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## State Steps up to Purchase Plum Creek Land

On August 21, 2006, Governor Jim Doyle came north to Mt. Ashwabay and announced that the state of Wisconsin would be purchasing 400 acres of timber corporation land for \$1.088 million. Funds for the acquisition came from the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.

The purchase includes a 200-acre addition to the Pikes Creek State Fishery Area, which is adjacent to Mt. Ashwabay. The other 200 acres will be an expansion of the Nourse Sugarbush State Natural Area. This land-acquisition project brings to 880 the total contiguous acreage now under protection in and around the Mt. Ashwabay area.

The recently acquired land, owned by Plum Creek Corporation, was a high priority for the BRC and the community for many reasons. As our forests are fragmented by summer homes and other development, large tracts such as this are necessary to provide habitat for many animals, including black bears and bobcats, but also neotropical songbirds like the black-throated warbler that need large tracts of unbroken forest for nesting.

The Mt. Ashwabay ski center, operated by the Ashwabay Outdoor Educational Foundation, also benefits from this permanent acquisition of land for the cross-country ski system. Cross-country skiers know that soon after they cross the power line they enter Plum Creek lands which contain many of the ski loops that make up the Nordic system: Anchor Trail, Sugarbush Trail, Seagull Trail and Deer Path Trail.

The permanent protection of this land and these trails for the public will make this area a ski destination for the Midwest. Between the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua and Mt. Ashwabay, tens of thousands of visitors come to this property each year. ●



**Success!** From left: BRC Director Ruth Oppedahl, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Dan Nourse, State Senator Bob Jauch, and State Representative Gary Sherman celebrated the Governor's announcement of a \$1.088 million purchase of land to add to the Nourse Sugarbush State Natural Area and the Pikes Creek State Fishery Area. The Bayfield Regional Conservancy worked closely with the state and the county to coordinate this acquisition and we are delighted to see one of the largest protection initiatives in Bayfield County move forward!



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## From the Director



**BRC Office Staff (from left): Ruth Oppedahl, Zeus the office dog, and Lynda Nedden-Durst.**

This past year we have been celebrating the Conservancy's 10th anniversary. All summer long we had wonderful events for our members and the public to share our accomplishments that you, our members, have made possible. The BRC is growing and able to protect more land as our membership increases each year.

Our growth and success mirrors that of land trusts across the nation. The most recent census of land trusts shows that collectively we are saving more land at a greater pace than ever before. State and local land trusts have doubled their conservation acreage from 6 million to 11.9 million acres in the past five years—an area twice the size of the state of New Hampshire! We can thank our founders: Cherie Routhier, Madeline Hart, Connie Burditt, Bill Ferraro, and Shannon Swanstrom for starting the

BRC in 1996 and setting the course for land conservation in the Bayfield region, so that we can preserve and protect those areas that make this place special.

This past year we were asked to help design a state grant program to preserve farmland, through local programs like the Town of Bayfield's Farmland Preservation Program which has preserved four orchards for agricultural use. Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture Rod Nilsestuen invited our participation and is forwarding a bill in the next state budget to make grants available to local programs like the Town of Bayfield's. This type of work is important to preserve our fruit-growing industry and our scenic orchard lands that attract summer visitors.

One of the farms that was permanently protected was Betzold's Orchard. I had the pleasure of working closely with Vi Betzold over two years as we crafted a conservation easement for the land, and applied for federal grants to cover the costs of the purchase of development rights. Vi passed on this fall. She was a wonderful person who felt strongly that the work she and Gene had put into their orchard over the last 50 years not be lost. She often said that their soil was some of the best for growing fruit and she wanted to make sure that it would always be available for farming. Her land ethic was deep in her bones and her persistence in working through the steps of protecting her 82 acres will always be an inspiration to me. ●



**Viola Betzold with her plaque that says "Betzold's Orchards Protected Forever 2005."**

—Ruth Oppedahl, BRC Director

## Lynda Nedden-Durst Joins BRC Staff

We are delighted to welcome Lynda Nedden-Durst as the newest member of the BRC office staff. Lynda is a Northland College graduate who settled in Cornucopia with her husband John and their two children Dylan and Ryan.

Lynda helped start the Women and Kids Outdoors (WAKO) group that schedules outdoor activities and field trips for parents and young children to grow an appreciation of nature. Lynda also has worked as a naturalist and assistant camp director, and serves as the Town of Bell treasurer. She also makes stained glass, handles sled dogs, operates a gift store at the family homestead (called Mosquito Farm), runs the annual book fair at South Shore School, and works occasionally as waitress and hostess at the Village Inn in Cornucopia.

Lynda exemplifies the adage, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." She will be a great asset to BRC's conservation work and we are glad to have her on board. ●



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## BRC News and Updates

### Welcome New Board Members!

The BRC is pleased to welcome four new board members: **Howard Paap, Janet Dale, Shari Eggleston and Ellen Kwiatkowski.**

Howard holds a PhD and taught anthropology for more than 30 years at Superior State Lakewood Community College. Land conservation is important to Howard; he helped to start the Red Cliff Land Recovery Project. He currently spends his time writing and dabbling in the arts.

Janet is a registered nurse and ran a child care program for 17 years. She and her husband Rick started Highland Valley Farm 26 years ago. Janet would now like to contribute some of her time to the BRC.

Shari has worked for the state Department of Justice for 25 years and is now half-time with the Attorney General's office. She lives north of Washburn with her husband Mark, who is the superintendent at Big Bay State Park. Shari loves living here and cannot think of a more important organization than the BRC. She also volunteers with the Bay Area Active Sports Alliance and the Friends of Valhalla.

Ellen Kwiatkowski worked for The Nature Conservancy for 10 years as the Director of Programs in Delaware and Central America. She and her husband Eric own Blue Vista Farm which produces raspberries, blueberries, and cut flowers through a sustainable Integrated Pest Management program. Ellen has been volunteering on the BRC Land Projects Committee.



*Dancers of all ages filled the barn at Blue Vista for the BRC summer barn dance benefit.*

### Barn Dance Feedback

The Ashland *Daily Press* printed the following letter after last summer's BRC-sponsored barn dance:

"I want to tell you about the best night of my life. My gramma (I call her Maga, for gramma backwards) is Jo Bailey. This year she had Gramma Camp for my brother who is six. My family (Mommy, Daddy, and me) got "kicked off" the Island for the weekend.

"We went to the Barn Dance at Blue Vista Farm with some friends. I danced every single dance! It was soooo much fun. The food was good, and we picked perfect blueberries.

"When we got back to the Island, Maga told me it was her friend, Grace who was so good at calling out what to do in the dance. I wanted to say "thank you" to the Regional Conservancy and the farm for a special night."

—Sydney Smith (age 8)

### Brownstone Trail Work Day

A big thanks goes out to all who participated in the Brownstone Trail cleanup and washout filling accomplished last July 22 by our volunteers.

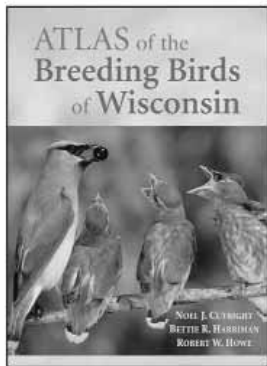
Much work was accomplished, including filling in the two slumped-off areas behind the Seagull Motel, trimming trees and brush and watering near the downtown kiosk, trimming brush and removing trees along most of the trail length, and improving the gravel area entrance to the trail at Waterford. Maintaining a trail like this is an ongoing process!

Special thanks to: **Arnie Carver** who provided the tractor for moving the gravel to repair the sloughed off areas along the trail; **David and Barbara Reinhart** for coordinating the affair with Waterford residents; **Rick Hoban** for professional brushing along the trail, **Chris and Gary Connell** for ongoing maintenance of the Blue Wing Bypass; **Michael Goodier** for mowing along the town section of the trail; and **Gary Johnson and Chuck Simoneau** for improvements at the Waterford connection point. Thanks also to board members **Tom Frizzell, Art Ode, Shannon Swanstrom, and Rex Dollinger** for helping coordinate things on behalf of BRC.



*Rick and Janet Dale walk the Big Ravine Trail. BRC purchased the property in 2002 and conveyed it to the Town of Bayfield. The land connects to 120 acres owned by the City of Bayfield which is interlaced with hiking trails connecting the school to the soccer field, to the old orchard at the top of the Big Ravine.*

## BRC News and Updates



### **Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas Available**

The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Inc. has recently published the long-awaited "Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Wisconsin." The book is edited by Noel J. Cutright, Bettie R. Harriman and Robert W. Howe.

Planning for this atlas began in 1994 and from 1995-2000, 1,602 observers gathered breeding information, spending 68,898 hours in the field! The result is an excellent ornithological reference guide for our state, featuring nearly 1,400 color photographs, distribution maps, and figures.

To purchase your own copy, visit [www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso](http://www.uwgb.edu/birds/wso), or contact Don Reel, 2022 Sherryl Lane, Waukesha, WI 53188, phone: 262-547-6128, e-mail: [wsobookstore@hotmail.com](mailto:wsobookstore@hotmail.com). The cost of the atlas is \$40 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number if mailing or calling Don.

### **BRC Booth Featured at White River Event**

BRC showed support for the White River Citizen Involvement Committee at its summer celebration and fish boil. BRC Director Ruth Oppedahl set up an informational booth and talked with landowners and visitors interested in conservation options along the White River. BRC has worked with some of these landowners in past years to secure easements and protect riverfront land.



**BRC Director Ruth Oppedahl talks with a landowner about conservation options at the White River Fish Boil. BRC has worked with landowners in the White River watershed for several years now.**



**Kids check our aquatic invertebrates at the fish boil sponsored by the White River Citizens Involvement Committee last summer.**

### **10th Anniversary Donors**

**Thanks for sending a special gift to help us celebrate 10 years, strong and growing!**

Lars Akerberg	Arlen & Judy Christenson	Ted & Marcie Gephart	Eric & Angela Korpela	Nedden-Durst Family	David Stoll
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### Summer Activities Benefit BRC



Above: Shannon Swanstrom gets some help turning the press to make apple cider at the BRC gathering in September.



Above: Jim Steffensen and Gene Lemmenes prepare salad for the BRC benefit dinner for the kayakers at the Inland Sea Symposium last June 16. More than 160 kayakers enjoyed the homemade lasagnas donated by BRC members. Thanks to The Egg Toss for donating fresh bread and to the many volunteers who put on the dinner.



Above: Bikers stop for refreshments at the BRC rest stop on the Superior Vistas Bike Tour. The tour, organized by the Bay Area Active Sports Alliance, directed the proceeds to three local charities, one of them being the BRC. Thanks to Mary Wichita and Joe Groshek for all their work on this wonderful event.

At right: Karin Kozie and Binase, a red-tailed hawk, share information about raptors at the 2nd annual BRC apple cider pressing event.



## New Conservation Incentives Available to Landowners

Federal tax benefits for the donation of a qualified conservation easement were recently expanded due to the effort of land trusts throughout the country. Benefits now include:

- An increase in the maximum annual deduction a landowner can take for donating an easement, an increase from 30-50 percent of adjusted gross income. Qualifying farmers and ranchers may claim up to 100 percent.
- An increase from 5 to 15 years over which time donors can extend their deductions.
- Different qualifications for appraisers with increased penalties for fraudulent appraisals.

These new incentives will expire on December 31, 2007. For more information, visit [www.LTA.org](http://www.LTA.org).



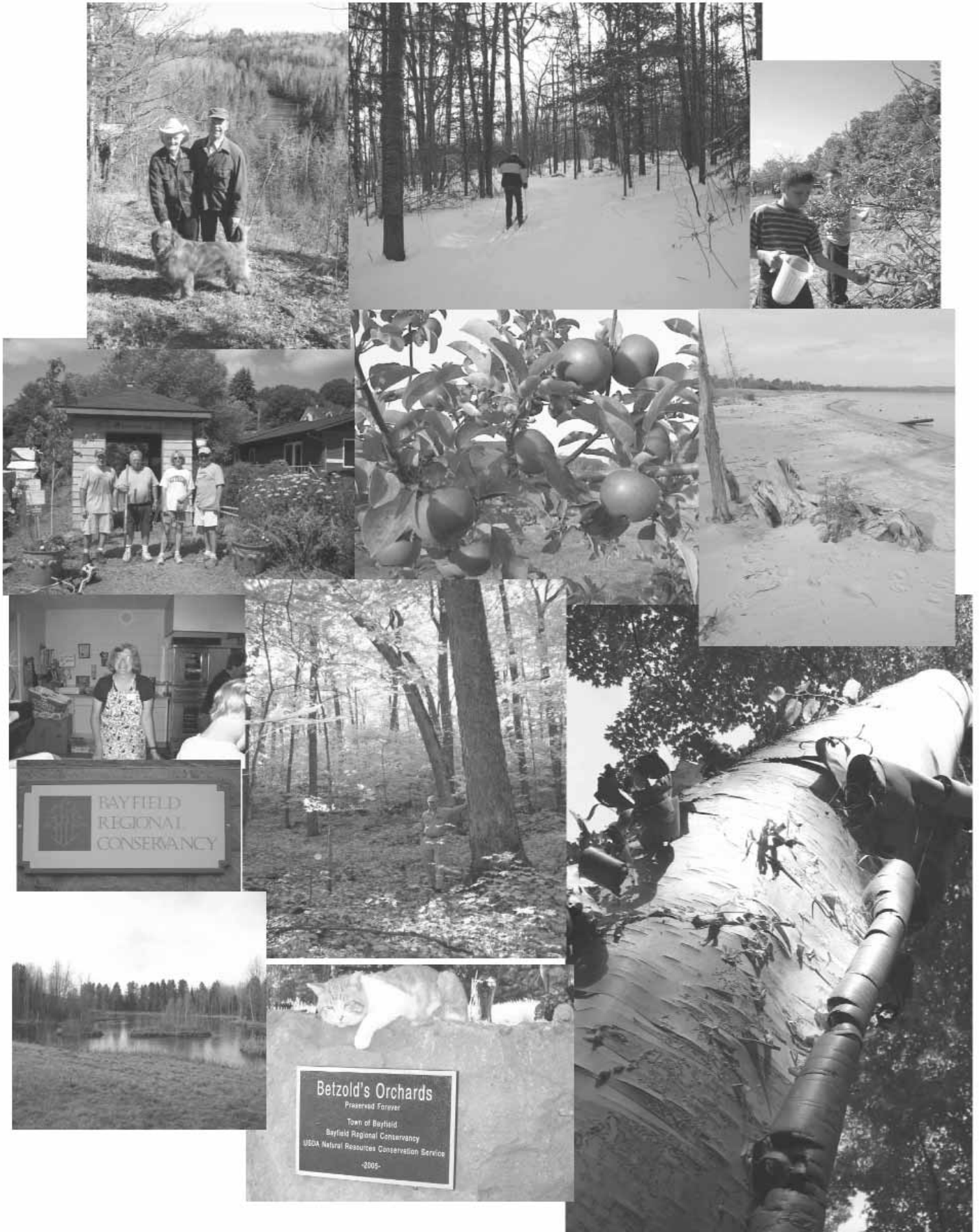
### Wanted: Conservation-Minded Home Buyer

For the first time, one of the properties for which the BRC holds a conservation easement is up for sale. The property is located on South Fish Creek in Bayfield County; 36 of the 56 acres are protected by a permanent preservation agreement (conservation easement) to protect the creek, a lovely hemlock grove, and a sugar maple stand.

We want Bayfield Regional Conservancy members to know about this in order to help find a buyer who would appreciate this unique property and embrace the conservation values there. The parcel includes a lovely New England-style saltbox home and a tree-level screened porch that overlooks the protected property. BRC's stewardship of this easement involves annual visits to the land and seeing that the restrictions are upheld. Call the BRC office (715-779-LAND) to learn more about the easement, and if you would like to know more about the property look online at [www.upnorthfsbo.com/index.php](http://www.upnorthfsbo.com/index.php). ●

# Ten Years of Labor, Land and Legacy in the Bayfield Region

—Photo collage by Lynda Nedden-Durst



## BRC Nature Notes

### Get Skunked!

It seems that we have finally moved into our season of winter. The temperatures have dropped, the snowflakes are falling and the skunks have disappeared.

I don't know why, but I have always had a very strong fascination with skunks. It could be because they are underdogs in the world of wildlife. People usually talk only of how to get rid of skunks or skunk odor, not how exciting it was to see a skunk walking along the road or crossing the path in the woods.



Despite their pungent odor, skunks have very interesting habits that may be helpful to know. First of all, skunks do not spray without warning. If a skunk feels vulnerable, it will stamp its feet and charge at the threat. Next it will turn and present its tail and spray toward the attacker. If you read the warning signs, you can remove yourself from the area before becoming scented! However; if you use perfume, you may actually be putting skunk musk on your body. The component to skunk musk that causes it to linger is used for the same purpose in commercial perfumes.

Skunks are not true hibernators. They will sleep through the coldest part of winter but may wander out during warm spells to forage for a little food and stretch their stubby legs. They will return to their dens and sleep when the weather cools down again. Skunks den up in winter, using old abandoned dens and sharing them with other skunks. In other words, if a crawl space or shed in your yard has become a den for a skunk, chances are that skunk is not alone!

The biggest threat to a striped skunk, besides cars, is the great horned owl. The black and white contrast of the skunk shows up very well in the dark and an owl can swoop in for its prey with little danger.

To find out more about skunks and other wildlife, visit [wildwnc.org](http://wildwnc.org). To learn how to become a nature recorder in Wisconsin, visit [www.wisnatmap.org](http://www.wisnatmap.org). To learn about global phenology and how you can help record natural events, visit [www.naturescalendar.org.uk](http://www.naturescalendar.org.uk) or [www.naturesdetectives.org.uk](http://www.naturesdetectives.org.uk). ●

—Lynda Nedden-Durst

### *Thanks to BRC 2006 Business Members*

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### **Consider a planned gift to the Bayfield Regional Conservancy**

A planned gift to the Bayfield Regional Conservancy is a great way to give something back to the Bayfield region and its people. You might be surprised to know that your generosity can benefit you and your family financially, too.

A planned gift can be as simple as including the Bayfield Regional Conservancy in your will or naming the Conservancy as a beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan, or certificate of deposit. We hope you will consider leaving a legacy to BRC and your other favorite charities.

We invite you to take time today to learn more about planned gifts. Please call BRC at 715-779-LAND (5263) to learn more about planned giving opportunities.

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Bill Meller	Mary Jane & Bruce	Jim & Diane Runberg	Beverly Steele	Wethington
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Anne & Mark Miller	Roland Peek	Anne Riggs &	Jerry Stellner	Amy Wildermuth
Michael & Barbara Miller	Charles Peek	Carl Savitsky	Leo & Chris Stern	Harris & Beverly Wilke
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Kurt Nelson	Eugene & Rose Prietzel	Edward & Sheila Seim	Barbara Mary Tellier	Donald Yaeger
Ronald & Jeannette	Tom & Liz Purcell	Kathleen Severson	Nicholas J. Tesser	Marilyn & Alan Youel
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Kenneth Nimmer &	Jack Quamme	Gary Sherman	Richard Thompson	Cathy Zimmerman
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### Gifts in honor and memory

- The BRC received a gift in memory of **George Griese** from **Elizabeth Emery**. George was a member of the Conservancy and a wonderful person.
- A gift was received from **Kate and Patrick Wellner**. Kate wrote that "my family has been sailing out of Bayfield for 25 years so I feel like I have grown up in this beautiful place. I was lucky enough to find someone who loved it up here just as much as I do and we were actually married here last summer. As a first anniversary gift to each other we decided to give back to the place we love so much."
- We also received a gift from **Beverly Jensch** in honor of Bridget and Dick Emery's marriage.

### Year-End Tax Tip: Gifts of Stock

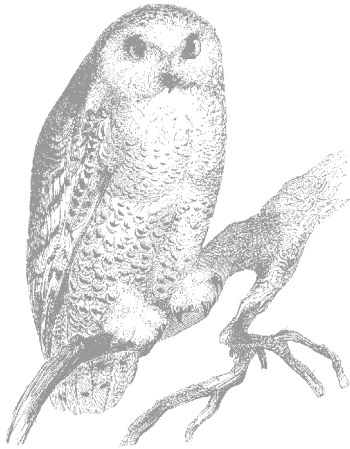
Appreciated stock is an excellent choice for funding charitable gifts because it can offer significant tax benefits for the donor without impacting cash flow. In fact, to offset a capital gain event during the tax year, many donors gift shares of stock or mutual funds to counter an anticipated capital gain tax. Typically, selling an appreciated stock triggers a tax on the realized gain—the difference between what you paid to purchase the stock and its current value. When you make a gift of appreciated stock directly to your favorite charity and the charity sells the stock, the taxable event and the fees are avoided because the charity is tax-exempt. Plus the donor can take a sizeable charitable deduction on his/her taxes—a deduction that can be used to offset other taxable events. Contact your tax advisor for answers to questions about your particular situation.



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### *BRC Celebrates 10th Anniversary*

More than 150 people gathered last August to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Bayfield Regional Conservancy. From its humble beginnings, BRC has grown to be an active member of the phenomenally successful land trust movement across the country, which in total has protected conservation values on nearly 12 million acres of land.

The BRC anniversary gathering was held at Spirit Cottage on the grounds of the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua at Mt. Ashwabay. Thanks to all BRC members and supporters. We're looking forward to many more years of helping landowners preserve northwest Wisconsin's land legacy.



*Left: Organizers of the party included Edith Brevold, Peg Dollinger, Jocelyn Jacobs, Barb McCann and Linda Webster. Bakers donated a dozen bundt cakes (which means "coming together in a circle" in German) along with Bayfield fruit toppings, for a fitting tribute to our 10 years of conservation.*



*Right: At our anniversary reception we heard from Wisconsin Senator Bob Jauch and State Representative Gary Sherman who were instrumental in securing State Stewardship Funds for the land acquisition on Mt. Ashwabay.*