



Preserving open space
for future generations

May 2016 newsletter

June Educational Breakfast Event

Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m.

"What's Happening in Our Forests?"

At Eagle Rock School Conservation Easement, 2750 Notaiiah Road

Reservation deadline Monday, June 6.

Presenters:

Brian Verhulst -- Forest Ecologist, Rocky Mountain National Park
Boyd Lebeda -- District Forester, Colorado State Forest Service

- How healthy are our forests after the pine bark beetle epidemic?
- What other diseases and insects are affecting our forests?
- Is it true that treatments for pine beetles can make trees susceptible to other problems?

Save the Dates!

Summer Educational Breakfast Series:
"Woods and Water"

- Saturday, July 23, 8 a.m.
"What's Happening with Our Rivers?"
at Fish Hatchery Picnic Grounds
- Saturday, August 20, 8 a.m.
"What's Happening with EVLT and Its
Partners?" and Annual Meeting—
Members Only

Join us in this beautiful setting to learn about the current health of our forests and your trees. The public is welcome.

Directions to Eagle Rock School Conservation Easement:

Remember that **Dry Gulch Road is closed at Highway 34**. Instead, leave Estes Park traveling north on MacGregor Avenue until it reaches the entrance to MacGregor Ranch. The road makes a sharp right as it becomes Devils Gulch Road. Continue 3 miles. Veer right on H Bar G Road. Proceed 0.4 mile and turn right on Dry Gulch Road, passing the "road closed" sign. After 0.2 mile, turn left on Notaiiah Road. (There is a sign for Eagle Rock School.) Continue on this

BREAKFAST DETAILS:

Reservations are required. Telephone: 970-577-6837 (you can leave a message after hours); or email: evlt@evlandtrust.org. All reservations will be confirmed.

Provide your first and last name for each reservation (for name tags) and your email address and phone number so we can inform you of an alternate location in case of rain.

Breakfast will be served by Catering for All Occasions and includes an egg entrée, fresh fruit, pastries, juice, and hot coffee.

The charge for the event is \$15 (\$5 for K-12 students, \$0 for preschoolers), payable by check or cash at the event.

All breakfasts will be held outdoors. Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen and drinking water for after breakfast. Bring your chair for all breakfasts.

Please honor your reservation so EVLT does not have to pay for your breakfast.

Tell your friends about EVLT and win a handcrafted table

How can you make a difference in preserving the natural beauty of the Estes Valley? Tell your friends about EVLT and be entered to win this custom-made table. For every new membership you generate, we will provide you with two \$5.00 discount coupons to be used at any of the three summer breakfasts.

In addition, you and the new member will each have your names placed in the drawing for the table, handcrafted by master craftsman, Leo Weber and valued at over \$1,200. The drawing will be held at EVLT's August 20 breakfast event.

If you are not comfortable soliciting new members, consider giving a membership to one of your friends. You will still qualify for the drawing. And the more members you recruit, the more times you are entered in the drawing!

Download the Membership Campaign Form at our website www.evlandtrust.org.



Member Spotlight

We have developed this spotlight feature for our newsletter because we want the world to know that we have many awesome members of EVLT. Take, for example, John and Sally Stevenson. John and Sally have been faithful EVLT members and supporters since they moved here in 2006. They do not own a conservation easement property, yet they are committed to EVLT's mission. In addition to becoming members, they also have been volunteer easement monitors since 2006, and have completed over 60 monitoring site visits and reports. They have partied with us at least twenty times over the years, attending breakfasts and special events.



Sally and John say it "feels weird being spotlighted as a volunteer for the Land Trust, as the pleasures and benefits of volunteering are all ours! After moving to Estes Park in 2006, we were looking for ways to become involved in the community...ways to 'give back' to this place where we are so fortunate to retire. After attending an EVLT breakfast, we were impressed with the vision to "preserve" the Estes Valley for future generations and decided that we could do his!

Monitoring properties for the Land Trust allows us to visit and explore private properties that are otherwise off limits to the public. It is a joy to get to know these owners who honor this same vision. Attending the breakfasts and fundraisers helps us connect with others around our common interests of exploring and preserving this beautiful valley we all call home. And yes, Land Trust parties are just plain fun! Our thanks to the EVLT staff and Board who make all this possible."

And our thanks to supporters like John and Sally who are helping EVLT ensure that the Estes Valley remains the beautiful place that we all love.

2016 Duck Race a Success for EVLT

98 ducks were adopted for EVLT, resulting in \$1,862 that will be used to preserve the beauty that makes the Estes Valley such a beautiful, well-loved place. We hope your ducks were lucky winners!