

## GOOD DEED

### Espy Foundation, Columbia Land Trust host 'Celebrating the Environment'

OYSTERVILLE – The Espy Foundation and Columbia Land Trust hosted their second annual "Celebrating the Environment" event at the Oysterville Schoolhouse Saturday.

Glenn Lamb of Columbia Land Trust presented a slide show of recent conservation projects and Espy Trustee Ann Spiers shared poetry on the relationship between landscape and human life. Ann began her relationship with Espy as a writer in residence in February 2002. Espy environmental essayist Kathleen Yale spoke on the intersections of science, art and humanity and read from a remarkable poetry collection.

Kathleen recently received a Master in Environmental Nonfiction degree at the University of Montana in Missoula and works seasonally as a wildlife science technician. A poet as well as an essayist, Kathleen writes to bridge the gap between what she calls "science-minded" and "humanity-minded" people. She uses an approachable form of lyrical storytelling to discuss her experiences with and knowledge of environmental science and conservation. The Espy Foundation supports creativity by providing month-long residencies in Oysterville for writers and artists



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Columbia Land Trust works to protect the qualities of the great Pacific Northwest: stunning beauty, diverse wildlife, rich natural resources and vibrant communities. Working cooperatively with local landowners and communities, Columbia Land Trust

conserves the signature landscapes and vital habitats of the Columbia River region. The Land Trust has completed several major projects on the Long Beach Peninsula and around Willapa Bay and this area continues to be a top priority for its conservation work.