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Winter 2007

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Winter Tour of Open Space with Leigh Girvin

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Location TBA

Check our website or contact us for more information:

www.cdlt.org,
email:

info@cdlt.org

Holiday Gift Giving - "Winter Fox" By Adele Earnshaw

Now Available in note-cards!

Give a gift for the holidays that supports land conservation. We are pleased to present the latest print in our series by Adele Earnshaw, "Winter Fox." This limited edition print is created from an original oil painting. All proceeds benefit Continental Divide Land Trust.

"Winter Fox" print is 11.5" x 16" with a full-color image area of 7.5" X 11.5" and fits in a standard frame. It comes mounted on cardboard and protected in a plastic sleeve. Cost is \$35 plus shipping.

The "Winter Fox" note-cards measure 4.25" x 5.5" and come with a plain white envelope. The full-color image of the fox is on front and the inside is blank. Cost is \$1 each or 6 for \$5, or 15 for \$20, plus minimal shipping to you. Larger discounts are available for quantity orders. Please contact us for information.

To order your print, please contact us at 970-453-3875 or email us at info@cdlt.org.



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*In Memory of Howard Giberson
March 22, 1912 – July 8, 2007*

Land Conservation Legacy Honoree Passes

On July 8, 2007, Summit County lost a pioneer with a long and rich history in our community. Howard Giberson was a third generation Summit Countian who cared deeply for his land through a strong connection to land conservation and the protection of his family's ranching heritage.

Giberson's spirit and story will live on in the conservation easement held by CDLT. Located above the I-70/Frisco roundabout, 174 acres known as Giberson Preserve was donated by Howard in 1998. The private conservation easement is noted for its scenic beauty and elk habitat.

If Howard had decided to sell his ranch for development, he would have cleared a great deal of money. The hillside above the roundabout, adjacent to the Wilderness area, would likely be crowded with condos, homes, and roads. Instead, the Giberson Ranch is crowded with wildflowers, birds, raptors, and aspen forests. Our community benefits from scenic views, wildlife habitat, and the preservation of hay meadows and grazing areas.

Howard's commitment to protecting the land and ranching heritage of his family earned his special recognition and the Land Conservation Legacy Award.

Thanks from Honorees at the Friends of Open Space Honors Awards

Paul Semmer and Win Lockwood sent the following comments about their awards that we wanted to share with you:

Paul Semmer received recognition for his Lifetime Achievement Award in two separate in-house USFS newsletters, from the Rocky Mountain Region 2 and "From the Chief's Desk", newsletter of Chief of the Forest Service Gail Kimball. As Paul writes:

"Receiving an award that centers on a photograph is extra special for me. My father was a professional photographer. . . As a family we never went anywhere without dad taking pictures. Getting the award with a photo of the Eagles Nest at the banquet with my parents present is truly priceless for me. . . I've gotten calls and emails from Forest Service co-workers across the country congratulating me on the award. While those compliments are given as a pat on the back for me, they are also given indirectly to CDLT from the Forest Service family that knows and values the importance of community pride and partnerships in public land stewardship. I'm still in the clouds from having received the award. Thanks again!"

Win Lockwood, developer of Spruce Valley Ranch and recipient of Outstanding Protection of Open Space within a Development, offered these words of thanks:

"After 30 years it is very heart-warming to be

recognized for our vision, commitment to the future, and the willingness to take a tremendous risk at a time that was very economically unstable. . . Thank you for your interest in and recognition of an important part of our family's involvement, commitment and history in the Breckenridge and Summit County communities. . . CDLT is an important organization with a visionary mission. We applaud your efforts, commitment and your timely evolution. Thank you again for recognizing our vision. Please pass along our appreciation to your Board."



Paul Semmer holding Lifetime Achievement Award at Friends of Open Space Honors Awards on September 6, 2007.

What's Ahead of CDLT in 2008?

When I was on the Iron Springs Conservation Easement property in June 2007 for our annual monitoring visit, the wildflowers were spectacular. "We need to get more people on this property!" I thought to myself. If you drive between Breckenridge and Frisco, you pass Iron Springs at 50 m.p.h. You would never know that brilliant yellow, purple, red and blue wildflowers were thick amongst the sage brush.

Connecting people to the land is the best way to gain support for the protection of important natural areas and scenic landscapes. In 2008, you will see CDLT offering more wildflower walks, nature hikes, and outings in the winter, too. We'll even offer at least one driving tour of protected open spaces in the Lower Blue for those less mobile.

Our first 2008 offering will be Saturday, January 12, at 10:00 a.m. I'll be leading a snowshoe tour of one of our protected properties. In February, I'll lead a cross country ski tour. Watch your email or check out our website for details. Or contact us and we'll let you know where we are going and where to meet: info@cdlt.org or 970-453-3875.

- Leigh Girvin, CDLT Executive Director

Tis' the Season to Give...
*Don't forget the Land Trust in your
end of the year giving!*

Support CDLT and Land Conservation! Renew your membership today!

The Land Trust's 2007 operating budget is under \$90,000, yet we protect millions of dollars worth of real estate in Summit and Park Counties, forever preserving these properties' natural qualities. But we can't do this important work without the annual membership support of people like you - people who care about preserving the natural places and open spaces that make our community so special.

You can renew your membership or join as a new member by sending in the membership form on page 3 or by giving online at www.cdlt.org. Thank you for your support!

Our Mission Statement:

The Continental Divide Land Trust permanently preserves and protects irreplaceable natural areas in and around Summit County for current and future generations, through land preservation agreements, land acquisition, and public education.

Thank you to CDLT Donors & Supporters through November 21, 2007!

The work of the Land Trust could not be done without your generous support. Most of our funding comes from private individuals and foundations. Thank you to these supporters who have already given this year (donations received January 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007).

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I want to help preserve the beauty of Summit County!

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THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Brian Lorch, the new director of Summit County's Open Space and Trails Department. Brian is one of the Land Trust's board members and has been with Summit County government since 2000. Formally the Resource Specialist for Open Space and Trails, Brian replaced Todd Robertson as the director. Todd now works with Western Land Group and will be missed.



Have you checked out our website at www.cdlt.org?



Holiday Gift Ideas!

Don't forget the Land Trust this Holiday season. We have a number of great gifts for the Open Space Lover!

- * CDLT membership gifts
- * Donate in honor of someone special
- * Nature and Fox Prints
- * Giberson and Fiester History Books
- * Nature and Fox Print Note Cards



Contact CDLT at 970-453-3875 or info@cdlt.org for more information on Holiday gifts!



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