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## SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS... HOPPING, AT THE NATURE TRUST OF NEW BRUNSWICK

His Honour **Hérménégilde Chiasson**, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, hosted the Twentieth Anniversary of the Nature Trust on May 26th, a sunny Saturday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. **Dr. Owen Washburn**, first president of the Nature Trust, presented a retrospective on the organization's history and accomplishments. Plaques were presented to **Mr. David and Ms. Rosi Jory** in commemoration of their gift of the Sea Dog Cove Nature Preserve which took place in November, 2006, and to **Greg Gillis and David Parkinson of AMEC Earth and Environmental**, which generously supported our Peregrine Falcon Fundraising Campaign during the winter of 2007. **Mr. Doug Jones of Remsoft**, a Fredericton forestry technology and software company, announced a large corporate donation to the Nature Trust. The event was attended by sixty supporters and all past presidents save for **John Henderson** (deceased). A big thank-you by President **Bob Dallison** was extended to His Honour for being our Patron, and to the many members present and not, for their support over twenty years.

The approval of two provincial **Environmental Trust Fund** grants reversed a slow start to the summer, when cutbacks to federal summer jobs were threatened. Ornithologist **Laura Minich** was hired to complete management plans and interpretive work for nine months and a collaboration with the **St. John River Society** was approved for a Green Infrastructure Plan and visual resources inventory of the Lower St. John River. **Caroline Lee** was hired as Nature Preserves Assistant for six weeks under the newly-named Canada Summer Jobs program to complete trail maintenance, web-page work and tours to various preserves.

With capacity building funding from the **EJLB Foundation**, intern **Caroline Bélair** was hired to prepare GIS-based maps of all the preserves. She was trained and supervised by **Stephen Engle** of the **Quebec Labrador Foundation** and **Centre for Community GIS**. In August, the Trust received approval of a **Habitat Stewardship Program** grant to further its land acquisition and conservation stewardship work on Peregrine Falcon habitat in the Bay of Fundy and Kennebecasis River. This work is now underway.

In May, Executive Director **Margo Sheppard** attended the Maine Land Conservation Conference in Wiscasset and

Brunswick, Maine. A full-day workshop on assessing and protecting visual resources started off the conference. The Nature Trust display made the trek down, and was also taken to the city market in **Fredericton** and to **Old Home Week, Woodstock** over the course of the spring and summer.

There was a good selection of trips/tours offered during the summer, starting out with one to Long Island on June 9, attended by thirty delegates to the **Nature NB AGM** in Saint John. **Laura Minich** led a tour to the **Caughey Taylor preserve** (Bocabec) on July 7th and the new **Sea Dog Cove preserve** (Summerville) August 9--a tour which drew over forty participants. We now have new stewards for the preserve: **Ms. Ida and Mr. David MacPherson** and **Ms. Debra Logan**.

**Hyla Park** (Fredericton) frog walks were held August 2, 8 and 19th and were led by **Caroline Lee** and preserve steward **Don Vail**. The Park trails were also groomed and blazed with white paint. A major workday was held on both the **Caughey Taylor preserve** (northern section) and the **Pagan Point preserve** on August 31st with students from **Renaissance College** in Fredericton. Wood chips were placed on the Pagan Point trail, the pathways were groomed and a beach cleanup was done. Thanks to the students and supervisors for their outstanding efforts, and to **Tim Henderson** and **Chris** at the **Town of St. Andrews** for wood chips and trash disposal!



Twenty years of Nature Trust Presidents gathered at Old Government House for a reception hosted by the Hon. Hérménégilde Chiasson on May 26th. From left: Dr. Michael Dillon, Mr. Bill Ayer, Mr. Ken Hirtle (incoming), Dr. Owen Washburn, Ms. Jessie Davies, Dr. C.Mary Young, Mr. Robert Dallison.

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