

# NEWSLETTER

## GVLT Teams Up with 7th Graders for Local Trail Projects

By Gary Vodehnal, Trail Program Director

### *By Building Trails, We Build Community*



Say it again, “Community Service!” That was the chant ringing through the halls of the Sacajawea Middle School thanks to a grant from the Milken Family Foundation. Seventh grade teacher Jennifer Royall started the ball rolling last fall when she inquired about trail projects for 147 students. The timing was absolutely perfect, since GVLT had just received a grant from Mountain Sky Guest Ranch for encouraging kids to get involved in our trails and land stewardship programs. We scratched our heads, pondered the possibilities, and said,

### **Intrepid Volunteers with Visionary Teacher, Jennifer Royall**



“Let’s do it!” Deb Regnerus rallied GVLT’s Education Committee, and we were off and running.

The students split into three groups to tackle key issues for trails - improvements, accessibility, and trail etiquette. The group working on trail improvement, stream restoration, and wildlife enhance-

ment, installed bluebird and kestrel nesting boxes, a dipper box, and a double-decker bat house near McLeod Park. They planted over 500 willow cuttings, native shrubs, and trees along Matthew Bird Creek and used river rock to improve the stream channel. Students installed four new totems at trailheads, spread tons of gravel, and improved the parking area at the end of Sundance Drive.

A second group of students worked on accessibility on the connector trail from Aspen Pointe to Burke Park. They installed landscape timbers to level out the grade and applied natural fine gravel to improve the trail sur-  
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The Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the conservation of open space, agricultural land, wildlife habitat, and the creation of public trails in and around Gallatin County. The land itself is our most valuable resource; future generations will benefit from its thoughtful management.

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## Sharing Lewis and Clark's Awe

*Notes from Debbie Deagen, Executive Director*

When Lewis and Clark embarked on their expedition in May 1803 to explore the Missouri River to its source and beyond, they could hardly imagine the natural wonders that they would experience. On July 25, 1805 upon their arrival at the headwaters of the Missouri, they scribed, "The country opens suddenly into extensive and beautiful plains and meadows which appeared to be surrounded in every direction with distant and lofty mountains." Nearly 200 years later, those of us living in southwest Montana are still awed by the scenery, wildlife, and wild rivers that Lewis and Clark marveled at. From their perch on Lewis Rock, one can gaze out over the Gallatin, Madison, and Jefferson valleys - - rich with wild game, native fish, and now our bustling agricultural endeavors. In our minds, we can relive their exploration of this region, their travels up the Jefferson River, their return over Bozeman Pass, and their trip down the beautiful Yellowstone River in 1806.

GVLT is exploring initiatives with landowners and conservation partners in the headwaters area, along the Gallatin River, Bozeman Pass, and in the Paradise Valley in order to conserve our scenic views, wildlife habitat, and working landscapes. Our dream is that in another 200 years, our descendants will be able to marvel at our rich natural heritage and life-sustaining agriculture from *their* perch on Lewis Rock. Help us in our conservation efforts by renewing your membership today!

## Attack on Conservation Easements Averted

We were surprised by the unprecedented attack on conservation easements this past legislative session in Helena. GVLT does not typically spend time in the political arena, but because this is a core issue for our donors and the residents of southwest Montana, we devoted our energies to informing legislators about our members' concerns.

Legislation introduced in the Montana House Natural Resources Committee would have severely limited the use of conservation easements by many landowners. Fortunately, a strong bipartisan majority in the committee supported the right of landowners to use this important conservation tool. We would like to thank three local representatives for their support, Cindy Younkin (R-Bozeman), Chris Harris (D-Bozeman), and Bruce Malcolm (R-Emigrant). Unfortunately, it is very likely that this attack will be renewed when the legislature meets again in two years. We will keep you informed.

# Skinner Family Conservation Easement



*“Our family loves this land and is deeply committed to making sure that it is conserved for our kids and future generations. The easement that we are placing on our property conserves critical wildlife habitat, protects an important trout spawning ground, and ensures that our family ranch remains a viable agricultural unit.”*

~ Joe Skinner, Cowan and Skinner Ranch Corporation

The Skinner family conservation easement is Montana’s first major conservation easement purchase funded through the Gallatin County Open Space Grants Program and the Federal Farmland Protection Program. This project protects a 100-year-old working ranch in the heart of the Gallatin Valley, including a three-mile stretch of the East Gallatin River, one of southwest Montana’s premier blue-ribbon fly-fishing streams. Future development will be significantly limited, while traditional farming and ranching activities will continue on almost 960 acres of ranchland that has been owned and operated by the Cowan and Skinner Ranch Corporation since the late-1800’s. The project represents a collaboration between the Gallatin County Open Space Grants Program, the Federal Farmland Protection Program, the Trust for Public Land, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation as part of its Greater Yellowstone Land Protection Initiative, and the Gallatin Valley Land Trust. The conservation easement was signed in January 2003, and will be held by GVLТ for long-term monitoring and stewardship.

# Meet GVLT's Board & Staff



## **Sara Gault - Office Manager and Membership Assistant**

In July 2002, I moved to Bozeman from the low country of Charleston, South Carolina, in search of mountains, rivers, and open space, having been born and raised on a deciduous tree farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. When I lived in Charleston, I missed the close-knit community, fresh air, and freedom that rural settings provide. The farm also offered endless outdoor adventures, which I am so thankful to incorporate into my daily life again!

My experience with non-profits began at an early age and continued during college at the University of Pennsylvania, where I double-majored in anthropology and religious studies. Due to my interest in exploring a career in the non-profit sector, I took a job after college with Blackbaud, Inc., a Charleston company that provides software and services to non-profit organizations. There, I had the opportunity to work with many non-profit professionals and volunteers from a wide variety of organizations. Knowing what rapid growth is doing to the “garden spot” of Lancaster and what resort development has done to the low country of South Carolina, I am excited to be on the staff of GVLT and to contribute to the success of an organization with such noble goals. I look forward to talking with our members about our mission and events!



## **Kevin Hubley - Treasurer**

Having grown up in Bozeman, I have many fond memories of this valley. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to remain here as a professional, and I look forward to working with GVLT to ensure that this area maintains the character that makes it such a special place to live. Over the years, I have seen a number of changes take place in this valley, a number of which have been improvements to this community. I have to thank GVLT for spearheading many of these projects. As a business professional, husband, and father of two young boys, I feel a need to contribute to an organization that has preservation and enhancement of this great county as its mission.

I graduated from Montana State University in 1994 with a degree in accounting. I have been in public practice in Bozeman for eight years, and I am currently employed by Guza & Newberg, PLLP. Throughout the years, our firm has counseled many individuals on the tax benefits of conservation easements. As a board member, I hope to help educate members and potential donors on the financial impacts of conservation easements. I am very excited to serve on the board of GVLT and look forward to working with everyone associated with this organization.



## **Stuart Challender - Trails**

Having grown up in Bozeman, I have fond memories of exploring the open spaces in and around town. As a kid, I enjoyed the freedom, independence, and mobility my bicycle offered. Critical to this experience was the existence of safe and convenient routes where I could ride. I believe that open space and trails are an important aspect of our quality of life, and I am committed to ensuring that both my children and future generations have the opportunities and quality of life I have had.

I received a bachelor's degree from MSU and a master's degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University. During graduate school and subsequent employment, I have focused on the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to address land use issues in the intermountain west. Upon returning to Bozeman in August 2000, I started my own GIS consulting company, Bridger GeoPlan Inc., and I am also an adjunct instructor in the earth sciences department at MSU where I teach GIS courses.

I think GVLT's leadership in the community trails program is critical for providing non-motorized transportation options and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. I look forward to working with the GVLT board, staff, and members as we strive to preserve our open spaces and continue the planning and development of our nationally acclaimed community trail system.

# Meet GVLТ's Board & Staff



## **Daphne Gillam - At-Large Slot**

I am a third generation Bozeman native and yes, I've seen a tremendous amount of change to my childhood town of 13,000 people. I have always loved the freedom of being able to wander through open fields, to sit by a mountain stream, and contemplate its beauty. Today I use the trails to retain this feeling as they are the link between community and nature. I am pleased to serve on GVLТ's board and put my energy and effort where my heart and feet have been.

I attended a small women's college in southern Missouri and graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in graphic design. I continued with a master's program at the University of Minnesota. Working for advertising agencies in Minneapolis and Salt Lake City provided real life experience in the fast lane. Marrying a rancher brought me back to Montana. I am presently a freelance graphic designer, occasionally teaching at Montana State University. Marketing has become

a natural outcome of my design experience, and I hope to contribute this professional expertise to GVLТ.



## **Don Hargrove - Agricultural Slot**

I was born in Bozeman and grew up in what is now the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area on the Madison River. I earned my undergraduate degree from MSU in range management and a master's degree in systems management from the University of Southern California. In 1995, I began serving in the Montana State Senate where I was the principal sponsor of the Montana Agricultural Heritage Program and chief sponsor of cluster development legislation.

## **Stuart Tilt - At-Large Slot**

Before moving to Bozeman with my family in 2001, I pursued an advertising and interior decorating career in New York and Washington, DC. I have been actively involved in fundraising for a number of organizations and presently work as a realtor for Sotheby's International. My husband works with the Sonoran Institute. My interests are rooted in preserving the combination of open spaces, big sky, working landscapes, and close communities that are special to Montana.

*If you are interested in serving on GVLТ's Board of Directors, please contact GVLТ at (406) 587-8404.*

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face. Bluebird and kestrel birdhouses were hung, two dozen aspen trees were planted, wildflower seeds were spread, benches were oiled, and litter was collected.

The third group initiated a public awareness program on trail etiquette. They presented videos and performed skits at local elementary schools about proper use of trails including trash management, pet etiquette, and bike safety. They also developed the "M and M Club," an acronym for both 'Meals and Me' and the 'Main Street to the Mountains' trail system. They asked restaurants to contribute a

portion of their proceeds on National Trails Day to GVLТ's Trails program. The students were not only responsible for developing the concept and contacting potential partners but also for the press coverage and program promotions.

Our community trail system and our beloved landscape were the benefactors of a unique partnership between the Gallatin Valley Land Trust and a high energy group of seventh graders! Teacher Karen Johnson summed it by saying, "This project was AWESOME!"

# You Can Make A Tangible Difference

By Deb Regnerus, Development/Outreach Coordinator

**M**any of you ask, what can I do to make a difference? This urge to make a tangible impact is precisely what led to the formation of GVLТ. Our mission of establishing conservation easements to preserve critical open space, planning, building, and maintaining community trails, and conducting educational outreach helps to maintain the character of southwest Montana.

GVLТ's strength is in our loyal members and volunteers. Here is how you can help make a difference:

1. Become a member and be sure to renew your membership, *your commitment to our mission*, on an annual basis
2. Create a lasting legacy by making a significant financial contribution
3. Invite your friends to become members, send us a list of people to invite to join, and/or give your friends and family the gift of a GVLТ membership for a birthday or holiday present
4. Make GVLТ part of your planned giving\*
5. Donate a conservation easement and/or a trail easement
6. Get involved as a volunteer. Your time empowers us to fulfill our mission. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to GVLТ.

By making a commitment to GVLТ, you choose to preserve the character of southwest Montana. Together, we can make a lasting and tangible difference.

\* A simple provision in your will ("I leave \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate to the Gallatin Valley Land Trust, Inc., with its principal offices at P.O. Box 7021, Bozeman, Montana, 59771-7021, for its general purposes.") will help GVLТ fulfill its mission and may decrease your heir's estate taxes. Please notify us if you choose to make such a gift.



**Kathryn Hiestand & Neal Miller donated a \$2,500 mower to GVLТ's Trails Program!**

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**"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." —William Shakespeare**

# National Trails Day 2003

## "Healthy Trails, Healthy People"

By Gary Vodehnal, Trails Program Director & Werner Kratovil, Intern



**G**ravel flew on National Trails Day this year as dedicated crews built trail connectors from the East Gallatin River to the Cherry Creek fishing access, water bars were installed in the Story Hills, and the popular Beehive Basin trail in Big Sky was improved. The bird watching group was lucky enough to catch a glimpse of an osprey catching a fish from the East Gallatin River and flying to a nearby post to enjoy the spoils of the hunt. On the plant walk, *Meadow Locoweed* was discovered for the first time in the Burke Park area. And, the Wortman Trail cleanup crew's noxious weed eradication efforts were rewarded by a visit from a brown bear cub.

A gorgeous signature Montana blue sky day made for a fabulous National Trails Day 2003 celebration. The variety of activities made for a well-rounded community celebration that appealed to a growing number of participants, as approximately 350 people joined in the festivities.

Anne Banks, American Hiking Society's Montana Volunteer of the Year, was recognized at a celebration on top of Peets' Hill (see page 12 for more details). And, the Bart Rickenbaugh Memorial Bridge dedi-



cation ceremony was a meaningful way to end National Trails Day and to remember an enthusiastic trail user.

Without sponsors and in-kind contributions, National Trails Day 2003 would have cost GVLТ over \$20,000. Please join us in thanking the following businesses for their support of this great community event:

**\$1000 Corporate Sponsors:** Bozeman Foot & Ankle Clinic, P.C. • On Site Management • Strong Frames and Stark Raven Cycles • Yellowstone Traditions

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### A special thanks to National Trails Day 2003 activity leaders:

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Thank you to our members, volunteers, activity leaders, and sponsors for supporting GVLТ's trails program and believing in our mission:

**"By Building Trails, We Build Community."**



# Montana's Garden Basket: *The importance of preserving agricultural lands in the Gallatin Valley*

By Jim Pepper, consultant. His firm, Town & County Planning, specializes in land use planning, focusing on issues of sustainability.

In spite of rapid population growth and the common perception that the Gallatin Valley in southwest Montana has been ruined by outlying development, agriculture remains a crucial component in the county economy and contributes significantly to the well-being of its residents.

Known as Montana's Garden Basket, Gallatin County supports highly diverse and highly productive agriculture relative to most other counties. According to 2001 Montana Agricultural Statistics, in 1999 Gallatin County ranked fifth in the state in terms of cash receipts from principal products (excluding government payments), with a total of \$58,201,000. Government payments within the county totaled an additional \$5,210,000. In 2001, Gallatin County ranked first in alfalfa hay, first in all hay, first in potatoes, seventh in barley, eighth in peas, twelfth in winter wheat, and seventeenth in canola, first in cows and heifers that have calved, fourteenth in hogs and pigs, seventeenth in all cattle, and twenty-second in all sheep and lambs. This is remarkable since Gallatin County ranks 36 out of 56 Montana counties in terms of total farm acreage, and has only 1.3% of the state's farmland, yet generates 3% of the cash receipts.

Agriculture constitutes the vast majority of the open space in the valley - - open space that is highly valued by city residents and considered central to their quality of life. Every public survey conducted in conjunction with local planning indicates that residents of the

Gallatin Valley rank the loss of "open space" as among their primary concerns. Maintaining such open space virtually requires the sustainability of agriculture. Thus, the non-agricultural urban population must recognize that the continued success of our farming and ranching counterparts is absolutely key to the quality of life in the Gallatin Valley.



Photo by Mary Sadowski

The official population projections for Gallatin County indicate a dramatic increase in the population of the county over the next 30 years, resulting in a population of 116,000 by the year 2030, a 71 percent increase over the 2000 population. Moreover, the "Map of Future Land Use" in the recently adopted Gallatin County Growth Policy indicates that we are headed directly toward the creation of Montana's largest metropolitan area.

Simply stated, the protection of our agricultural heritage and our quality of life is at stake. In adopting the Growth Policy, the Gallatin County Commission assured the public that they would revisit the plan in six months, explicitly providing this opportunity to work with the agricultural and conservation communities to find a way to ensure viable agriculture in the Gallatin Valley. If we fail, "the Last Best Place" will simply erode into just another place that was once wonderful. I urge GVLТ's members to participate in this Growth Policy review, to provide strong leadership in this most important endeavor, and to increase your volunteer and financial support of GVLТ - your local land trust - which is working to preserve these important lands.

# Ski-A-Thon 2003 Breaks Records

By Deb Regnerus, Development/Outreach Coordinator

**S**ki-A-Thon 2003 was a huge success, raising a record amount of over \$45,000 for GVLT with the help of a record number of skiers – 125! It was also a record day for many of our skiers. Ernie Vyse spent his 58th day of the season on skis, Mike Grant skied 65 km at Bohart (including five laps of Logger's Loop!), and Dave Leverett covered 38 km of Lone Mountain's terrain. It's safe to say that the onlookers were impressed!

Two of GVLT's dedicated supporters were remembered at Ski-A-Thon 2003. Skiers formed a team in memory of Bart Rickenbaugh, who loved our trail system. And, Grace Morgan volunteered to oversee the food station in memory of her late husband, Cal. Cal volunteered for GVLT since our incorporation in 1990.

We congratulate our top pledge earner, Jane Ward, who led the pack by raising \$3,000. Dave Leverett of Big Sky and high school student Alaina Garcia battled for second place, each raising over \$1,200. Right Now Technologies and the Garcia family generously matched skier's pledges.

Several generous corporate sponsors also helped to make Ski-A-Thon a success this year. If you happen to visit their businesses, please let them know how much you appreciate their support of GVLT:

**Sponsors at the \$1,500 level:** Big Sky Conoco & Travel • Big Sky Laser Technologies • Bozeman Gastroenterology Clinic • Country West Ranch & Land, LLP • Dick Walter Auto Center • KB Building & Supply • Montana Travel, Inc. • The Moose 95.1 KMMS • One Group Investments

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Ultimately, Ski-A-Thon is about community, memories, and good stewardship of community resources for the future. The dedication of Ski-A-Thon skiers, volunteers, and supporters will result in the construction of more public trails and the protection of open lands for everyone to enjoy. Thanks again to all who helped to make Ski-A-Thon 2003 such a success!



## Skiers

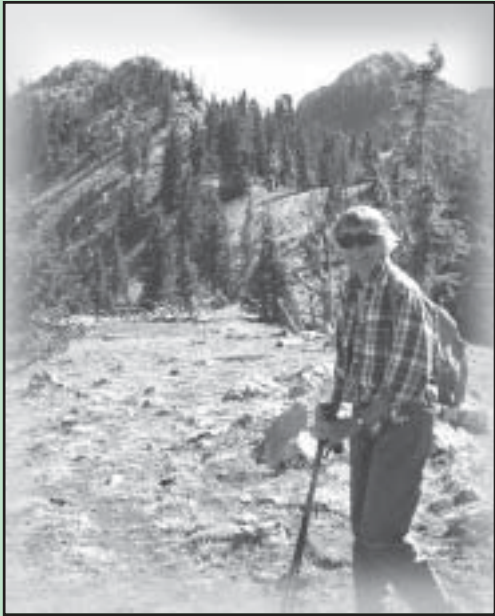
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# ~ Montana Volunteer of the Year, Anne Banks ~

By Renee Gavin, GVLТ Board Member



American Hiking Society, a national organization devoted to trails, named longtime Bozeman resident and GVLТ member Anne Banks Montana Volunteer of the Year. Commissioner Marcia Youngman presented the prestigious award to Banks at a celebration with 50 friends of GVLТ in attendance. Anne moved to Bozeman more than 30 years ago, and soon joined the Bozeman Women's Activity Group (BWAG) on their hiking outings. In 1989, she began serving on Bozeman's Parks, Open Space and Trails committee (POST) and helped craft the first POST Plan. A member of the city of Bozeman's Recreation and Parks Advisory Board since 1993, she has been a strong citizen voice for a wide variety of local planning efforts, including the 1997 POST Plan revision, the Gallatin County Trails Plan, the Bozeman 2020 Plan, and numerous park master plans including Burke Park. We are also very lucky to have Anne share her knowledge and experience with us by serving on GVLТ's Trails Committee. Congratulations Anne! Thank you for being such a wonderful trails advocate and volunteer!

## Join GVLТ's Maintenance Team

A well-maintained trail is a happy trail! Help us the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wear your work clothes and bring gloves and water. Call GVLТ at 587-8404 for details of where we are meeting and what the work will entail.

Trail work dates are: July 23  
August 13 and 27  
September 10 and 24



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# Volunteer for GVLT

Your time empowers the Gallatin Valley Land Trust to accomplish its important work in southwest Montana. Throughout the year, GVLT has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Many volunteers help on a one-time basis, while others help on a more regular schedule. If you would like to become a GVLT volunteer, please tell us your areas of interest and availability.

### Volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ **Education:** Assist with the Web page, written communications, presentations to community groups, and the oral history program.
- ◆ **Events:** Help with Ski-A-Thon in February and National Trails Day in June, as well as smaller events throughout the year.
- ◆ **Land Conservation & Stewardship:** Work on conservation easements, including building fences, pulling weeds, assisting with ranch events and GIS mapping, etc.
- ◆ **Office:** Assist with bulk mailings, filing, data entry, and general office help.
- ◆ **Trails:** Construct and maintain trails, distribute maps, post information on trail, etc.

*(Please detach and return to GVLT, PO Box 7021, Bozeman MT 59771)*

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#### My volunteer interests are:

(Please check all that apply)

- Education
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- Land Conservation & Stewardship
- Office
- Trails

#### I would like to volunteer:

If I am available when individual opportunities arise.

- On a Regular Schedule  
On the Trails Committee
- On the Education Committee

#### I am usually available on the following days and times:

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