



Highlands-Cashiers LAND TRUST

"Saving Special Places since 1909"

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HCLT Annual Report

HCLT Conserves over 300 Acres in 2008!

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The mission of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust is to preserve the natural areas, scenic beauty, and green spaces of Highlands and Cashiers for the enjoyment and benefit of the public.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust has now been around in one form or another since 1883, but throughout those years our mission has always been "To protect valuable land resources for all generations."

To date, the Land Trust has conserved 57 places in Macon and Jackson Counties, over 1600 acres. These places have been conserved through conservation easements, land purchase, and donations.

During 2008 the Land Trust partnered with land owners to place conservation easements on five properties:

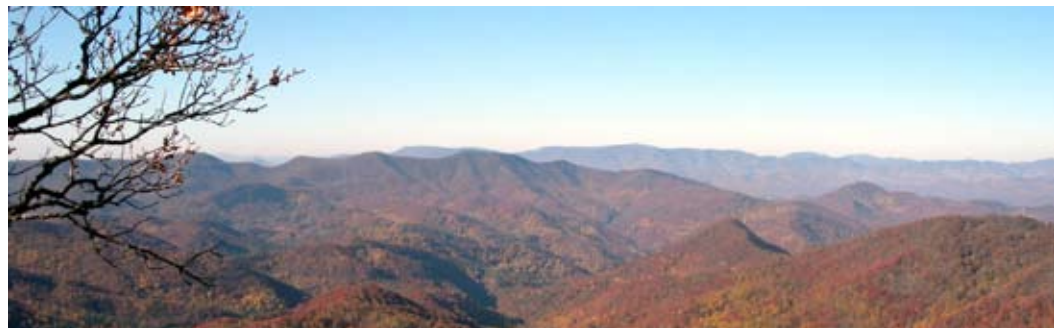
- The Mountain Preserve permanently protected 82 acres on the top and slopes of Little Scaly Mountain including a 400-year-old dwarf white oak forest. Tim Campbell and Jeff Murphy of Sylva, along with Tom Warth, made that happen.
- Greg and Amanda Gregory doubled the size of an easement established in 2004 to 55 acres. This easement is along Buck Creek Road and borders

on Carpe Diem Farms and the Nantahala Nation Forest.

- Bob Bryan placed his 52-acre Sapphire Sanctuary near Bald Rock in Jackson County into an easement that will protect a wonderful valley from development.
- With a Clean Water Management Trust Fund mini-grant, the owners of Double Top Mountain placed an easement on 62 acres that will protect the upper part of the Luker Branch watershed from development forever.
- Bob and Sarah Fenton put an easement on their three-acre parcel, called Inage, located on Hickory Hill Road. This beautiful tract protects a small stream that contributes to the drinking water supply for the Town of Highlands.

We also accepted three land donations. A group headed by Griffin Bell and John McKey donated eleven acres of forest that will provide a permanent green space along Highway 28 near

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Jackson County as seen from the top of Black Rock Mountain.



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By Mercedes Heller
 President, HCLT

It's Not too Late to Join the Century Circle

Most Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust partners know that 2009 is the 100th anniversary of the conservation of land in our area. As you recall, Satulah Mountain was bought in 1909 by a group called the Highlands Improvement Society. Led by President Marguerite Ravenel, \$500 was raised from citizens of Highlands to purchase the summit of Satulah Mountain overlooking the town.

In 2008, a group of dedicated HCLT conservationists formed the Century Circle to commemorate that upcoming anniversary. The name of this special group of conservationists is not coincidental. Circles can expand to become larger circles with more conservationists joining everyday. It is not too late for others to join that Circle.

Several noteworthy quotes reflect the reasons for the term *Circle* as this partnership was being formed. Albert Schweitzer said: *"Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace."*

A wise, observant Native American warrior and orator, Crowfoot, understood the significance of circles:

"You have noticed that everything an Indian does is in a circle and that is because the Power of the World always works in circles, and everything tries to be round. The Sky is round, and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball, and so are all the stars. The wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nests in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood, and so it is in everything where power moves."

And, so it is that we find ourselves entering a second century of land protection with renewed dedication following in the footsteps of those who preserved the summit of Satulah Mountain. In 2008 your land trust protected more than 300 acres of land with eight projects. An especially noteworthy project was the protection of yet another mountaintop, Little Scaly Mountain, through a conservation easement of The Mountain Retreat.

We have already begun to work on another 13 land protection projects that we hope will be completed in 2009.

Your partnership is very much appreciated at all levels of support, but if you would like to move up to the Century Circle conservation level, please call Julie Schott, Director of Development for HCLT, at 526-1111 or email julie.hitrust@earthlink.net for details. Our website is hicashlt.org. And, we hope you will join us in our many 100th anniversary events scheduled throughout the year. The schedule of events is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Brushy Face. Wycliffe and Marie Haynes donated the eight-acre Eskrigge Creekside tract that includes a portion of Clear Creek. R.B. Haynes donated a stellar piece of property just below World's End called the Eskrigge Beautiful View. Both of these properties are contiguous with HCLT's existing holdings on Satulah Mountain.

The Land Trust also turned over Cedar Cliffs, a 74-acre property purchase through the Natural Heritage Trust Fund last year, to the NC State Property office and the Department of Agriculture for their stewardship and protection. Acquisition of this site will protect six endangered or sensitive plant species.

Please thank and congratulate these folks if you should see them for their contributions that help to protect the "Places we all Love."



The Cullasaja Women's Outreach

awarded Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust a \$5,000 grant in 2008 to help with outreach efforts during our Centennial year. We would like to thank the dedicated

women of CWO for all their hard work and their many contributions to our community. Mercedes Heller, HCLT President, left, accepts a check from Linda Calahan. Photo: The Highlander



Mayor Don Mullen, center, signs the Proclamation making 2009 the "Year of Conservation" in honor of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's 100th year of land conservation. With him are

Gary Wein, Executive Director HCLT, and Mercedes Heller, President of the HCLT board.



Jackson County Commissioners declare 2009 the "Year of Conservation" in honor of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust conserving lands since 1909. HCLT is the oldest land trust in North Carolina. From left to right, back row: Commissioners Tom Massie, William R. Shelton, Mark Jones and Joe Cowan with Ann Austin, HCLT board member. Front row: Mercedes Heller, HCLT board president, and Commissioner Brian McMahan.

Fire on Satulah

On Monday afternoon, February 16, 2009, a forest fire broke out along Highway 28 south of Highlands on the lower slopes of Satulah Mountain. The fire burned through Tuesday evening and was finally put out by rains on Wednesday morning. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the U.S. Forest Service.



Photo: Krystal Cutshaw

The Highlands Fire Department, Cashiers Fire Department, the North Carolina Forest Service, and the U.S. Forest Service all participated in the efforts to put out a fire in a very difficult location. Some 50 fire fighters, two helicopters and a spotter aircraft were used to fight this fire. It burned approximately 35 acres of Satulah Mountain. About 20 of those acres are located in the HCLT Satulah preserve; the remaining acreage is part of the Nantahala National Forest.

"We haven't fully assessed how much damage was caused by the fire, but it seems the ridge south of Mushroom Rock was the most impacted," noted Gary Wein, HCLT Executive Director.

That part of the mountain has seen other fires, as evidenced by the presence of dead pines killed by previous fires. The plant community that occupies the ridge that burned is a heath bald, dominated by rhododendron, mountain laurel, blueberry, buckberry, scattered table mountain and pitch pine, and red oaks. This plant community exists because of thin acidic soils and low soil moisture, and is often maintained by past disturbance from fires and landslides.

Perhaps the acreage most impacted by the recent fire was the oak forest on the lower slopes along Highway 28. This fire appears to have been a cool fire, primarily burning off the leaf litter, and not rising into the canopy of the forest trees.

The Land Trust Staff will keep an eye on the burned areas over the next few months to determine the extent of the damage as plants emerge from winter dormancy.

Invasive Exotics

By Sam Chambers

The National Invasive Species Information Center classifies invasive species as non-native species whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. The Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia lists 1,482 plants as invasive in the U.S.



The invasive multiflora rose

The Highlands-Cashiers area is no exception. Macon and Jackson Counties have at least 41 invasive plant species. Among the most common and threatening are multiflora rose, Japanese knotweed, kudzu, oriental bittersweet, autumn olive, and English ivy.

Most invasive species are introduced intentionally for various uses including agriculture, landscaping, gardening, erosion control, and food for wildlife. Others are accidentally introduced with soils or other plants and seeds. Kudzu, a native of Japan, was used for forage and as an ornamental in the late 1800's. From 1935 to 1950, the Soil Conservation Service encouraged farmers to use Kudzu to prevent erosion. Multiflora rose was planted for natural hedges for grazing land and to attract wildlife. One plant that has been common even in the city limits of Highlands (especially near riparian areas), Japanese knotweed, was introduced for ornamental purposes.

Invasive plant species leave behind their natural predators, disease, or competitors. With no enemies and good growing conditions, the plants adjust to their new environment and spread. The populations continue to grow rapidly, out-competing native species, destroying wildlife habitat, reducing biological diversity, and reducing water supply. Rural economies can be damaged by the effects of invasives on agriculture and timber production plus aesthetics and property value.

There are four basic steps in reducing the impacts of invasive plant species: prevention, monitoring, control, and restoration. Before planting a non-native species, a person should know whether it might be a possible invasive in their area.

The best option is to only plant native species or species that are known not to be invasive. Researchers and lawmakers learn what plants could be invasive and take measures to prevent their introduction or spread. Populations should be identified, monitored and tracked to understand how, when, and where a species might spread in the future. This information is often reported by scientists and land managers via reports and the Internet.

Management or control can be done mechanically, chemically, or biologically. The mechanical methods include pulling, digging, mowing, pruning, or controlled burning to remove plants or prevent seed production. Chemical methods use approved herbicides to kill invasives. Biological methods involve using pests natural to the plant, such as insects and pathogens, to kill invasives without damaging natives. The fourth step is to restore

Local Businesses Partner with HCLT

Smart business owners know what attracts people to Highlands and Cashiers.

They realize that without the breathtaking natural beauty that offers respite from the hectic outside world, our communities would not be what they are today. By preserving local land that is not only beautiful, but also ecologically significant, HCLT is ensuring that we don't end up "killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

In 2008, many local businesses chose to support the important work that we do here at the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. In doing so, they did their part to help preserve the land that we all hold dear. We encourage you to remember these businesses throughout the coming year and, when you can, support our local economy by patronizing these and other area businesses. You can find a list of our 2008 business partners in the back of this annual report.

A fun and easy way to support our work AND our community is by participating in the upcoming 2009 Land Trust Day. On Saturday, June 6th, local businesses will once again have the opportunity to offer their support for HCLT by participating in our third annual Land Trust Day celebration. Through this event, these local merchants will donate a percentage of their sales from that day, so the more you treat yourself, the more you treat your community! Participating businesses will be announced ahead of time, so mark your calendars for June 6th and remember to patronize these merchants who are partnering with us in our conservation efforts

Know a business that would like to be involved? We are in the process of developing a new business partnership program, offering valuable benefits to those who choose to partner with us. Businesses in Highlands and Cashiers will be hearing more about this new program soon. If you would like more information about being a Land Trust Day participant, contact Julie at 828-526-1111 or Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net. Thank you to those businesses who are helping us to save the places we all love.

native species to managed areas before invasive plants can become re-established.

For more information on identifying and helping with the problem of invasive species, visit www.invasives.org, www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants, or contact Cindy Trevathan of the Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau at cindy@thetrevathans.com.



Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust 1909 – 2009

CALENDAR OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

We hope you'll save this two-page listing of events and join us throughout 2009 as we celebrate our first 100 years of land conservation.

May 9 ~ A once in a lifetime opportunity to **hike the entire length of the Kelsey Trail** from the end of 5th Street through Highlands Falls Country Club, Cullasaja Club, and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club to the top of Whiteside Mountain. Sponsored in cooperation with the **Highlands Plateau Greenway**, the hike is approximately five miles long with some strenuous stretches of trails. Lunch will follow at a scenic vista overlooking the "Big View" on Whiteside Mountain Road. Reservations limited. Call for reservations and ticket prices.

June 6 ~ The "**Highlands Improvement Society Social**" will take place in a scenic setting on Whiteside Cove Road offering a glance of life as it was around 1909. You will learn about the history of the Land Trust, its founding members, and its first purchase of land, the summit of Satulah Mountain. Enjoy a picnic dinner, cakewalk, horse shoes, and other turn of the century activities with music provided. Period costumes optional, but are encouraged. 6:00 p.m. Call for reservations and ticket prices.

June 7 ~ *Where It All Began*. Delight in "**High Tea**" on the summit of **Satulah Mountain** and enjoy a skit by **Elaine Whitehurst, President of the Highlands Historical Society**, as she portrays Marguerite Ravenel, the President of the Highlands Improvement Society, who played an active part in the purchase of the summit with funds collected from the citizens of Highlands in 1909. Bagpiper David Landis will entertain with music on arriving and leaving the event. Period costumes and kilts optional, but are encouraged. 4:00 p.m. Call for reservations and ticket prices.

June 18 ~ The **Zahner Conservation Lecture Series** features Ran Shaffner, author of "Heart of the Blue Ridge" as he recounts the history of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust from 1883-2000. HCLT Executive Director Dr. Gary Wein will complete the history and share our vision for the future of land conservation. Artist Rosemary Clark Stiefel, designer of the HCLT logo, will share her inspiration for the design of our new logo. Highlands Biological Station Nature Center, 7 p.m. Free to all.

June 24 ~ The Village Nature Series in collaboration with the **Village Green in Cashiers** features Ran Shaffner, author of *Heart of the Blue Ridge*; Dr. Gary Wein, Executive Director of HCLT; and artist Rosemary Clark Stiefel, designer of the HCLT logo. They will share the history and vision of HCLT, and discuss the inspiration for the new logo with the Cashiers audience. 6:30 p.m. Free to all.

June 25 ~ Pinnacle Party at the **Cashiers Historical Society**, which will include a dedication of the nature trail at the historic Zachary Tolbert house to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. This significant and permanent project of recognition for HCLT honors work done for public education regarding the identity and history of the use of trees by the founders of the Cashiers community. By invitation from CHS only.

June 26, 27, 28 ~ The **Highlands Historical Society** presents their annual "Walk in the Park" featuring portrayals of past Highlands leaders Samuel Kelsey, Professor Thomas Harbison, Baxter White, Henry Bascom, Dr. Mary Lapham, Margaretta Ravenel, and Mary Chapin Smith. Emphasis on the association of Smith, Ravenel, and Harbison with the Highlands Improvement Society and the founding of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust will be highlighted. Contact HHS for details.

August 22-October 17 ~ **The Bascom** invites you to their new campus to enjoy the works of painters and art instructors **Will Henry Stevens** and **Lamar Dodd**, who left legacies of inspirational beauty through their images of southern landscapes. The Bascom offers this show as a tribute to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's 100th anniversary. Opening night reception is provided by HCLT. Free to all.

September 7-30 ~ An exhibition of *Art Duplicating Art* at **Mary Adair Leslie's Summit One Gallery** features local artists depicting the beauty of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau based on the photographs that are used in HCLT's centennial coffee table book. A percentage of the receipts from sales will be donated to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. Free to all.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

September 17 ~ The annual HCLT awards celebration will be held at **The Bascom**. All HCLT partners are invited for a very casual supper to honor and acknowledge land and conservation easement donors. Music provided by John Warren. Reservations required. 6:00 p.m. Free to HCLT members; call for reservations.

October 17 ~ A fall **Pumpkin Fest** with contests for pumpkin carving, barbecue, hayrides. music by the Cashiers Music Company and old-time fun for the entire family. This fun event takes place at the working farm of Linda David, a member of the Board of Directors of HCLT, and her husband Kenton David. Pumpkins grown on the farm will be used for the contest. A cider press and other nostalgic demonstrations of skills required at the turn of the 20th century will be featured. Call for ticket prices.

Watch for traveling displays at the **Hudson Library in Highlands, Franklin Library, Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers**, and at the **Highlands Biological Station Nature Center**.

Details for these events are available from the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust at (828)526-1111 or by email at hitrust@earthlink.net. And, the details will be published on our website, www.hicashlt.org, in newsletters, newspapers, and other publications closer to the dates scheduled.

Please mark your calendars now as the summer months become very busy. We do not want you to miss a single event!

Congratulations to our trick-or-treat coloring contest winner, Emily Leonard.

When asked her favorite thing about Highlands and Cashiers, Emily, age six, replied, "I love the waterfalls." We have to agree with Emily; the waterfalls are pretty cool. Thanks, Emily!



ALSO COMING UP

2009 Eco Tours

Free to HCLT members, \$25 donation for new friends. Reservations required.

"come see what you'll discover . . ."

- April 21** ~ Rough Run Wildflower Hike (moderate)
- April 28** ~ Hambidge Wildflower Hike (easy)
- May 2** ~ Whitewater Wildflower Hike (challenging)
- June** (date TBA) ~ Birding with the Audubon
- July 10** ~ Geocache Adventure (moderate)
- Aug. 21** ~ Chimney Top Hike (challenging)
- Sept.** (date TBA) ~ Geology Hike
- Oct. 5** ~ Elk Excursion (easy)
- Oct. 23** ~ Stargazing on the Mountain (easy)
- Dec.** (date TBA) ~ Winter Botany Walk (easy)

2009 Village Nature Series

Free to all, no reservations required. VNS co-hosted by Village Green.

- May 27** ~ *Snakes & Ice Cream* children's program with Patrick Brannon
6:00 p.m., Village Green Pavilion, Cashiers
- June 24** ~ *100 Years of Land Conservation with HCLT* with Ran Shaffner, Gary Wein & Rosemary Stiefel
6:30 p.m., Cashiers
- July 29** ~ *Sustainable Local Agriculture* with Christine Bredenkamp
6:30 p.m., Cashiers. (In cooperation with J-MCA)
- Aug. 26** ~ *My Life in the Appalachian Woods* with Thomas Rain Crowe
6:30 p.m., Cashiers
- Sept. 30** ~ *Understanding the Black Bear* with Bill Lea
6:30 p.m., Cashiers

Other Happenings . . .

- April 25** ~ Celebrate Earth Day in the Mountains at Village Green Cashiers 11-4:00, rain or shine. Co-hosted by HCLT, J-MCA, UCWA & Whole Life Market. Free to all.
- June 6** ~ Land Trust Day. Spend a day on the town shopping and dining at local businesses that support HCLT. Participating businesses TBA.
- July 25 & 26** ~ Green Living Fair. Visit HCLT's booth at Highlands' own Green Living Fair, at the Rec. Center. Contact J-MCA for details.

Members and Donors, 2008

These people and businesses are the backbone of our financial support, and we are deeply grateful for their belief in our mission. We've made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the various lists. If your name was omitted, please let us know so we can give you recognition in our next newsletter.

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