Coll-Peter Thrush, Ken Tippet, Nancy Wickstrom and Steve Wiper.

A committee was formed to consider maintenance needs, distribution throughout the city, proximity to walking routes, and materials. Members from City staff were Sarah Phillips, Tema Nesoff, Frank Zenk and Glenn Akramanoff. Mamie Bolender, Coll Thrush, Bob Blumenthal, Carol Dahl and Jean Reid represented the Foundation. David Hepp, landscape architect, drew site plans for each location. Victoria Gilleland selected the plants.

Mary Jane Goss and Mike Gannon coordinated the installation as part of Windermere Realty's Community Service Day June 21. With Foundation volunteers, 25 Windermere staffers installed the

benches of recycled plastic and planted drought-tolerant perennials. Windermere participants were: Barbara Arnesen, Mark Baker, Patricia Barber, Kris Barrows, Lisa Bentcover, Ann Bergstrom, Steven Brown, Christopher Byler, Courtney Cooper, Chet Crile, Bob Edwardsen, Ilene Eigenberger, Mike Gannon, Henry Goss, Mary Jane Goss, Mairead Harris, Ann Hovik, Rebecca Howes, Jan Leeman, Christin Leupold, Beverly Read, Maureen Richards, Elaine Sandbeck, Sherry Shefts and Jerry Wagner.

A crew led by David Hepp grubbed out blackberries and other invasive plants from Animal Acres Park to prepare for a new trail to McAleer Creek and a platform to observe returning salmon.

Foundation's first grant goes to Brookside School salmon-rearing program

Last year, when the Stewardship Foundation won a lawsuit involving the City of Lake Forest Park and a developer, the judgment included recovery of court costs. LFPSF directors agreed that this money should benefit the citizens of Lake Forest Park. The amount was \$1,100.

Last Spring, Brookside Elementary School custodian Rocky Fredell and Kevin Rodgers, learning resource coordinator, appealed to the Foundation for help. The chiller, which cools the water in the school's salmon-rearing tank, and the pump, which circulates the water, were about to fail. The estimated cost of replacing them: \$1,100.

The Foundation board approved the grant unanimously. Rocky will install a new system and rebuild the old pump and chiller, as backup.

"This is the first time we have been approached for a grant, said Mamie Bolender, director. "We are extremely pleased to aid environmental education in a local school."

To our contributors: We appreciate you!

The Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation heartily thanks these contributors to the 2002 Benefit Dinner and Auction. A special thanks to those (in bold) who donated to all our auctions.

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Steve Hartley, RE/MAX Northwest

It was our pleasure to be among the first sponsors of the Stewardship Foundation's Benefit Dinner and Auction. Its success will help the Foundation continue to implement its habitat-preservation projects that make this community unique. As residents of Lake Forest Park, we benefit from the Foundation's work in many ways, and we're pleased to support it. We are a full-service real-estate business specializing in Lake Forest Park and surrounding areas. Please consider us when you need any real-estate service.

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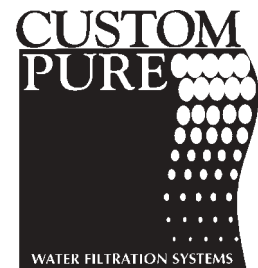
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