

# ANNUAL REPORT | 2019



## OUR VISION

The Kensington Conservancy will work to inspire all members of the St. Joseph Channel community to embrace positive conservation values that will promote the protection and preservation of natural ecosystems for all generations.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of The Kensington Conservancy is the establishment, development, maintenance and management of nature reserves and programs in the St. Joseph Channel for the conservation and preservation of the natural ecosystems.

## ABOUT US

The Kensington Conservancy is a land trust that works to protect lands and waters by purchasing property, accepting donations of land, and through voluntary conservation agreements. These protection methods are all aimed at protecting our precious landscape in perpetuity.

The Kensington Conservancy also believes that conservation and preservation can also be achieved through the good stewardship practices of all property owners. We work with local landowners, farmers, governments, schools and other organizations to develop programs that will promote greener and less intensive development, best land and water management practices, invasive species control, and low impact recreational activities.

Our membership includes residents of Canada and the United States who represent various interests including permanent and seasonal residents, government, business and the scientific and academic communities. As one of North America's few bi-national land trusts, The Kensington Conservancy is a registered charity in both Canada and the United States. The conservancy received Canadian charitable status in 2006, making 2019 our thirteenth year of operation.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all our membership, board members, supporters, and friends. I was hoping to greet most of you personally this year, but as I write this it seems unlikely due to border closures, and public health concerns. I do, however, express my gratitude to those who have paid their memberships. To those who sent “a little extra” to help us through these trying and unprecedented times, a sincere thank you!

Our conservancy still has obligations to our main constituents; the waterways, wetlands, forests, flora and fauna who are still very much in need of our oversight and protection.

During the year 2019, TKC became more of its own entity; known among the land trust community, and respected for our mission and vision in municipalities all around us. The Board of Directors held a “weekend long” meeting to discuss and solidify our Strategic Plan, a thumbprint of our protocols and intents for the next five years. We have acquired the west half of Coatsworth Island to nourish and protect for years to come, and are presently working toward bringing the east half of Coatsworth into the fold as well. Our 2019 summer programs were the “talk of the town” with many families hurrying to sign up. grandparents, mums, dads, and kids all enjoyed hikes through our preserved properties, especially the guided hikes that Carter gives so well! New signage and trail markings make our Foster Parkland and Walking Trails the envy of naturalists for miles around.

Autumn and winter reached Algoma with their usual ebb and flow, and are truly stunning seasons. Those who have enjoyed the privilege of seeing their property in the winter will attest to the stark and remarkable scenery.

With COVID-19 issues, we have been somewhat grounded, however our mission continues, and necessary work is being completed. Although the The Kensington Conservation Centre is closed, there are many ways to reach us, and we would love hearing from everyone to know they are well and coping. Please remember our projects with donations that keep us going over the year. My very best to each one of you, stay safe and well, hope to see you all as soon as possible.

ALICE HILL, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS







## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Protecting the environment has always been and will always be our mission. How we do it, is the fun part. There are many ways to accomplish it. Certainly, land protection is our most important and most direct way to protect the environment. Our latest securement, The West Coatsworth Island Preserve, thanks to a shared vision with the extended Welles family, helps to protect a provincially significant wetland with shallow bays and coves that are used as migratory bird habitat. This wonderful island protected in 2019 will forever remain a reminder of why we do what we do.

There are other ways that TKC protects the environment. Education is a way that we can have an impact on human behaviour. Changing unhealthy behaviours and helping to deepen an appreciation for the wonderful natural systems goes a long way in the quest for environmental protection. Think of all the people who do not use soap when swimming in our beautiful waters. A behaviour corrected!

Promoting healthy septic systems are another way we can make sure our waters and shorelines remain healthy. Working with the farming community to keep cattle out of the creeks works as well. Even using better sources for our heating and cooling needs increase our impact. TKC's wonderful geothermal system reduces our impact and sets an example of what can be done.

None of these things are done without your help. We value our members who share the messages, encourage us to continue to grow and work to our highest potential, and our supporters who make it possible to continue. TKC, is here for all, those of us here that see the benefits now, and all those who in the future will be able to see the importance of the work we do now.

Thank you for supporting our mission!

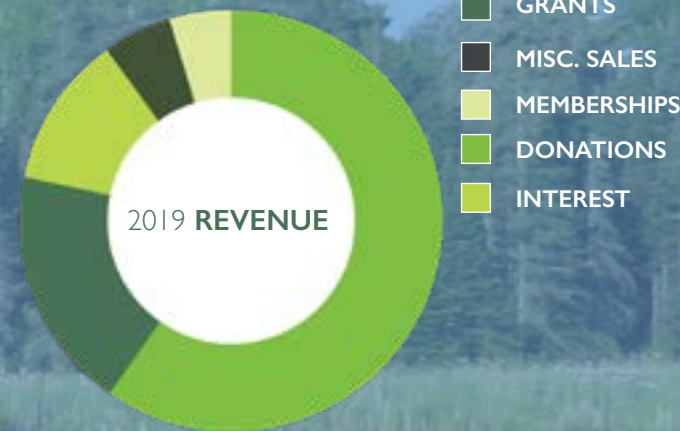
TANNA ELLIOTT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





## TOTAL REVENUE

GRANTS	41,170
MISC. SALES	11,243
MEMBERSHIPS	10,345
DONATIONS	130,892
INTEREST	25,424
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219,074</b>



## US INVESTMENTS USD

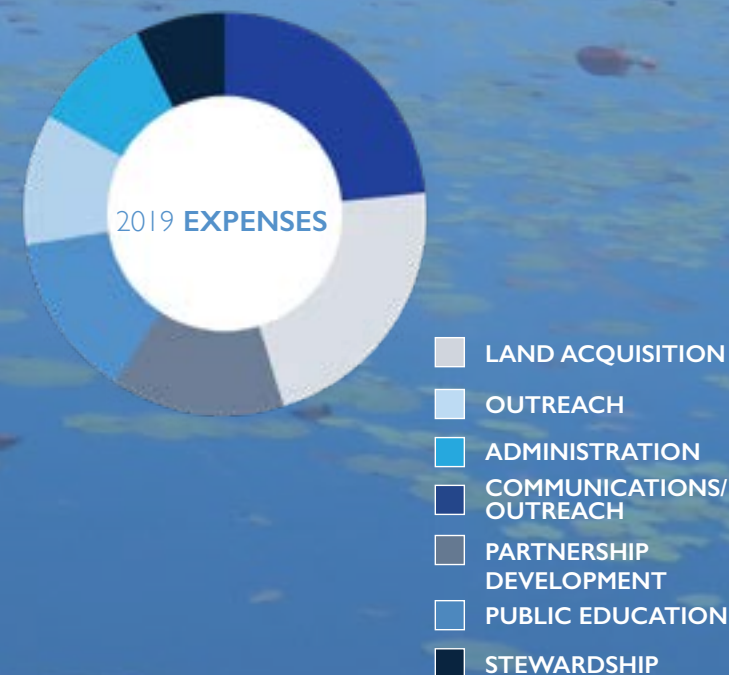
	NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS,
ENDOWMENT FUND		623,283
CASH	135,467	
<b>TOTAL USD</b>		<b>758,750</b>

## CANADIAN INVESTMENTS CAD

	NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS
OPERATIONAL RESERVE	21,886	44,096
STEWARDSHIP FUND		315,273
CAPITAL ASSETS		1,444,756
<b>TOTAL CAD</b>		<b>1,826,011</b>

## TOTAL EXPENSES

LAND ACQUISITION	52,332
OUTREACH	31,174
ADMINISTRATION	23,147
COMMUNICATIONS/OUTREACH	55,437
PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	33,329
PUBLIC EDUCATION	25,358
STEWARDSHIP	16,587
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237,364</b>



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FUNDS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I would like to thank each of our members for their kind donations and personal contributions to The Kensington Conservancy in 2019. Your strong financial support aided by the advantageous US to Canadian funds exchange rate enabled us to meet all of our financial goals and operating objectives.

Our investment accounts, first established 2017, are performing to expectations and are providing income to support both operating and stewardship activities. Our Endowment Fund is invested in the US through Charles Schwab. This fund is allocated with an 80/20 split between US Treasuries and equity funds. Our Stewardship Fund is fully invested in Canada through the RBC Investment Group. This fund is fully invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) and is laddered over five years to provide the greatest return. Please note that Endowment Fund and Stewardship Fund income may be used to cover basic operating and stewardship expenses, however the principal in each case is restricted and cannot be accessed for this purpose.

Although we have made major strides in strengthening our financial future, it is a simple fact that The Kensington Conservancy's annual operating budget is funded primarily by member donations. Our annual budget covers staff payroll, administrative costs, program development/monitoring and basic operating expenses. Our annual appeal, which takes place in the fall of each year, funds the operating budget for the following year. Grants play an important role in achieving our strategic objectives and are an important part of our annual budget, but they are specific in nature and funds received cannot be used for basic operating expenses.

Thus as you can see, your individual donations, whether large or small, provide the essential funding for the Conservancy. Without member financial support we would not be able to continue our activities to conserve and protect the lands and water of the St. Joseph Channel for future generations. Thank you for your past generosity and with your continued support we look forward to serving the needs of this wonderful area for years to come.

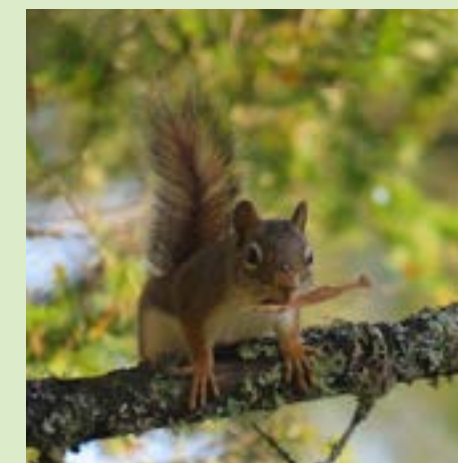
RICK SIPE, TREASURER





“ Away, away, from men and towns,  
To the wild wood and the downs—  
To the silent wilderness  
Where the soul need not repress  
Its music lest it should not find  
An echo in another’s mind. ”

~ PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY





# A YEAR IN REVIEW 2019



Acquisition of West Coatsworth Island Preserve



Fourth Annual Desbarats Christmas Bird Count



Fifth Annual Sustain Algoma Expo



Expansion of TKC Focal Area



Sault College Trail Cam Project on TKC Property



Expansion of Foster Parkland and Walking Trails



Third Annual Explorer Summer Day Camp



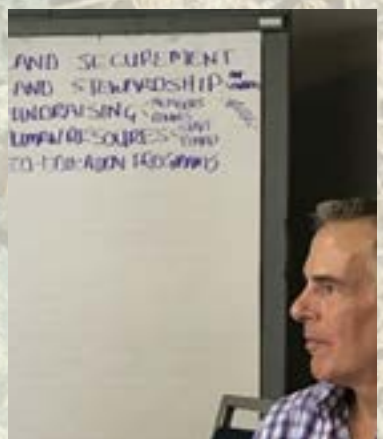
Geothermal heating and cooling system installed at The Kensington Conservation Centre



Bluebird Nest Box Trail Established



TKC Board Retreat





## LEGACY CIRCLE

The following individuals have identified that they've made bequests to The Kensington Conservancy in their Estate Plans:

Mary and Donna Deplonty  
Tina and Terry Haight  
David Hofmann  
Virginia Jordan

Mason Phelps  
Peggy Phelps  
David Welles, Jr

Is The Kensington Conservancy already in your will, trust or other estate plans? If so, thank you! Please let us know about your plans because it helps us plan for the future. Call or email Tanna Elliott, Executive Director, and she will add your name to the Legacy Circle. Your gift may remain anonymous, if you like.

Don't have a will? You're not alone! Now is a great time to start planning, and please consider including a bequest to The Kensington Conservancy in your estate plans. Contact Tanna for suggested "bequest language" and The Kensington Conservancy TAX ID for you to share with your attorney.

A legacy gift in one's estate will help sustain The Kensington Conservancy and its ability to keep its promise to preserve the land and waters of the St. Joseph Channel for all generations.

“ The Kensington Conservancy's ability to preserve and protect the streams, shorelines, wetlands, habitat and species within the St. Joseph Channel is critical. It is a wonderful legacy for future generations. My mother and I have left irrevocable bequests in our wills to help foster a continued love of the area. ”

~ MASON PHELPS



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

The cause of protecting plants and wildlife is not something for land trusts like The Kensington Conservancy alone. You can lend a helping hand too. Whether as a landowner, an educator, or a community scientist, there is plenty the public can do. If there is anything else you are curious about, please do not hesitate to contact The Kensington Conservancy office and we will do our best to help you.

### Protect Species at Risk

Many species of plants and animals are at risk in Ontario. If you have seen a species at risk, please report it! For many species listed as threatened and endangered, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has developed recovery strategies to help species recover or to mitigate further loss. The Ontario Government and other organizations have funding available that could help you protect species at risk on your property.

### Become a Community Scientist

It can be very expensive and time consuming for scientists and technicians to collect data in order to estimate wildlife populations. Therefore, many volunteer based programs have been created so that you can contribute, such as iNaturalist, eBird, Ontario Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, and the Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program. Get involved in one (or more) of these programs and contribute to science!

### Report Invasive Species

If you think you've seen an invasive species, make a report through EDDMapS Ontario or call the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711. You can learn about and how to identify invasive species from our partners at the Invasive Species Centre on their website at [invasivespeciescentre.ca](http://invasivespeciescentre.ca).

### Practice Sustainable Forest Management

Since wood is used so much in our daily lives, it would be impossible to halt the practice of cutting down trees. However, there are ways it can be done sustainably in order to make sure there are trees left for the future and wildlife species are affected as little as possible. As a landowner, you can develop a Forest Management Plan for your property, which will also help reduce your taxes!

For more information on each of these areas, please go to the TKC website at [www.kensingtonconservancy.org](http://www.kensingtonconservancy.org).





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kensington Conservancy Board of Directors boasts a broad cross section of the local community. It has citizens from Canada and from the United States, permanent and summer residents, those with long family histories and those with new experiences in this vibrant community. Everyone comes to the table with a genuine love of land and water and a wish for future generations to enjoy the same treasures. Listed below are the members of the board of directors.

### Executive Committee

- Alice Hill **President**
- Hugh MacDonald **1st Vice President**
- Terry Haight **2nd Vice President**
- Richard Warren **Secretary**
- Rick Sipe **Treasurer**

### Staff

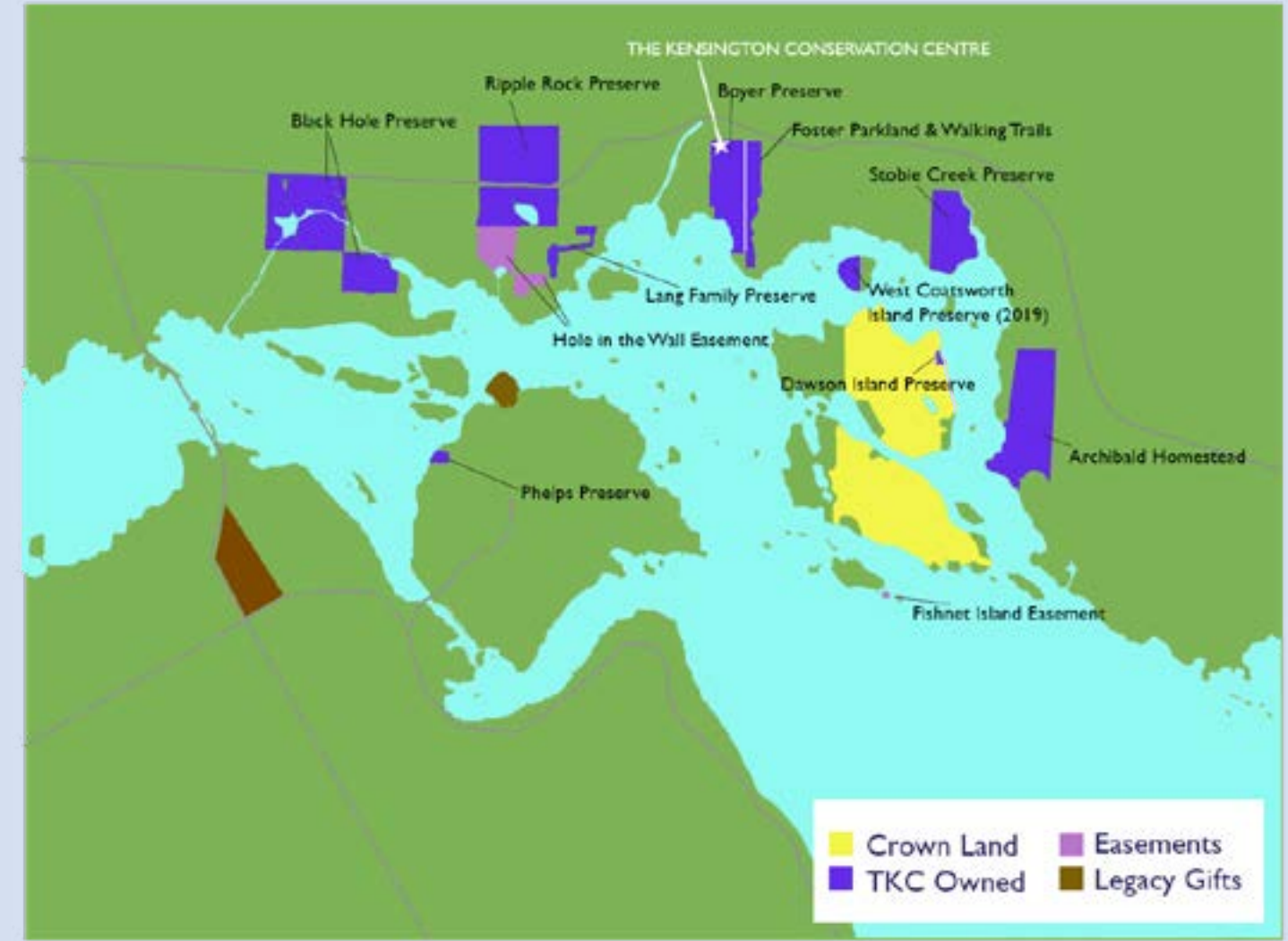
- Tanna Elliott **Executive Director**
- Carter Dorscht **Project Manager**
- Judy Brennen **Office Manager**

### Directors

- Bess Celio
- Tom Dalton
- Lisa Derickx
- John Hollignsworth
- Susan Lang
- Libby O'Connell
- Sarah Vincenzo
- Merrill Warren
- Andrew Welles

### Board of Advisors

- Holmes Morrison
- Adele Simmons
- Georgia Welles





# ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## OSPREY

>\$10,000

Boden, Linda  
Cricket Fund of the Greater Toledo  
Community Foundation  
Simmons, Liesel & Ian  
The Greater Welles family

## LOON

\$5,000-\$9,999

Hollingsworth, Laurie & John  
The VIYU Foundation

## BEAR

\$2,500-\$4,999

The Douglass Foundation  
Gawthrop Islands LLC  
Marsters, Courtney & Steve  
O'Connell, Libby & Matthew  
The Pamela B. Bent Charitable Remainder  
Trust

## DEER

\$1,000-\$2,499

Bowen, Calvine & Charles  
Celio, Bess & Candelario  
Deke & Hope Welles Fund  
Ferguson, Harwood  
Freeman, Marion & Ellis, Corson  
Haight, Tina & Terry  
Hodgkins, Bondy & Tom  
Hofmann, David  
Jewett, Ellen & Kauffman, Richard  
Lang, Susan & LeSage, Patrick  
Morrison, Antoinette & Holmes  
Petty, Catherine  
Schrack Family Fund  
Simmons, Adele & John  
The Donnelley Foundation  
The Lumpkin Foundation  
Welles, Alex & Andrew  
Welles, Hope & David  
Welles, Peter  
Wulsin, Drausin

## OTTER

\$500-\$999

Cook, Pie & Bryan  
Fort, Debby  
Hill, Alice & Jim  
Navarro, Donna  
Waddell, Sophia & Matthew

## MALLARD

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Allan, Kathy  
Allen, Nancy & Jerry  
Anderson, Bruce  
Archibald, Jerry  
Arthurs, Jeanne & Ed  
Beach, Andrea & Jeff  
Bell, Alex & Wetteroth, Ron  
Bell, Cici & Buxton, Jim  
Bell, Robert

Bennett, Marcia & Ted  
Bloomer, Kimmy  
Bondar, Aldona & Arthur  
Bouffard, Diane & Michel  
Brennen, Judy & Jim  
Buchen, Shelley  
Bullock, Bebe & Bill  
Carper, Barbara & Nicholas  
Central Algoma RWTO  
Chamberlin, Ann  
Ciotti, Bonnie & Richard  
Clark, Jennifer  
Clark, Kit  
Clement, Lorn  
Cohen, Joyce & Robert  
Cook, Beth & Graham  
Corcoran, Meri & Neil  
Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph  
Cross, Lucia & David  
Cunningham, Betty  
Dalton, Martha & Tom  
Dann, Ashley  
Dann, Donna & Jake  
Dann, Jesse  
Dann, Katie  
Dann, Lindsey  
Dann, Marion (Taddy)  
Dann, Mike  
Davie, Samantha & Barrett  
Dearing, Inge  
Desbarats Cottage Care Inc.  
Doering, Sarah & Fred  
Donohue, Patrick  
Donohue, Rebecca Maude  
Dorscht, Melanie & Ron  
Dunnam, Calvine & Doug  
Dunning, Paula  
Earle, Nathan  
Elliott, Tanna & Lynn  
Ellis, Connie & Corson  
Ellis Bruckmann, Laurie & Bruckmann, Bruce  
Ellis, Libby & Ruckman, Stuart  
Elting, Jody  
Euler, David  
Evans, Carolyn & Ray  
Evans, Claire & Marshall  
Faganely, Lori & Robert  
Feder, Judson  
Finocchio, Amy/Rudolph, Andrew  
Foster, Paula & Andy  
Foster-Miller, Peggy & Miller, Glenn  
Foster, Peter  
Gardiner Marine

Gillingham, Paul  
Gjos, Marie & Gary  
Gjos, Patti  
Gjos, Stephen  
Goertz, Derek  
Good, Barb  
Grannis, Jane  
Grannis, Pat & Bally  
Haight, Kendall & Ben  
Hall, Janet  
Harry, Shirley  
Henry, Sharon  
Hergott, Lynne & Paul  
Hershey, Harriett & John  
Heubner, Lorelee & Glenn  
Heyworth, Christine & Jim  
Hines, Lucy & Paul  
Hoff, Thomas  
Hofmann, Brandy & Mark  
Hope, Patricia  
Hoyt, Freddie  
Hutton, Clark  
Iles, Carol  
Jackson, Molly & Stuart  
Jenkins, Mark  
Johnson, Tom  
Johnstone, Glenis  
Junor, Jackie  
Kaylor, Phoebe & Tom  
Kincaid, Mary Lynn  
King, Elma & Joseph  
King, Hailey  
King, Joseph F  
Kite, Emily & Matthew  
Kite, Suzanne & Tiger  
Kokkinen, Chris  
Kommusaar, Kalev  
Kroetsch, Jerome  
Ladell, Mary Therese & Thomas  
Lang-Weir, Andrew  
Lee, Emilie  
Loedige, Michael  
Lovgren, Claudia  
MacDonald-Wilson, Jeannie  
MacDonald, Kim & Hugh  
MacDonald, Linda & Kirby, Eric  
MacDougall, Charlotte & Murray, Hugh  
Marble, Anne  
Marquardt, Martica  
Martin, Linda  
Matheson, Philippa  
McGorman, Don  
McKay, Diena & Lawrence

Meyer, Connie & Alden  
Meyer, Jane  
Miller, Blair & Chris  
Miller, Chuck  
Montgomery, Rowena  
Mossing, Marty & Butch  
Moule, Dave  
Murray, Kathleen  
Oatis, Carol  
Oatis, Katie  
Oatis, John  
Oatis, Paul  
Olmstead, Dixie & Jim  
Omond, Jan  
Orland Conservation  
Palmer, Chuck  
Pauli, Kathryn & Eldred, John  
Payne, Kalin  
Peabody, Carey & Isaaks, Ed  
Pen, Hooy & Ron  
Penokean Hills Field Naturalist  
Perju, Olga  
Peterson, Adria  
Phelps, Mason  
Poescht, Cornelia  
Prickett, Ron  
Rilett, John  
Robertson, Linda & John  
Ryckman-Rooney, Donna  
Sadowski, Edward  
Scallan, Pamela & Andrew  
Schendel, Sally & Logan

Schneider, Mary & Steve  
Schrack, Nancy & Douglas  
Sheri Minardi Photography  
Silverman, Ashley & Justin  
Silverman, Caleb  
Silverman, Jamie  
Silverman, Lydia  
Silverman, Ross  
Simmons, Erica  
Simon, Evelyn  
Simpson, Greg  
Sipe, Alison & Chris  
Sipe, Charles G. III  
Sipe, Debbie & Richard  
Smith, Jane & Lennox  
Smith, Maria  
St. John, Jane & Ray  
St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society  
Stewart, Edie & Jay  
Stewart, Jonathan  
Stewart, Peggy & Terry  
Stinnisen, Kristine & Pete  
Stinnisen, Peter  
Strothman, Dana & John  
Strothman, Leah & Carter  
Sudrack-Busam, Stephanie  
Swift, Keith & Martin  
Swindells, Anne  
Sylvester, Elizabeth  
Sylvester, Katherine & Edmund Q.  
Taylor, Fred  
Taylor, Tina

Tebbetts, Chartis & Edwin  
The Bruce Station Horticultural Society  
Therault, J.P.  
Tisdall, Gayle & Robert  
Tisdall-McPhee, Cindy & McPhee, Lee  
Trainor, Carol  
VanHouten, Carol & Donald  
Vincenzo, Sarah & John  
Virtue, Judy  
Wadley, David  
Walker, Valerie  
Warren, Anita  
Warren, Erik  
Warren, Merrill  
Warren, Peter  
Warren, Richard  
Warzon, Ginny & Jim  
Watson, Anne & Charles  
Watson, Scott  
Welles, Georgia  
Welles, Maud & Jeff  
Wheeler, Joan & Wells  
White, Jamie & Roger  
Wilson, Marni  
Wood, Marie  
Woods, Sally  
Wulsin, Jane & John Jr.  
Wulsin, Rosamond  
Wulsin, Victoria & Lawson  
Zahn, Nora & Gregory







**“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ”**  
~ MARGARET MEAD



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