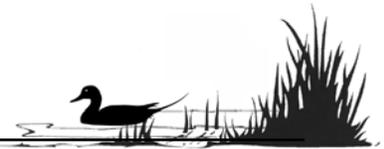


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A Good Scrubbing: Hurricane Isabel and Our Forest Landscape

As Hurricane Isabel swept through ACLT's backyard, I waited out the storm with trepidation. Having never before been in a hurricane, I was relying on images from past TV reports and on recollections from my readings and studies on disturbance in forest ecosystems. Of course, these published accounts were usually reporting damage on a large scale: whole forests of trees snapped off at the base, entire colonies of endangered woodpeckers without homes, nutrient and vegetation release that would forever alter the landscape.

As the storm passed I discovered that there were indeed still trees standing. Luckily we were spared the direct hit of a major storm. The acres upon acres of downed trees would, thankfully, remain an image for the textbooks. I am happy to report that damage to our 3,000-acre backyard was relatively minor.

In some places, the forest showed very little evidence of the storm save for a good scrubbing of dead twigs and branches from the over-story. In most places, you will see a downed tulip poplar (or tulip tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera*) here and there; this is certainly not an unusual site in our sandy soiled area. In other areas, we saw heavy tree damage in the realm of 20-50% canopy loss. These micro sites of heavy damage seemed to be related to ridge tops and areas where a "super cell" of strong winds was created by a chance meeting of storm conditions and local topography.

Virtually all lost trees were the *Liriodendron* species mentioned above. The tulip tree has an extremely high growth rate that often results in heavy trunks with smaller, less widespread root systems. This trait makes them an easy target for the high winds. But, the fast regeneration time and their ability to readily spout from damaged areas will lead to rapid regeneration of the damaged areas.

There are a plethora of ecological factors for us to consider when we contemplate how the hurricane damage in certain areas will change the forest structure. One problem that we have in this area is the prevalence of invasive vines. These vines are often restricted to edge areas where light is sufficient to allow them to thrive. However, the gap left by an upturned canopy tree provides bare soil and more light for invasive species to gain a foothold in the forest interior. The species that are most likely to appear in these areas are bird-dispersed plants such as Oriental bittersweet and other fruiting vines. Indeed, we may find that in some places there is a stock of invasive seedlings waiting for the growth opportunities of a gap created by Isabel.

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From the President's Desk ...

As many of you know, the headwaters of Parkers Creek on the west side of Routes 2/4 are located within the Town Center of Prince Frederick. Our attention was directed to that area approximately one year ago when clearing activities began on a residential and mixed-use development surrounding the headwaters known as Prince Frederick Woods. After extensive hearings, the Planning Commission determined that the developer's plans understated and misrepresented the extent of wetlands on the property and that the plans showed houses, roads and other development within the undisclosed wetlands and their buffers. The Planning Commission also found the developer failed to comply with requirements designed to protect tributaries of Parkers Creek during the development process. The Planning Commission, therefore, revoked the development's plan approvals. The case is presently on appeal to the Circuit Court.

The ACLT appreciates the dedicated and responsible manner in which the Planning Commission approached this case. They have spent untold hours—first determining the appropriate conditions of approval and second endeavoring to understand why those conditions were not met. We have all gained a greater appreciation for the complex and difficult issues they routinely address. They must continually balance competing economic, transportation, environmental, and other considerations and apply county regulations in a manner that serves the broader community's interest. We applaud them for their public service and integrity. Calvert County is well served by this dedicated and hard-working group of citizens.

The past few years have been somewhat of a watershed for the ACLT. (I hope you will pardon the pun). Heretofore, ACLT has primarily focused on accomplishing our land preservation and watershed protection objectives quietly. We have been a well-kept secret. Our sights have always been set on the broader goal of promoting for the benefit of the public the preservation and improvement of Calvert County's natural resources, but the Prince Frederick Woods case has forced us to "go public" with our concerns because of the direct impact on the Parkers Creek watershed. In the introduction to our new Five-Year Plan for the American Chestnut Land Trust, to be unveiled at the Annual Meeting of the Members in January, I predict:

As we look to the future, we hope that in five years ACLT will continue to serve as a shining example of community-based conservation. Our focus will gradually turn outward as we look to build and maintain cooperative partnerships with other nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, businesses, and a broader segment of the Calvert County community to bring about greater environmental awareness, stewardship, and community service.

As I come to the close of my three years as President of the ACLT, it is time to pass the torch to a new leader. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of the Board and I will continue to serve ACLT as a member of the Board. The nominating committee has recommended Dr. Edward U. Graham, "Ted," as our new president. I have every confidence that Ted will lead ACLT into the future with distinction.

Around ACLT

Annual Chili Cook Off and Auction a Tremendous Success — \$20,000 Raised This Year

What a great event! The annual Chili Cook Off & Silent Auction, held on September 13 this year, has been one of ACLT's most anticipated activities since 1996. Even the weather cooperated. After periods of heavy rain during the day, the sun came out just in time to greet the more than 200 people who attended. It was a wonderful evening as old friends greeted each other and new friends met at the food table and in the auction tent.

Where to begin the tale of a fun-filled and challenging evening? Perhaps the best place is at the beginning—the planning and preparations for the event. Marie Bundy chaired the event, directing and organizing the responsibilities of the various committees. The date was picked and the location secured. From that point the committees swung into action.

Jerry Adams headed the auction committee and what an exciting array of auction items he obtained. There was something for everyone to bid on: adults and children, the health conscious and the sedentary, those who enjoy eating and those who love the waters of the bay, jewelry and tools, and even vacations in the Bahamas and Hawaii. Bidders returned to their “must haves” over and over again.

To help defray expenses for the event donations were sought from individuals and the community. The beautiful invitations, designed by Mimi Lacouture-Little,

were printed gratis by Jiff Klapper. Jack Andrews provided the lighting for tents donated by John Little and Jim Greene. The wine and beer were donated by a number of ACLT members and a gracious anonymous gift from a member of the business community. Alan Wilson, Steve Peters, and Ted Graham donated supplies and decorations.

Reaching to the business community for support, we received ads from Calvert Commercial Real Estate, Patuxent Architects, Prince Frederick Graphics, and Mullen, Sondberg, Wimbish & Stone, CPAs for our silent auction catalog.

The highlight of the evening was the amazing variety of chili to sample from vegetarian recipes to venison. The seasonings were as varied as the other ingredients. There were so many delicious entries that the judges for the Chili Cook Off had a hard time deciding on the winners. Ultimately 1st Prize was awarded to Barbie Hudson, 2nd Prize went to Helen Prince and 3rd Prize to Phyllis Hurley. Those not entering the cook off were encouraged to bring a dish to complement the main entrée of the evening, chili. What a meal! Paul Dennett, with the help of Mary Blayney did an amazing job organizing the buffet table and keeping the food lines running smoothly.

During the festivities there was music brought to us by the Calvert Community Dance Band led by Eric Pfeiffer and brought to us courtesy

of Harriet Yaffe.

The activity that must follow every party is the Clean Up. When the evening's activities come to a close and the guests have all gone home, the site must be returned to its usual state. The organization of this important but unglamorous job fell to Ted Graham and a host of volunteers who pitched in to help. By 10 o'clock Sunday morning no one would have known that the location had been the site of the previous fun-filled evening.

By all accounts this fundraiser was a successful event which is very important to the mission of the American Chestnut Land Trust: to preserve Calvert County's natural and cultural resources. It was the first year that ACLT charged admission to attend the Chili Cook Off. It was gratifying that so many people were so willing to support our mission. This year's event raised a record-breaking \$20,000! Support by members and friends help us extend ACLT's outreach to school and scout groups, restore culturally significant structures, improve wildlife habitat, and maintain and expand our trail system.

What can we say to those who organized and directed, those who labored, those who donated, and those who came and contributed but “Thank You, Thank You.” See you next year!

Barbara Benning
Board Member and Chili Cook Off
and Auction Volunteer

Chilling News from Chesley-Hance Cemetery

The spirits may or may not have been about at the end of October, but the cemetery restoration crew sure was out in force! They continued their efforts to complete repairs on the headstones and return them to their resting places, despite the threat of restless ghosts and hobgoblins.

After a long wet spring, during which we were stymied by the weather on several planned work dates, we were able to conduct the headstone restoration workshop on August 16th with Laura Oliphant, a cemetery stone restoration specialist and sculptor. Laura demonstrated the techniques used in repairing two stones with the most severe breaks during our six-hour training workshop.

Many thanks to Janice Rodgers, Carl Fleischhauer, Peg Niland, Ken Romney and Jane Klemer (who gave us encouragement to keep going until the end), for ably assisting Laura with the work and providing equipment and supplies. Between Laura and Carl, we were also able to visually document each step in the process. A step-by-step color manual has been produced that incorporates instructions with pictures for each procedure. The cemetery team used this manual to repair the remaining two headstones on Saturday, October 18. Our goal is to return the stones to their resting places before the winter freeze hardens the ground and it becomes too cold to work outside.

The cemetery team is very appreciative of all the contributions made by members to fund this effort and the commitment made by those assisting us in learning how we can conserve the historic ACLT graveyards. Concrete sand, donated by Chaney Enterprises, will be used in re-burying the headstones and footstones dislodged last spring. The sand, when mixed with bluestone aggregate, will form a stable support for the stone.

Once this phase of the restoration work is completed, the team will return to planting a natural border of Christmas ferns around the perimeter of the graveyard, with cedar seedlings by the entrance. Last fall, the team consulted with Mary-Stuart Sierra of the Lower Marlboro Nursery concerning what types of plantings are native to the area and would be best to test.

The cemetery team invites all ACLT members to come by and look at the work that is underway. This is a continuing project and all members are invited to join us in this effort.

Susan Lauring Curley



Photos top to bottom:

1. Sue Curley and Janice Rodgers
2. Sue Curley and Ken Romney
3. Debbie Franklin
4. Debbie Franklin and Brittny Krauss

ACLT Calendar of Events — 2004

January 31 – Annual Meeting. 9:30 a.m., St. John Vianney Church, Prince Frederick. Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation – keynote speaker.

February 21 – Winter Hike. Enjoy views of the Bay and Parkers Creek. Meet at Double Oak Farm at 10:00 a.m. Reservations appreciated (410-586-1570).

March 27 – Volunteer Day and Work Project. Become part of the ACLT volunteer team. Check your February newsletter for specific times. There are lots of opportunities for any interest or skill level.

April 24 – Earth Day. Volunteer crews will be working along roadsides and on selected sites. Lots of help is needed and you will be rewarded with a picnic at the end of the day's activities. Come join us!

September 11 – Chili Cook Off and Auction. Enter your best recipe for the cook off, bid at the auction, and come out and enjoy the day! We'll have more details but this promises to be a wonderful event!

October 9 – Pumpkin Harvest Day. A wonderful new fall event for the whole family. Pick pumpkins and enjoy the ACLT trails.

December 11 – Greens Sale and Hayride. Greens for decorating at the holidays, hot cider, and a hayride to the beach.

Canoe Trips*: April 25, May 16, June 19, July 18, September 19 and October 24.

*Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. **Reservations are required.** Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 or e-mail us at adminaclt@chesapeake.net to register. Canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides), and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the Creek.

Note: Event dates may change. Check our website at acltweb.org and future newsletters or call the office to confirm times and locations.

ACLT Merchandise

ACLT T-Shirts

Medium–X-large T-shirts are back by popular demand. The importance of the Parkers Creek watershed dictated the design of the shirt illustrated here. \$18.00.



ACLT Tiles

designed by Parren Coltery

These 4" x 8" tiles, depicting the Great Blue Heron, are available in teal or light green. These make wonderful gifts. \$35.00.



"For the Love of the Land" 4" square tree tiles. \$25.00.

Note Cards

Limited Edition Cards with beautiful 4" x 6" photographs by Linda Blankenbaker of scenes around the trust's lands. This new item was designed exclusively for ACLT. \$5.00 each. Set of 11 for \$50.00.



Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 to place your order.



Above: Land Manager Damon Hearne uses a small tracked loader to clear the canoe area of debris left by the storm surge at Warrior's Rest.



Isabel cleanup volunteers and staff break for lunch: (l to r) Dave Bohaska, Peg Niland, Ginny Murphy, Ken Romney and Megan Hearne.

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Not all damage will result in negative changes. Tree gap ecologists have shown that tree falls can provide a diverse habitat for species that rely on disturbance to gain a foothold. For example, one fallen tree can provide a dry exposed mound of soil (the root ball or mound), a moist if not seasonally wet area (the pit where the root ball once anchored), a rotting log that will eventually host not only insects but also tree saplings (nursery log), and last but not least, an area of increased light around the tree. Each one of these micro sites can play host to specific native plant and animal species.

In fact, entire site ecosystems can be defined by tree fall. In many wet areas, the prevalence of tree fall can create a pit and mound ecosystem (made by the mound of the root ball and the hole left in the ground from that root ball) where plants indicative of dry sites are interspersed with seasonal ponds and wetland plants. (Some of this dynamic can be witnessed from the boardwalk on the ACLT's Swamp trail on the Gravatt tract near Port Republic.)

Another consideration of these tree fall gaps is that they will promote a diverse age distribution of trees. If the tree canopy were always intact, regeneration of smaller trees would be absent for some species. This single-age monoculture could potentially result in massive and relatively quick forest change when the old trees begin to die and there are no younger trees waiting in the wings.

As the hurricane cleanup continued last week, I began to think that trees seem to "find" our trail system before falling over. Maybe this was just a delusion I had after too many

days of chain sawing branches and logs on the trail network, but it reminded me of another ecological phenomenon. A closed forest canopy with few fields and edges tends to protect itself from wind better than areas of higher surface area and many fields. The areas of more gaps and edges allow the wind to grip the forest and do more damage. As a result, areas of wide trails or clearings in the forest are indeed more susceptible to wind damage.

Cleanup from the hurricane continues to go well. We have had much help from volunteers with tree cutting and branch removal. Indeed, most trails would still be closed if it were not for our dedicated (and overworked!) volunteers.

I encourage you to hit the trails to check out the changes that have occurred.

Damon Hearne,
Land Manager



Volunteer Dave Bohaska helps clean up debris left by Hurricane Isabel.

A Day At The Beach

By Sammy Farvardin, age 7.

Right after Hurricane Isabel, my mom and dad and I went to Parkers Creek which is in southern Maryland in Calvert County where my grandmother lives. Oh man it was a mess! Parkers is where the creek flows into the Chesapeake Bay and it's at the north end of Scientists' Cliffs. There were about 20 people there helping to clean up the area. I even met a new friend named Melissa.

We were also looking for things that were ours that had washed away in the storm – like our two kayaks and my grandma's boathouse and other stuff that we lost in the hurricane. Everything was washed up on the beach – toys, beach houses and even metal boats all torn to pieces! Some things were buried in the sand and there were all kinds of sticks and twigs. We also found a piece of a big huge old pirate ship that had been about a mile down the beach before the storm. Boy, that storm must have been powerful.

We spent all morning trying to find stuff and bring it away. There was a big green dump truck container on the ground and we loaded it up with branches, pieces of wood and pieces of boathouses. My dad lifted most of the heavy stuff while working with the guys. One guy had a chainsaw and another was driving a forklift that was also a mini-bulldozer. Don't get too excited about that, because he had to warn me not to get too close. It turns very fast. I had to watch out or he'd squish me like a bug!

You could hardly walk over there. There was lots of wood with nails in it and my mom got scratched on her legs. We had to wear boots to protect our feet even though we did not get wet. It was very, very muddy and there were lots of thorn bushes, too. But it was worth it because we found two special things. First, under a piece of boathouse, we found a little turtle as big as your palm. I showed my new friend Melissa, and she was amazed – she nearly flipped her shoes! We asked a man what type of turtle it was and he said probably a mud turtle. Then we let it go in Parkers Creek.

Then when we were cleaning up plastic things to separate the non-digestible things that won't break up, I saw a name on an old piece of green wooden boathouse that had been torn right off its base. I could hardly believe my eyes! I yelled to my mom – "that's our boathouse!" And it was – I had found my own family's boathouse door! It had our name on it so I knew it was ours. My grandma is going to flip out of her shoes when she sees that old boathouse wood.

That must have been the best day I ever had. And that is the end of my story.

[Sammy is the son of Luisa and Siavash Farvardin and the grandson of Magda Freeman.]

Parkers Creek Added as New Site to Chesapeake Gateways Network

Four new Chesapeake Bay Gateways were announced in November during a meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, a system of more than 100 special places where people can experience and learn about the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. Three of the new Gateways are in Maryland – Patapsco Valley State Park, the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail, and Parkers Creek Watershed Nature Preserve. The fourth is Great Bridge Lock Park in Virginia. This brings the total number of parks, refuges, historic ports, museums and trails in the Network to 127.

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network is a partnership system of sites, trails, and water trails around the Bay watershed. Each of these “Bay Gateways” tells a part of the multi-faceted Chesapeake story. Together, as the Gateways Network, they provide a way for people to experience and understand the Bay as a whole. The press release announcing the four new sites described Parkers Creek as “the last pristine Chesapeake Bay tributary on Maryland’s western shore. The 3,000-acre Parkers Creek Watershed Nature Preserve, managed by the American Chestnut Land Trust, conserves the lands surrounding the creek. With 14 miles of trails, visitors can view cliffs, woodland, farm fields, wetlands, and extensive salt marsh, and a variety of historic structures.”

Jonathan Doherty, National Park Service Director for the Gateways Network, stated, “We are

very pleased to designate these special places as Chesapeake Bay Gateways. At each site, visitors can experience as different part of the Chesapeake story. By enjoying all Gateways, we recognize the enduring importance of the Chesapeake Bay and the great rivers flowing into it.”

Today, the Gateways Network includes twenty-four state parks, nine units of the National Park System, five National Wildlife Refuges, sixteen museums, an Indian reservation, 17 water trails, and a number of other types of sites. While Gateways are managed by a variety of different organizations, the overall Network is coordinated jointly by the National Park Service and the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Bay Program, a partnership of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and the Bay Commission, works to restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

The addition of ACLT properties to the Gateway Network will not change ACLT’s mission or goals. The partnership will allow ACLT to seek funding and pursue assistance in developing and implementing a variety of projects. With the Gateways assistance, ACLT will be able to improve programs for environmental and cultural education, trail signage and other programs that will enhance visitors’ ability to enjoy, understand and feel connected to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. More information can be found on line at: <http://www.baygateways.net>.



<http://acltweb.org>

Visit the ACLT Web site:

- Information on the condition of the trails is updated frequently. Follow the link in the ‘Trails and Maps’ section.
- Links on the right-hand side of the home page feature current news and events.
- The “map and trail information” topic in the “Natural Resources” section also includes a printable map of the Gravatt tract trails and links to a Web mapping service that locates ACLT on larger scale maps.
- In the “Participation” section of the Web site you can register for the events listed on the ACLT Calendar, print a copy of the membership application form, and record your volunteer hours.
- A list of birds observed on ACLT land and nearby waters is available under natural resources.
- The “Cultural Resources” section features a photo gallery of the structures on ACLT owned and managed properties and an article on planting tobacco.



Spotlight on Volunteers

The Benning family began visiting friends in Calvert County in the late 1950's and bought their first home in Scientists' Cliffs in 1968. They appreciated the opportunity for their children to enjoy a life close to nature, one far different from the suburban life of Silver Spring. Now their grandchildren look forward to spending their vacations at "The Cliffs". They became members of the American Chestnut Land Trust in 1996.

In their association with ACLT, Barbara and her husband Stan have been impressed with the ob-

jectives of the Land Trust and the dedication of those involved in the acquisition and management of its many properties. Stan has helped us determine the build-out potential for properties that have been considered for acquisition.

During 1997 and 1998, Barbara served as Acting Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors and now serves as a member of the Board. She has been an outstanding volunteer over the years and has been regularly involved with ACLT's Earth Day, Chili Cook off and Auction, and manning booths at Patux-

ent River Appreciation Day and Annmarie Garden's Artfest. Barbara is always willing to help in any and all situations – from barn building to newsletter contributions to running errands all day in the rain before our auction. Barbara also serves on our Outreach and Membership Committee and shares her financial expertise as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and make it possible for us to reach our goals and carry out our mission. Thank you, Barbara!

ACLT Annual Meeting

The American Chestnut Land Trust's annual membership meeting will be held on *Saturday, January 31*, 9:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church Parish Hall, Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served following the meeting. There will be a charge of \$15.00 per person for lunch. Weather permitting, a hike will follow the meeting, beginning around 2:00 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that this year's keynote speaker is Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Chartered by Congress in 1949, the National Trust is the largest nonprofit preservation organization in the United States. It has approximately 270,000 members nationwide, operates six regional offices and has 20 historic sites. Under his direction, the National Trust has become an outspoken and effective advocate of controlling sprawl, has launched efforts to demonstrate and document the effectiveness of preservation as a tool for community revitalization, and has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the organized preservation movement.

When Richard Moe became the seventh president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, he brought to the position a lifelong interest in history and a career-long commitment to public service. A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Moe graduated from Williams College in 1959 and later received a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. In 1972 he moved to Washington to be administrative assistant to Senator Walter F. Mondale. Five years later he was named chief of staff to Vice President Mondale and a member of the Carter White House senior staff. He practiced law in Washington from 1981 until he assumed the presidency of the National Trust in January of 1993.

Pumpkin Patch Adventure 2003



Visitors enjoyed beautiful fall weather, conversation, and refreshments while costumed youngsters haunted the scary trails on foot and by wagon ride. Several participants painted creative faces on pumpkins. Children were thrilled to search for “pumpkin” candy treat bags hidden in the pumpkin field.



ACLT Office Landscaping



The ACLT office landscaping received some much needed attention this fall when Megan and Damon Hearne revived the garden and walkway at the front entrance. Megan did a lot of weeding and uncovered a healthy patch of *Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed Susan). She also planted a few other native plants that should fill out the area nicely next spring. The walkway was improved by Damon’s installation of some new concrete and a low wooden border around the flowerbed to keep dirt from encroaching on the reclaimed sidewalk.

Thank you for your support ...

New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the Summer 2003 Newsletter:

Ms. Ann Beaudry
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Currie
Mr. Darrin Downey
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garner
Mr. Charles Gauthier
Mrs. Jean Gray
Ms. Barbara Harris
Mr. Roger Horn and Ms. Kate Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. D. Brooks Jackson
Capt. Walter P. Murphy, USN (Ret.)
Ms. Janette Petersen
Lt. Joel Walton (*Sustaining Member*)
Ms. Elaine Weiner
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Woodrow

Memorials:

The following organization and individuals have made contributions to ACLT in memory of Joyce McDonald, who had been a charter member of ACLT:

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cox
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Dwan
Mr. and Mrs. William Hosler
Ms. Jennifer James
Ms. Annie Moore
Ms. Peg Niland
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rubino
Mr. Bert W. Rein
Ms. Frances M. Seymour
Ms. Nancy Smythe
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Col. Caroline VanMason USA (ret.)
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In memory of Doris Howe Zitzewitz who was also a charter member of ACLT:
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rubino

In memory of Byron Hanke, also charter member of ACLT:
Mr. Will Hunter

Members Who Reached Sustaining Membership Status:

Flag Harbor Marine Services -
Owner, John Little

General Contributions and Designated Gifts

Gift Memberships:

Thank you to the following members who purchased gift memberships since the Summer 2003 newsletter:

ADM James B. Greene, Jr. USN (Ret)
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Griffin
Capt. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy, USN (Ret.)
Ms. Margaret Niland

Honorary Gifts:

From Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zipser in honor of Col. Carolyn E. VanMason, USA (Ret)

From Mrs. Elaine Cochran Dunkle in honor of her son Art.

Fall Appeal:

ACLT wishes to thank the following members who made a contribution to the Fall Appeal campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson
Mr. Ronald Bailey
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__ Land Saver - \$35.00

__ Habitat Protector - \$500.00

__ Land Saver Corporate - \$150.00

__ Land Protector - \$60.00

__ Trustee of Land - \$1000.00

__ Land Protector Corporate - \$250.00

__ Land Conservator - \$150.00

__ Sustaining - \$2500.00

__ Land Conservator Corporate- \$500.00

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