

# GREENBELT LAND TRUST LIVING WITH NATURE

## Greenbelt Receives Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, awarded accreditation to the Greenbelt Land Trust. Thirty-nine land trusts were awarded accreditation at a special inaugural ceremony at Rally: The National Land Conservation Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on September 19th. Rally, hosted by The Land Trust Alliance, is the largest annual gathering of land conservationists in the country. A list of accredited land trusts can be found at [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org).

“Greenbelt Land Trust’s accredited status demonstrates our commitment to permanent land conservation,” said Karlene McCabe, Executive Director. “Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program.”

The Greenbelt was part of a pilot program to test the accreditation process for land trusts. Over the past two years the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and their staff have worked closely with Greenbelt staff and board to review our operating standards and practices and determine if we met accreditation.

“Accredited land trusts meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever,” said Commission Executive Director Tamara Van Ryn. “The accreditation seal lets the public know that the accredited land trust has undergone an extensive, external review of the governance and management of its organization and the systems and policies it uses to protect land.”

“At a time when the public is demanding increasing accountability from nonprofit organizations and government, including land trusts, the new independent accreditation program provides the assurance of quality and permanence of land protection the public is looking for,” said Van Ryn. “Today land trusts can join museums, hospitals, universities and other nonprofit institutions that demonstrate that they deserve the public’s trust through rigorous accreditation programs.”

“We are proud to display the accreditation seal” said McCabe. “It lets our conservation partners, donors and landowners know that the Greenbelt Land Trust manages both our organization and our conserved lands using the high standards required to become accredited.” ❖

*This is the official accreditation seal that you will see in our printed materials and on our website to notify the public of our status.*



FALL 2008

### *Calendar of Events*

#### **Sat., October 11th, 8:30am-3pm Marys Peak Meadows Workday**

*We will partner with the Sierra Club and Siuslaw National Forest as we re-seed Marys Peak meadows with native seed.*

#### **Sat., October 18th, 9am-Noon Bald Hill Trail Workday**

*We will be doing trail restoration along the West Oak Savanna to the summit at Bald Hill Park.*

#### **Sun., October 19th, 9am-3:30pm H.C. Boardwalk Celebration**

*Carpool with us to Finley Refuge as we celebrate the dedication of the NEW blinds on the Homer Campbell Boardwalk.*

#### **Sun., October 26th, 9am-3pm Pigeon Butte Hike**

*We will hike with our friends from The Sierra Club and USFW on a fairly level and mild 3-mile hike.*

*For additional information on these events please visit our website events calendar at [www.greenbeltlandtrust.org](http://www.greenbeltlandtrust.org). For all events, please RSVP to Steve Lilly's cell phone at 207-5529.*



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The 6th Annual Kids Day for Conservation was another huge success involving over 40 organizations that created environmental projects for enthusiastic children of all ages. This year, our project encouraged over 300 children to craft rabbit, cougar and raccoon masks as we educated them about the importance of these animals and their habitats.



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