

INTERIOR ALASKA LAND TRUST

2021 FALL UPDATE

Dear Members,

Thanks to the generous support of our membership and some exceptional financial donors, the Interior Alaska Land Trust has accomplished a great deal this year.

Through the incredible generosity of Jack and Carol Wilbur, we were able to permanently protect 152 acres of wetland habitat and critical trails in the Goldstream Valley greenbelt as well as 122 acres of the Cripple Creek watershed upstream from the Chinook Conservation Park. We also thank Felix Krause and Silke Schiewer, the original landowners of the Goldstream parcel, for contacting IALT and working with us to conserve it.

In recognition of Jack and Carol's tremendous gift to the greenspaces in the Interior, we are honored to announce the Wilburs as the recipients of the IALT's Fairbanks Land Conservationist of the Year Award.

As many of you may remember, founding IALT board member Merritt Helferrich passed away in 2019. His widow, April Crosby, has since pledged all proceeds from Merritt's memoir *Some Days You Eat the Bears* to the IALT in his memory. Merritt's dedication, experience and humor were invaluable to us as an organization and we are truly honored that his legacy continues to support our mission.

Your contributions make the work we do possible. Thank you for continuing to support conservation in the Interior!

Sincerely,
IALT Board

ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Join us for our 2021 IALT Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be held virtually. Please check our website for connecting information.



Jack and Carol Wilbur on the Goldstream bridge located in the parcel recently acquired by IALT thanks to their generous donation.

*Some Days
You Eat the Bears*

An Alaskan Memoir

Merritt S. Helferrich
Author



SOME DAYS YOU EAT THE BEARS

Merritt's memoir tells of his many adventures, driving his new 1958 convertible Porsche to Fairbanks, homesteading on Ester Dome, firing rockets, riding balloons and running the Great Alaska Raft Race. Merritt found humor in most adventures, and counted it a victory if he could make you laugh. You can purchase Merritt's memoir at interioraklandtrust.org under "Shop."



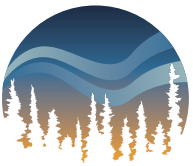
INTRODUCING MIA MITCHELL IALT'S FIRST VIRTUAL INTERN

Mia Mitchell is a Junior at Brown University earning a B.A. in Archaeology and Environmental Studies. After receiving internship funding from her university last spring, Mia reached out to IALT to see how she might support our mission.

Mia spent the summer as our virtual intern based in Homer, AK where she worked as a naturalist for the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. We were thrilled to see her specialized skills in GIS applied to the projects she took on for IALT. Mia produced an up-to-date conservation priority map of all land parcels in the FNSB and an interactive slider map comparing aerial imagery of Fairbanks from as far back as the 1940s to today's images. You can check out your neighborhood and Mia's map under "Land & Projects" on our website, interioraklandtrust.org. Thank you, Mia!

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