



CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY

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Cascade Land Conservancy to Recognize Regional Leaders

Seattle, April 22, 2010 – The Cascade Land Conservancy is hosting its 15th Annual Conservation Awards Breakfast on Thursday, May 6, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, one of the largest gatherings of conservationists and their supporters in the region.

Highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Conservancy's major award, the **Frank Pritchard Lifetime Achievement Award**, to **Mimi Gardner Gates**, former Director of the Seattle Art Museum. She will be honored for her great leadership of the Museum and her commitment to improving the quality of life in our region. Gene Duvernoy, Conservancy President, also will speak at the event.

The Conservancy also will make these awards in the following categories:

Cascade Agenda Leadership Award, celebrating the role of community leaders in linking great communities, a healthy environment and a strong economy: **Cascade Water Alliance, City of Redmond, King County, Port of Seattle, Puget Sound Energy and Sound Transit** for their efforts in securing the BNSF corridor.

John Stanford Educational Achievement Award, celebrating our region's commitment to our future generations: **Pierce Conservation District Stream Team** for their stewardship, outreach and education of youth about streams and watersheds.

Innovative Conservation Project Award, celebrating the cooperation and persistence required to overcome obstacles and preserve land that is important to a community: **Kittitas County Commissioners** for enacting the innovative rural Transfer of Development Rights program.

New Directions for Livable Communities, celebrating the innovation and cooperation required to create great communities and conserve great landscapes: **CleanScapes** for their Neighborhood Waste Reduction Rewards Program.

More than 1,800 people are expected to attend the Annual Conservation Awards Breakfast, the largest gathering of conservationists and their supporters in the Pacific Northwest. The Cascade Land Conservancy hopes to raise funds for regional

conservation and community programs at the event, attended by civic, elected, business, tribal and environmental leaders.

Members of the press are welcome to attend the Annual Conservation Awards Breakfast by registering in advance. You may also cover the breakfast without joining a table – seats will be provided near the AV staging area. We will also provide you with an invoice showing the direct costs of the breakfast should you wish to eat breakfast with us. Please contact Steve Dunphy at 206-906-6933 or steved@cascadeland.org.

The Cascade Land Conservancy is the largest land conservation, stewardship and community building organization operating in Washington State with headquarters in Seattle and principal offices in King, Kittitas, Mason, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy has protected nearly 160,000 acres of working forests, farmlands and natural areas as well as estuary lands on the Olympic Peninsula and along the Washington Coast. It provides stewardship services, caring for more than 12,000 acres of land. Since 2005 it has been the host organization of The Cascade Agenda, which links conserving great lands with creating great communities. For more information, please visit www.cascadeland.org.

What: 15th Annual Conservation Awards Breakfast
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A benefit event for the Cascade Land Conservancy

When: Thursday, May 6, 2010
Guest Registration: 7 to 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast and Presentation: 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Where: Washington State Convention and Trade Center
The center's main entrance is on the corner of 7th Avenue and Pike Street.

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