

# **KEWEENAW LAND TRUST**

## **1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

**June 28, 1999**

### **KLT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Greg Kudray, Chassell - President  
Michelle Morgan, Calumet - Vice President  
Pat Toczydlowski, Calumet - Secretary  
Dana Richter, Hancock - Treasurer  
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Jeff Flam, Houghton  
Terry Kinzel, Hancock  
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Doug Sherk, Eagle Harbor  
Christa Walck, Houghton



## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Prepared by Greg Kudray, KLT President

The Keweenaw Land Trust is three years old now and maturing as an organization. We have well-defined operational guidelines and a regular newsletter, and have accepted our first land donation and first conservation easement. But most importantly we have a growing and supportive membership and a dedicated Board of Directors. I'd like to thank the Board and the membership for their considerable efforts during the past year. The Keweenaw Land Trust is an all-volunteer organization; volunteers do everything that happens in the land trust.

I would also like to thank the Order of Masons. Their future-looking board recently donated a 30-acre wetland area to the KLT, our first property acquisition. The wetland is near US-41 north of Hancock and is biologically diverse with a large pond and many kinds of wetland plants. This site, close to town and easily accessible, will make an ideal location for a future nature trail. I would like to recognize Howard Anderson, a KLT member and member of the Hancock Chapter of the Masonic Temple, for his initiative in guiding this donation to KLT.

In addition, I would like to recognize Erwin and Janet Simi for a donation of a conservation easement on their property near Nisula. They have now guaranteed that 260 acres will always remain undivided and properly managed to produce high-quality sawtimber, while also preserving habitat and water quality.

Four of our Board members attended the National Land Trust Rally held last fall in Madison, Wisconsin. While partially supported by generous Land Trust Alliance scholarships, much of the cost of this valuable educational experience was paid directly by Board members--another example of their commitment to the organization and its goal of preserving the unique character of the Keweenaw.

We have also been an active participant with the Nature Conservancy in a statewide landscape assessment. This process will help the Nature Conservancy identify critical areas for conservation action and may result in a significant future effort in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Another noteworthy event during the last year was the creation of an endowment fund with the Keweenaw Community Foundation. This fund will greatly increase our ability to raise financial support for the permanent endowment necessary to ensure the long-term viability of the KLT.

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP (continued)**

In the past year we have also had fundraising events and a successful membership drive. We will soon be hosting our second annual Horsetail Scramble on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Churning Rapids. Last year the Scramble raised over \$2,500 for the endowment fund and everyone had a great time doing it. Many thanks to hosts Terry Kinzel and Sue Ellen Kingsley and everyone who contributed time or money.

The future is bright for the KLT. We're increasingly recognized among Michigan land trusts as an active and capable organization. We are working with both the Nature Conservancy and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs on separate properties that may be donated to the KLT in the near future. Several individuals have also contacted us about conservation easements or land donations. Thanks to everyone for working hard and giving freely in making this a successful year for the Keweenaw Land Trust.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared by Dana L. Richter, KLT Treasurer

Fiscal year 1998/99 (ending June 30, 1999)

### I. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

#### Revenues:

Memberships and member donations	\$4,310
Land Trust Alliance Scholarships (National Land Trust Rally)	800
KLT T-Shirt Sales	150
Total Revenues	<u>\$5,260</u>

#### Expenses:

Stamps and P.O. Box rental	\$ 314
Printing, copying, & supplies	415
Meeting expenses (annual meeting, workshop, reception )	245
National Land Trust Rally (KLT president & vice-president)	800
KLT T-Shirts	318
Organizational membership fees (LTA and MLUI)	175
Attorney fees	120
Liability insurance (LTA comprehensive - 2 years)	800
Indemnity bonding (KLT president & treasurer)	90
Incorporation renewal fee	10
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,287</u>

*Net Revenue 98/99:* \$1,973

Carryover from 97/98 \$1,850

*Current Funds Available* \$3,823

## TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Fiscal year 1998/99 (ending June 30, 1999)

### II. Statement of In-Kind Donations

Board members and volunteers contributed in-kind donations of time, professional services and out-of-pocket expenses:

819 total hours @ \$10/ hr	\$8,190
Attorney pro-bono services	300
Title Search pro-bono services	75
Miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses	<u>2,249</u>
Total	\$10,814

### III. Endowment Funds

Keweenaw Community Foundation Endowment Fund \$4,660\*

\* \$2,700 was raised by the Horse Tail Scramble fundraiser hosted by Terry Kinzel and Sue Ellen Kingsley.

### IV. Land Donation

In May 1999, KLT accepted a donation of 30 acres of wetland and forest from the Portage Lake Masonic Building Company. The assessed value of this property is yet to be determined.

*The KLT Board of Directors is grateful to everyone who donated their time, funds, and land to advance the mission of the Keweenaw Land Trust! Thank you!*

## **MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Members: Jo Foley, Sue Ellen Kingsley Terry Kinzel, Denise Marth, Michelle Morgan

### **I. Membership Activities:**

Current membership now totals 108 members (see pages 9-10). The Committee organized a membership drive, mailing more than 500 letters inserted in our December newsletter to households in Michigan and Wisconsin. Our membership increased by 40%.

In August, 1998, we had an information table and provided refreshments for hikers on a local field trip sponsored by the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

In May, 1999, we organized a nature walk and reception to celebrate the donation of a parcel of land by the Portage Lake Masonic Building Company (see Operations and Land Management Committee Report).

### **II. Fundraising Activities**

Our December membership drive yielded \$2770--\$1070 in annual dues which go to our general operating budget, and \$1700 in donations to the KLT Endowment Fund.

KLT held its first fundraiser, the First Annual Horsetail Scramble, on July 4, 1998. Over \$2500 was raised for the KLT Endowment Fund. Prizes and T-shirts were awarded. This event was followed by a great party.

The Committee designed and sold T-shirts with the KLT logo and slogan.

The Committee applied for funding from the Environmental Support Center and the Baraga Community Foundation to develop a strategic plan for KLT. Although our proposals were not funded, a professional facilitator has offered to donate his time and skills to assist us in developing a strategic plan.

### **III. Future Plans**

- The Second Annual Horsetail Scramble will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1999.
- Develop a map of private/corporate/public lands in this area; this map will be provided as a bonus to all who join KLT.
- Organize a tree-planting fundraiser next spring
- December 1999 membership drive.
- Develop our mailing list of potential members.
- Continue to distribute brochures and sell T-shirts.

## **OPERATIONS AND LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Members: Jeff Flam, Greg Kudray Michelle Morgan, Dana Richter,  
Doug Sherk, Pat Toczydlowski.

### **I. Projects**

This committee helped to complete two projects this year, and worked on several others. Last fall, KLT accepted a donation of a conservation easement from Janet and Erwin Simi. This easement protects 260 acres of beautiful northern hardwoods in southern Houghton County for the benefit of wildlife, while allowing selective harvesting of quality sawlogs. We would particularly like to thank Greg Kudray for preparing exemplary baseline documentation on our first easement.

In May, KLT accepted a donation of 30 acres of wetland and forest the Portage Lake Masonic Building Company. This parcel of land is located in northern Houghton County. With a 10 acre pond, it has great potential for both wildlife habitat and educational nature trails. We would particularly like to thank volunteer Janet Marr for preparing the property inspection.

### **II. Future Plans**

Very soon we expect to receive a donation of 220 acres from the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy. This property is located at the head of Keweenaw Bay in Baraga County, and it has excellent recreational opportunities for hiking and skiing.

Our committee has also been approached by other landowners who are considering donating either land or conservation easements to KLT. This includes a landowner with property on the Pilgrim River, and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which is interested in donating a parcel of Lake Superior shoreline near Eagle River in Keweenaw County.



## **PUBLICATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Cindy Drake, Emily Fiala, Terry Kinzel, Dana Richter, Christa Walck

### **I. Publications**

In 1998, KLT published three newsletters, up from two in 1997. We have worked to improve the layout of the newsletter as well as its content. To keep our members better informed, we initiated two features: In 1998, a President's report to update members on KLT news, and in 1999, an update on local activities that affect the KLT mission to preserve the character of the Keweenaw.

A draft KLT web page was designed, but is not currently on-line.

### **II. Education**

To foster outreach to the community, in August 1998 we prepared and presented a slide show on the mission of land trusts, and the mechanics of a conservation easement at NorthWinds Books in Eagle Harbor. On August 7, 1999, we will present another slide show at NorthWinds Books. In 1998, Dana Richter and Greg Kudray made a presentation to WUPFID, and in 1999 Kudray also made presentations to Yellowdog Conservancy and Trout Unlimited.

We have been working with the Daily Mining Gazette and L'Anse Sentinel to develop coverage of KLT activities by preparing press releases and meeting announcements.

An MTU student, Frank Alpeters, working as an intern with KLT, completed a preliminary management plan for the property donated by the Portage Lake Masonic Building Company.

### **III. Future Plans**

- Establish web site.
- Update brochures.
- Identify opportunities for outreach.

## 1999 KEWEENAW LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP

Steve & Judy Albee	Hancock MI
Frank Alpeters	Houghton MI
Kate Alvord & Kraig Klungness	Houghton MI
Howard & Selma Anderson	Hancock MI
Laura Anderson & Jackson Scholl	Kalamazoo MI
Donna Armistead	Hancock MI
Mike & Cathy Aten	Chassell MI
Janet & Bud Avery	Mohawk MI
Dave Bach	Hancock MI
Ron & Judy Backus	Hermansville MI
George & Merry Ball	Traverse City MI
Bruce Beaudoin & Gretchen Hein	Hubbell MI
Robert P. Beck	Cleveland OH
Nicholas Bell & Theresa Rekawek	Mohawk MI
Carol Berkenkotter & Jim Hefling	Houghton MI
Lynn Bjorkman	Calumet MI
William & Joanne Blumhardt	Houghton MI
Ted & Laurie Bornhorst	Houghton MI
Alice Boyce & Jim Boyce	Houghton MI
Kristine Bradof	Hancock MI
Marianne & Alan Brokaw	Houghton MI
Vi & Bob Brown	Houghton MI
Chuck Brumleve	Marquette MI
John Paul Carpenter	Houghton MI
Steve & Joan Chadde	Calumet MI
Janet Dalquist	Houghton MI
Becky & Bob Darling	Chassell MI
Evan Dixon	Houghton MI
Jeanne Dzik	Lake Ann MI
Emily & Frank Fiala	Hancock MI
Virginia Kemp Fish	Stevens Point WI
Jeff Flam & Cindy Drake	Houghton MI
Jo Foley	Calumet MI
Audrey & Paul Frair	Houghton MI
Sharon & Warren Gaskill	Black Earth WI
Andrew Geffort	Houghton MI
Lynn & John Gierke	Chassell MI
Friederika Greuer	Houghton MI
Rosemary Grier & John Welch	Pelkie MI
Dave Harmon & Susan Dlutkowski	Atlantic Mine MI
Chuck Harris & Diana George	Hancock MI
George Hartmann	Racine WI
Andrea Hauge & Loyal Bacon	Houghton MI
Geri Hawley	Ontonagon MI
Bonnie Hay	Mohawk MI
Hanne Hellawell	Hancock MI
George Hite	Eagle Harbor MI
Jackie Huntoon	Houghton MI
Georgiana Hurst	Marquette MI
Ann & Paul Kempainen	Hancock MI
Frank Kerwin & Sue Micensky	Negaunee MI
Phillip Kingsley	Bluffton OH

Terry Kinzel & Sue Ellen Kingsley	Hancock MI
Joseph Kirkish	Houghton MI
Nancy & Robert Korth	Gresham WI
Elisabeth & Ken Kraft	Chassell MI
Greg Kudray	Chassell MI
Jeanne Kurtz & Craig Kurtz	Houghton MI
William & Ethyl Larsen	Petoskey MI
Lawrence L. Lemanski	Lansing MI
Jerry Lenz & Mary Lou Lenz	Eagle Harbor MI
Eloise Liddicoat	Mohawk MI
Robert M. Linn	Hancock MI
Robert & Maria Macfarlane	Mohawk MI
Janet & Bob Marr	Calumet MI
Denise & Pete Marth	Pelkie MI
Scott McConnell	Calumet MI
Maxwell & Nancy McCrohon	Washington DC
Phyllis & Gary McIntyre	Hancock MI
Terry & Peg McNinch	Atlantic Mine MI
Michelle & Phil Morgan	Calumet MI
John & Gail Neufeld	Calumet MI
Gina Nicholas	Elmhurst IL
Bill O'Donnell	Hancock MI
Anne Okonek	Cornell MI
James M. & Leslie Eldridge Petersen	Whitehall MI
Candy & Rolf Peterson	Houghton MI
Susan & Robert Pleznac	Kalamazoo MI
Al Poffenberger	Fort Wayne IN
Betzabé M. Praeger	Houghton MI
Barb & Phil Quenzi	Atlantic Mine MI
Sue Raker & Fred Galloway	Calumet MI
Dana Richter	Hancock MI
Mark Roberts	Houghton MI
Nanno & Bill Rose	Houghton MI
Dave & Linda Rulison	Pelkie MI
Jon & Christine Saari	Marquette MI
Bruce & Maggie Sabol	Vicksburg MS
Steve Schmunk	St Paul MN
Joseph C. Schott	Dyess AFB TX
Samuel R. Schwartz	Ft Wayne IN
Dickie & Cindy Selfe	Hancock MI
Doug & Nancy Sherk	Mohawk MI
Jon & Ghazala Sherk	Lowell MI
Erwin & Janet Simi	Nisula MI
Allison Slavick & Randall Matis	Cable WI
Alice & Ted Soldan	Pelkie MI
Dennis Sotala & Shuly Rayberg	Calumet MI
Janeen Stephenson & Leonard Bohmann	Houghton MI
Pat & Dave Toczydowski	Calumet MI
Paul Tomasi	Mohawk MI
Peter & Patricia Van Pelt	Eagle Harbor MI
Christa Walck	Houghton MI
Vicki & Ray Weglarz	Allouez MI
Bill & Shirley Weiss	Alden MI
Harold Westcoat	Copper Harbor MI

