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## WALKIN' JIM SINGS FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE

Walkin' Jim concert raises funds for the Manitou Island Light Station Preserve

By Pat Toczydlowski

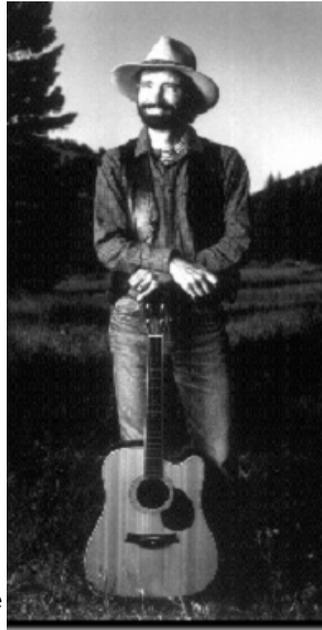
It was a dark and stormy night, but still about 170 people came out to hear one of America's most unique folksingers and backcountry travelers on tour from the mountains of Montana. Walkin' Jim Stoltz, who has hiked over 26,000 miles throughout the US over the last 30 years, brought his "Forever Wild" multimedia show to the Calumet Theatre on October 1st.

Jim began hiking as a teenager. His impetus was a short conversation with a

through-hiker he chanced upon while on a day hike on a section of the Appalachian Trail. He had no idea then that you could walk for months on miles of trails across the U.S. The seed was planted, and he has now hiked across the U.S. both directions more than once, including a trek across the width of the UP in the 1970's.

His presentation consisted of outstanding photographs from his hikes projected as a backdrop to amusing stories and beautiful songs composed on the trail and sung in his rich voice. He carries a small guitar with him on the trail, which once literally saved his life. He has hiked along the Continental Divide recently, and plans to hike in Alaska next year.

KLT raised \$850, part of our match in applying for funding from the Michigan



Lighthouse Assistance Program to support work at our Manitou Island preserve. While this is a tangible benefit to KLT, it is more important to have Jim's message heard. He is so passionate, humble and inspiring in his love for wild places and desire to protect them. He is a cofounder of the Musicians United to Sustain the Environment (MUSE), which use funds raised from their music to advocate for environmental protection.

Jim has toured extensively for over 17 years and was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's *Outstanding Achievement Award* for his sharing of nature and wilderness across America. Not only does he reach adults, but he has a special repertoire for young people. Jim reached about 800 K-8 area students with a message they don't hear often enough in an especially en-

tertaining and appropriate way. Joan Chadde, with the Western UP Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education, helped in scheduling Jim's "Wild Things Need Wild Places" assemblies.

KLT and Walkin' Jim were able to reach an even larger audience with an hour and a half of radio time on "Copper Country Today" with Darlene Basto, and with Maryann on WMPL, along with Davey from the Calumet Theatre. We also gained nine new members at the concert. Many thanks to all who helped bring Jim here and make his week here as pleasant for him as for us.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next KLT Board of Directors meeting will be on December 13th, at 7 PM in the conference room of the MTU School of Business. Open to the public

Please check out the KLT website for board of director meeting announcements, updates on other activities and events. [www.keweena.wlandtrust.org](http://www.keweena.wlandtrust.org)

## The President's Corner:

# Movin' Right Along....



What a wonderful evening. I'm talking, of course, about the KLT Annual Meeting held September 27, 2004. Not just that I was surrounded by friends and coworkers, but listening to Evan McDonald recount some of the accomplishments of KLT over the past year let me see that things I value

were really getting done even when on a day to day basis it sometimes seems discouragingly slow. Topping this was the inspiring presentation by Joe Youngman on the birds and migrations of Manitou Island. I had to remind myself to keep breathing during the slide presentation. It was humbling to realize that initially I had opposed the Manitou Island project; being of a cautious nature I thought we would be overextending ourselves. Fortunately, other Board members, especially Joe Kaplan, had the vision to keep pursuing it.

In addition to Joe Youngman's presentation, the membership present passed a couple of minor bylaw changes and elected three new members to the Board: Erik Lilleskov, Carol MacLennan, and Ann Mayo-Kiely. From my observation thus far they bring both energy and skill to the Board. We are very fortunate.



Our bylaws require that a board member step down for at least a year after serving two consecutive three-year terms. Under this rule, Emily Fiala, who has served for the past six years, did not run for re-election. She was an exceptional board member. We thank Emily and hope that she will rejoin in the future.

At a special Board meeting to elect officers, Pat Toczydlowski and Mark Roberts were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Joe Kaplan was elected vice president and I was re-elected president.

At our last Board meeting, after reviewing the funding available from recent grants and donations, we created the part-time position of Project Specialist for one year (see box below). We are now accepting applications and hope to interview in December and hire in January.

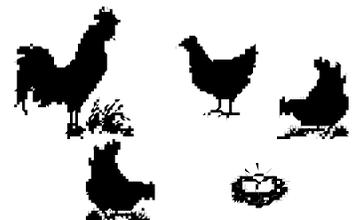
All in all this has been a busy and growing year for our land trust and the coming year promises even more.

**Job Opening: Project Specialist** - The KLT seeks a part-time project specialist for a 1-year position to work in our land protection program. An experienced individual is desired to help KLT develop 1) selection criteria for land protection projects, 2) methods for calculating project costs, 3) project evaluation and tracking procedures, and 4) templates and materials to help us institutionalize the improved procedures. Program improvements will be accomplished while working on land protection projects, either directly or via volunteer coordination, including landowner contacts, record keeping, baseline and conservation easement documentation, and land stewardship monitoring. Qualifications include experience with baseline and conservation easement documentation, ability to work independently, good verbal and written communication skills, computer skills, and willingness and ability to travel within Keweenaw Peninsula region. Visit our website, [www.keweenawlandtrust.org](http://www.keweenawlandtrust.org), for detailed position information.

### Late breaking news: KLT board takes a hike.

On an unbelievably sunny Sunday for mid-November KLT Board members walked over parts of 1400+ contiguous acres all designated as wetland, but including some uplands, stretching from Highway Location nearly to Calumet. The property is bordered by a number of properties that are publicly owned or privately owned but under conservation easement or soon to be so. It is anticipated that the current owner will place the property on the open market sometime next spring. This provides a relatively narrow window of opportunity for conservation. The cost would be substantial. While the vistas may not be quite as breathtaking as those of Manitou, protecting this large an area of valuable natural habitat, with many recreational opportunities would be marvelous. I would like to hear from any members with their ideas.

Thanks,  
TK



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Executive Director

## Meet Board Member Joe Kaplan

Joe Kaplan has been on the KLT board for three years and currently serves as the organization's Vice President. While on the Board Joe organized the efforts to acquire the Manitou Island Light Station for KLT. This project combines three of his passions; historical preservation, migratory birds, and islands.

Originally from Iowa, Joe grew up in the Detroit area, attended college at Michigan State University, and then bolted southern Michigan for the U.P. to work as a hawk counter and director of the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. Catching a wanderlust for migration, Joe spent five years working as a seasonal biologist in the western U.S. and abroad before returning to the Upper Peninsula to co-found a non-profit organi-

zation dedicated to loon research and conservation.

During this time he also coordinated a grass roots effort to establish a National Wildlife Refuge at Whitefish Point, the sister light to Manitou Island.

More recently, Joe completed a graduate degree in Forestry (wildlife ecology) at Michigan Tech and is preparing to teach a field methods course for the department this January in New Mexico. Other interests of his include salvaging old house parts, backpacking, and traveling on a shoestring.

Joe and his partner Keren are currently working to restore a Sears, Roebuck and Co. Modern House, one of 50 built by the Quincy Mining Company in 1918, a project they hope to complete before the house's centennial.



*Joe Kaplan as the Lorax on the Kingston Plains.*

*Photo courtesy J. Kaplan*



*Joe and loon at Seney National Wildlife Refuge.*

*Photo courtesy J. Kaplan*

## Nick Bell Remembered



Nick Bell, 46, a writer, teacher, triathlete, and KLT member, died in a cycling accident in Keweenaw County on July 23, 2004.

Nick's concern for the natural environment began early in life and was evidenced when he was about twelve and wrote to a local newspaper decrying "urban sprawl". The phrase was new then, but he knew what it

was doing to his community of down-

state Clarkston.

As a young teen, Nick lived with his family in Saudi Arabia where the Saudis were just beginning to realize that they needed to think beyond their oil reserves. Nick was made aware of this because his stepfather, a geologist, had been assigned to Saudi Arabia to research the economic value of an iron ore prospect in the northern kingdom.

Life overseas expanded Nick's awareness of environmental issues and, after getting a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management from Michigan Tech, he joined the Peace Corps. Posted in Liberia, he was expected to help the local people protect their environment. He and a counterpart developed a river tour, a park facility, and

a campaign to "Save the Baby Hippo."

Nick's step-father, William Liddicoat, was a descendent of one of the early families of Central Mine. Nick and his wife, Theresa, purchased and lovingly cared for one of the historic homes in Central. For the past five years they had been teaching at the American School in Budapest, Hungary, and spending summers in Central. They loved the land and beauty of the Keweenaw and planned to settle here permanently one day with their son, Will.

Nick wanted Will's and future generations to know and protect the Keweenaw he loved so much. His family designated KLT for memorial donations in his honor. We hope to do our small part in achieving Nick's wish with the memorial gifts received. Nick Bell Memorial Fund Donors are listed on page 7.

## Rare Plant Study at the George Hite Dunes and Marshes Preserve *by Dana Richter*



A rare plant grows on the George Hite Dunes & Marshes Preserve south of the Great Sand Bay between Eagle River and Eagle Harbor in Keweenaw County.

As a result of documenting the significant natural features on the preserve this spring, botanist and KLT member Janet Marr found several stems of the state-threatened *Pterospora andromeda*, known as pinedrops. Eagle Harbor Township holds the deed to this nature preserve and KLT maintains the conservation easement for protection of its natural features in perpetuity. The property was obtained principally with a grant from the Michigan DEQ and a generous donation from Eagle Harbor resident George Hite.

Pinedrops is a unique plant related to the Indian pipe that contains no chlorophyll. It is reddish-brown and grows as a single stalk from one to three

feet tall, and has no leaves except for tiny bracts; its flowers are small and bell-shaped along the upper part of the stalk. The plant is part of a complex association between the white pine tree and a root-symbiotic fungus, a type of underground puffball. The fungus obtains its sustenance from the tree and the pinedrops gets its sustenance from the fungus. Not a lot is known about the occurrence of pinedrops and the conditions for its growth. It does not come up every year and it is thought that white pine must be always present for it to grow. Populations in Michigan are disjunct, meaning the closest westward populations are in the Black Hills and the mountains to the west.

KLT board member and Forest Service scientist Erik Lilleskov was contacted by Chris Hazard, an Environmental Science and Forestry student at the State University of New York, to obtain information on potential sites to find pinedrops in the western UP for her master's study. Chris wanted to collect data in the vicinity of pinedrops on habitat,

cover of woody and herbaceous plants, soil and litter layer depth, elevation, slope, aspect, age of trees present, etc. A small amount of soil and a tiny bit of plant material would be collected for DNA sequencing. Since the non-destructive sampling would not harm the populations of pinedrops, KLT board member and forest scientist Dana Richter directed Chris to five sites known to contain pinedrops on preserved lands predominantly in Keweenaw County.

In early August, Erik accompanied Chris to the Dunes Marshes site and found 19 stems of pinedrops, the most at any site she has ever visited. It was the only site where pinedrops was found actively growing this year, and proved to be the best of all sites in Michigan. At 11 potential sites downstate, pinedrops was only found at one site, and that was a single stem. Therefore, the Dunes Marshes became a very important resource for Chris's master's study and for the advancement of knowledge surrounding this special protected plant.

## Paradigm Shift in Land Management at the Michigan DNR *by Dana Richter*

The Michigan DNR is beginning a new planning process for all state lands. The objective is to coordinate the planning and management of natural resources using the evolving principles of ecosystem management as defined by the Ecological Society of America.

Ecosystem management (EM) is a process that integrates social, economic and biological factors into a comprehensive strategy aimed at protecting and enhancing sustainability, diversity and productivity of our State's natural resources. Even spiritual values may be considered. EM does not focus primarily on "deliverables" but rather regards intergenerational sustainability as a pre-condition.



*The view at High Rock, an example of state land in the Western UP Eco-Region. Photo courtesy D. Richter*

A key component of EM is the recognition that biological and structural diversity and complexity strengthen ecosystems against disturbance and supply the genetic resources necessary to adapt to long-term change. EM also recognizes that current knowledge and paradigms of ecosystem function are provisional,

incomplete and subject to change.

There are four Eco-Regions in the state. A Western UP Eco-Team has been assembled made up of DNR personnel from the all divisions of the DNR to receive public input and construct the new management plan for the region. The first step was to identify representative area "stakeholders". KLT board member Dana Richter, as President of Copper Country Audubon, was invited to provide this initial input to the DNR Regional Eco-Team at a workshop conducted in mid October. This was followed by five public meetings across the western UP to gather input; the first was in Houghton on October 18th attended by about 50 people, many of whom were KLT members.

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## Recent KLT Success Stories

### Wisconsin Lighthouse District

(WLD) gave KLT a \$1000 donation to help support our Manitou Island Light Station Preserve. As part of a tour of the lighthouses of the Keweenaw and Isle Royale on the Keweenaw Star this summer, Suzanne Murphy, president of WLD, conducted a successful onboard fundraising event. KLT is most grateful for their generous support.

**Americana Foundation Grants KLT \$20,000** to support hiring a project specialist. Marlene Fluharty at Americana was pleased to announce the award, stating "We have confidence that this project will become a model for the protection of the special lands in Keweenaw and nearby counties." KLT is most grateful to Americana as this financial support and hiring a project specialist (position described elsewhere in this newsletter) will dramatically assist KLT's efforts for land protection and help us implement improved procedures.

**Lux Challenge met!** KLT exceeded our match requirements for the \$5000 Lux Foundation Challenge grant awarded earlier this year. We raised over \$5800 in increased donations, new memberships, and donations in response to our Lux Challenge appeal. Some of these funds will help support KLT's hiring of a project specialist. Many thanks to the Lux Foundation for challenging us!



*Sandra Palmore and Sue Haralson look on as Evan receives award from Marsha Klein. Photo courtesy Gina Nichols*

### Partnership Awarded \$1 Million to protect the Bete Grise Wetlands

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Michigan Chapter has been working hard to protect the important coastal wetlands at Bete Gris Bay near Lac La Belle. The goal is to protect about 1800 acres, using a phased strategy and multiple funding sources. TNC sought partners to assist with the project and brought in HKCD, KLT, and the South Shore Association as local partners. Jeff Knoop of TNC, Sue Haralson and Gina Nicholas of HKCD, Steve Beyer of MI-DNR, David Kenaga of the MI-DEQ, Christie Deloria and Mike Vanderford of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Evan McDonald of KLT have contributed to planning and preparation of various grant applications. In Late October these efforts succeeded as the National Coastal Wetland Conservation (NCWC) program of the FWS awarded a \$1 Million grant to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to support the partnership protecting the Bete Grise wetlands. The NCWC grants are awarded to states through a competitive process, funded by the 1990 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. Funds for the program are generated from excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat and small engine fuels. The fiscal year 2005 NCWC awards were announced in late October by Department of Interior Secretary Gail Norton, and the Bete Grise project was the only grant awarded to the state of Michigan in this funding cycle. KLT will hold a conservation easement on part of the acquired property and assist with the development of management and stewardship planning. Other grant support for Bete Grise is currently pending, and David Kenaga at MI-DEQ believes the application will be viewed favorably.



Objectives of these meetings were to identify community, local and individual issues and values in the Western UP that will guide resource management designs in the future. Among the prominent issues raised by the public were access and retention of state lands, hunting and fishing regulations and management, protection of threatened and endangered species, forest management and jobs. As can be expected at public meetings, individuals expressed considered viewpoints from all sides of the issues.

The Eco-Team is now in the process of integrating public comments into a comprehensive ecosystem management plan for the Western UP. Comments can be submitted to the DNR through November 2004 by contacting Gail Voldarski, WUP Eco-Team Support Services, 427 U.S. Hwy. 41, Baraga, MI 49908, or email to [voldarsg@michigan.gov](mailto:voldarsg@michigan.gov). The DNR is expecting to have the plan completed by early 2006.

### Friend of the District Award

On behalf of KLT, Evan McDonald was surprised and pleased to accept a plaque presented to KLT by Marsha Klein of the Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District (HKCD) at their annual meeting on October 9th. The plaque reads "2004 Friend of the District Award presented to the Keweenaw Land Trust. In appreciation of your staff and volunteers and the strong partnership established between the KLT and HKCD working on the Lizzadro Preserve and the Bete Grise Wetlands projects." Past KLT-president Christa Walck deserves much credit for helping forge the good relations between KLT and HKCD, starting with her pursuit of partners and funding to support the project that became the Joseph and Mary Lizzadro Lakeshore Preserve. This partnership continues and we are celebrating another very recent success...

## Notes from KLT Executive Director

# Division, Subdivision and a Patriotic Vision



The elections are over. I had been struggling to find a topic for my column, but I sensed that one would come, somehow, after the election. I think everyone, regardless of political affiliation, is disconcerted by the sharp political divide in our nation and our community. The election issues were real and legitimate, but how to approach them is where the stark divisions and disagreements arise. In the aftermath, the victors and vanquished all agree that we now need to heal the wounds, bridge the divide, and unite to work for the common good. I will try to speak to this. A theme throughout the election process has been patriotism, one of deep meaning but hard to define its full measure. I won't try, but keep it in your thoughts as you read on.

Seeing all the divisions brought to the fore during the campaigns, I thought for a while about issues that have served to unite rather than divide. I realized that I have never known a single issue as unifying as land conservation. I know local political partisans of all stripes (red, blue and green!) who have come together in support of land conservation projects in our community. The value of setting some land aside for recreation, for wildlife, and for heritage is clear without a political lens. Knowing lands will be protected for future generations touches people deeply. "I want my grandkids to know this place" is a sentiment widely shared. This desire and goal clearly unites people.

This year I attended a Land

Trust Alliance conference where Curt Meine gave a keynote address titled "Home. Land. Security." Say that title out loud for full effect. Powerful one word sentences, and more than just a play on the words we've heard repeatedly in the news. Curt reminded all of us land conservationists that what we do is central to taking care of our home -- our place in the world, the land we love -- and our security. Land is a critical resource, often taken for granted, and no more so than in the Keweenaw. Residents and visitors alike have grown accustomed historically to having access to private lands as if they were public. They came to know favorite special places, and returned to them for the sense of permanence and security they

invoke. Some of those properties have changed hands and "No Trespassing" signs have gone up, and people can no longer visit some of their favorite special places.

I had the honor and pleasure of joining a small group of local educators in an informal conversation with author Barry Lopez when he visited here earlier this year, and he touched on relevant themes. Barry said something that struck me deeply. At one point he spoke about how distorted the concept of patriotism had become in our country. Barry then turned to me and said that land trust work is patriotic.... what could be more patriotic than taking care of this land we claim to love? That was a sentiment that I had long shared but struggled to articulate.

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I know I said I wouldn't try to define patriotism, but now I will. If you **love** your country, *patriotism* is what that love of your country inspires you to do. If you love your home, this land upon which you walk, that reconnects and rejuvenates you, that you long for your children and grandchildren to know and cherish as well, what could be more patriotic than supporting its protection?

Now let me take this unifying issue and make it more tangible. Land conservationists and land developers often seem to be at odds, sometimes in competition for the same lands, and viewing each other with distrust. I heard a land developer state that he had no quarrel with land conservation groups. He thought the playing field was level for everyone. "If you want to protect a piece of land," he said, "Then buy it." Pretty straightforward, and the candor was refreshing. The mechanism is the same for everyone: if a private individual, a land developer, a conservation organization, or a government wants land for a given purpose, they each have to find a suitable property and buy it. This is very democratic. If you want to protect some of the last best places that you love, pull out your checkbook.

If the loss of access and the threat of land fragmentation concern us then we must act or lose more land to development. This is not a naked financial appeal, this is a naked truth. Up to now, KLT has operated by accepting donations of land or conservation easements, and

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## Join the Keweenaw Land Trust—Renew Membership

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### *Executive notes* continued....

looking for grant funding within partnerships to support land purchases. This will remain our mainstay approach, and we depend on those generous and valuable land and easement donations.

However, as the conservation window of opportunity closes, and as KLT matures, we may decide that some projects are important enough for KLT to purchase lands outright. This is a big leap for a small land trust, but that is the direction in which we are growing. I'm telling you this now to plant a seed. KLT will have these opportunities and we will turn to our membership for financial and moral support. I think we will have projects and goals around which to rally, and we will be united to accomplish them. I also believe most of us will agree that home, land, and security all need to be intertwined in our patriotic vision.

*Evan McDonald has been executive director of KLT since October 2003. He can be reached at 296-9720 or [evanmcdonald@keweenawlandtrust.org](mailto:evanmcdonald@keweenawlandtrust.org)*

## New KLT Members 2004—WELCOME!

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## Thank You to Nick Bell Memorial Fund Donors

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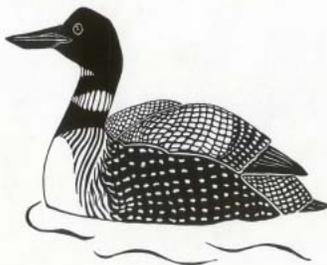
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### *Two NEW Ways to Support KLT!*



First, if you are buying outdoor gear, **Downwind Sports in Houghton is giving KLT 1% of total sales** proceeds for customers who purchase any item from the Houghton Downwind store. At the time of purchase, simply let the sales person know that you would like have 1% of the sale to go to KLT. We have registered KLT with the store and the sales person only has to print a second receipt to go into our folder. It's their way of saying thank you to KLT for protecting natural areas of the Keweenaw. **Thank you Downwind!**

The second way to help KLT is by buying a \$20 **Holiday membership pack** for friends and family. The pack features **greetings cards with cover art by local wildlife artist Ingrid Dockersmith**. Each pack includes 5 greetings cards with a **common loon** cover, 5 greetings cards with a **Kirtland's warbler** cover, and 1 large card with a common loon cover. They make the perfect gift for someone who has not yet learned about the wonderful benefits of KLT membership. The pack is also a great stocking stuffer for the person who has everything. These gift packs are available at the Einerlei in downtown Chassell and downtown Houghton, the Motherlode coffee shop in downtown Houghton, U.P. North Country on 807 Calumet St. in Lake Linden, Yams & Threads on 328 Calumet St. in Lake Linden, and Artis books in downtown Calumet. You can also call KLT to find out how to purchase the gift packs directly.

