



July/August 2005 News Bulletin

2005 Gathering

This is a reminder to mark your calendars for November 11 – 13 and plan to join your fellow land trusters at the 2005 OLTA Gathering. This year's Gathering will be held at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre on Lake Simcoe near Barrie. The line-up of speakers and presenters will include ***Tamara Van Ryn from the US Land Trust Alliance*** (LTA). Tamara is the Director of Standards and Research for the LTA and is project leader for the LTA Standards and Practices and the Accreditation Program. Tamara will present a workshop on Friday afternoon outlining the US LTA Accreditation Program with suggestions for an Ontario program.

Not to be missed is ***Andy Robinson's workshop entitled "Your Best Board: How to Find Them, Recruit Them and Turn Them Into Fundraisers"***.

Registration packages are in production now and will be sent out shortly. Let's have another sell-out this year!!

Fundraising Manual for Land Trusts Now Available

If you are preparing a fund development plan for your land trust, we can help.

The new OLTA Fundraising Manual for Land Trusts is now available. This informative manual will walk you through the step by step process of developing an effective fund development plan for your land trust. Watch the Ontario Land Trust Alliance website for information and prices on the Land Management manual as well. The manuals are available for \$30.00 to OLTA members. Contact Sharon at sharonw@ontariolandtrustalliance.org or 1-613-284-4646

Land Trust News from our Member Groups

Over the past year I have met, spoken to, or corresponded with many members of our community Land Trusts. Some people are volunteers and some are staff, but one thing they all have in common is they are working hard to learn and grow. Much information sharing happens at our annual Gathering, and monthly through the OLTA newsletter. Now there will be an opportunity for you to tell us what your organization has been doing. Blow your horn, introduce new people in your organization, let us know how you solved a problem. This will be your page. Enjoy.

Feature Land Trust of the Month.

Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust

2005 has been quite a year for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust. We started the year off with the registration of our first bequest from Miss Beth Harper. This bequest brings our total lands protected to date to 2,316 acres.

At our AGM in June we had a number of our Board members move on to other projects. Bill Salter, our Treasurer and Treasurer of OLTA, Mike Shackelford our Stewardship Chair, Cynthia Hyland, a founding member is moving to Perth and Tom Atkins moved on to the role of Past President. Andre Flys, Charles Sauriol's grandson has taken on the role of President. Don Prince, Land Securement Officer is retiring as staff and has joined the Board of Directors. To fill Don't big shoes, Robert Orland of Orland Conservation is now working for the Trust.

The Trust embarked on a new project this spring, securing a route for the Oak Ridges Trail to take the trail off roads wherever possible. This project is made possible with support from the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation and in partnership with the Oak Ridges Trail Association. To begin this important work the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust has obtained the services of a seasoned Trail Securement Officer, Mr. Alan Stacey. Alan comes to the Land Trust from the Nature Conservancy of Canada where he was involved in securing thousands of acres of ecologically sensitive lands. Alan has thirty years of extensive experience in conservation and has served as Chair of the Hamilton Conservation Authority and President of the Bruce Trail Association.

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