



1000 visionaries

love of the land
guides their vision
for conservation

photo courtesy of Tom & Priscilla Terry

Tom Terry has always loved the outdoors and treasured the natural world around him. He grew up on a farm in Maryland near the Patuxent River, a tributary of Chesapeake Bay. Now he and his wife Priscilla live on Henderson Inlet, near Olympia, and work on oyster restoration projects and other environmental and community-related activities.

As a way of living their values and making a commitment to preserving the lands and waters they love, they've included The Nature Conservancy and two land trust organizations as part of their estate plans.

"One reason that we included the Conservancy in our estate plan was that we wanted some of our gift to go to international projects," Priscilla Terry said. She grew up in Argentina and understands the global dimensions of conservation work. "It's not like you can just save things in one place," she said. "You have to work everywhere to be effective."



John Cascone described his mother, Ruth Cascone, as someone who loved being outside, who drew inspiration from nature and who worked to make the world a better place. When she died in December, the Conservancy was remembered in her will.

"For her, nature was like art," he said. "She had a great appreciation for art in all its forms, but she really

loved the natural world, and the fact that it was there for everyone to enjoy and appreciate."

The Terrys and Mrs. Cascone made a deep commitment to preserving our natural heritage by becoming part of the Legacy Club, a special group of supporters who have named the Conservancy as a beneficiary in their estate plans. With their gifts, Washington's Legacy Club reached 1,000 members.

To celebrate the year of 1,000 Visionaries, the Conservancy is planning special events in 2009 and 2010 to honor Legacy Club members and offer insight into the Conservancy's work. In addition to field trip invitations, Legacy Club members will receive invitations to special science forums addressing how the Conservancy is meeting the conservation challenges of the future.

The Terrys are already working in their community of Olympia, helping with oyster restoration projects in Henderson Inlet, including an Olympia oyster restoration managed by The Nature Conservancy. By joining the Legacy Club, they're looking to the future, expanding and leveraging the work that they can do today.

"When you think about a legacy, you want to be sure the organization will be around to manage your gift," Tom Terry said. "The Conservancy has the capability to follow through with our long-term wishes."

If you have named The Nature Conservancy in your will, trust or retirement plan, please fill out the form on page 14, so that we can welcome you to the Legacy Club and invite you to take part in the special activities commemorating 1,000 Visionaries. Please join us in the celebration!