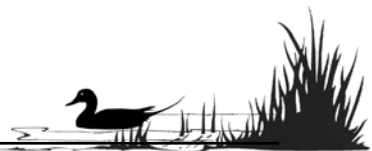


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HAYRIDE AT WARRIOR'S REST (11:00  
A.M.—2:00 P.M.)

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A recap of the 2009 Chili Cook-off & Auction with pictures and a list of our sponsors (Events & Activities/Chili Cook-off & Auction).

Read about ACLT's use of 'Eco-Goats' to help us control invasive plant species. See the goats at work (Programs/Land Management).

## Reflections on the Land Trust Rally: The Many Facets of Land Conservation

**Land Conservation Why, What and How** - Once again, the annual Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Rally proved its worth for those committed to land conservation. Three of us from ACLT, Karen Edgcombe, Liz Stoffel and I, joined nearly 1800 people at this year's Rally, mostly from across the United States but also some from Canada, Mexico, Chile and China. It's always energizing to meet other conservationists, share experiences, visit new sights and exchange ideas. Rally serves as a reminder of **why** land conservation is important, explores **what** the many challenges are and offers many examples of **how** these challenges are met.

**Why Conserve Land** - As I was inching my way forward in the security line at BWI, I mentioned to a native of Portland who was headed home that I was going to a land trust conference. She promptly asked, "What's a land trust?" Given the spectacular scenery in the Columbia River Gorge and the mountains near Portland, much of it conserved through the hard work of dedicated individuals, I was a little surprised. [We learned about Nancy Russell, the "Guardian of the Columbia Gorge." The accompanying photo (page 3) provides a hint of what she fought for.] I'm not sure whether I convinced her of the importance of land conservation, but the conversation did prompt me to reflect on the **whys**, the **whats**, and the **hows** of land conservation.

Rally serves as a reminder that there are many reasons to conserve land: protection of habitat; preservation of open space; save working farmland and ranchland; preserve scenic vistas; protect water quality; to name perhaps the most obvious. Cobbling together a generic mission statement from a representative sample of the many land trusts who attended Rally might read like this:

The Composite Land Trust works with communities and individuals to identify our natural and historic assets and protect important lands as well as sites before they disappear forever. We conserve, restore, and manage signature landscapes, vital habitats, and working farms, ranches and forests. We care about the environment, water quality, wildlife, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, working landscapes, scenic beauty and quality of life. We seek to inspire and involve people in the conservation of private natural land, thereby creating stronger, healthier communities now and for future generations.

It's fair to say that the mission of most land trusts includes some or all of the above.

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**What & How**

What I find striking, however, is the many different circumstances and challenges that confront land trusts and the many creative approaches used by land trusts to fulfill their mission. Whether from a seminar, a workshop or a conversation on the trail or over a beer, there's a lot to learn. The following is a sampling of some of the current issues facing at least some land trusts.

**Workshops and Seminars** – Rally offered seminars and workshops on a huge range of topics such as: community supported agriculture; climate change and land trusts; engaging urban teens; integrating the built and natural environments; federal funding for land conservation; preserving family lands; and numerous presentations dealing with easements and tax issues. Our own Land Manager, Liz Stoffel, gave a presentation on “Designing a Deer Herd Management Program that Works for your Land Trust.” This is a topic that resonates with many land trusts trying to cope with an overpopulation of deer. Her presentation sparked a lively discussion and fully consumed the 1-1/2 hour period. Karen attended a workshop on Community Supported Agriculture that was very encouraging for our growing efforts and participated in a small group seminar on Community Conservation.

**Easements and Tax Policy** – Naturally inclined to policy topics, I attended the sessions on public policy. Unlike ACLT, many land trusts rely on donated easements for the bulk of their protected land. An owner of a ranch, for example, might donate a permanent easement that precludes development and keeps the land in private ownership so that ranching can continue. The owner gets a tax deduction equal to difference between the appraised before and after value of the property. According to one presenter, the IRS considers conservation easements among its top ten abuses, paying particular attention to possibly inflated appraisals. In recent years, LTA has had a panel of IRS representatives describing their perspective and taking numerous questions from the floor. To its credit, LTA has worked hard to sustain this dialog with the IRS to build trust and demonstrate that the land trust community is equally committed to eliminating abusive easement appraisals.

**Accreditation** – Much of the motivation for land trust accreditation has been prompted by the type of abuses cited above. LTA established a separate commission for accreditation. To become accredited, a land trust has to pass a rigorous evaluation demonstrating: responsible governance; protection of the public interest with sound and sustainable land transactions and stewardship; ethical operations; accountability to donors and the public; and compliance with all laws. LTA's accreditation program is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and, as of September 2009, 82 land trusts have received accreditation. ACLT is on the path to apply for accreditation. Karen attended one session with other land trusts that have gone through the process and I participated in a work session with the accreditation commissioners. The first step is a self-appraisal process; the formal application requires a substantial amount of detailed documentation that has to largely be prepared by staff. We think that 2011 is a realistic time to get our application in and prepared.

**Power Facilities** – One conversation that came up frequently at Rally was the threat posed by power transmission facilities. Large areas of conserved land often look tempting to utilities trying to locate power line rights-of-way. ACLT's concerns about potential encroachment on some of our conserved land were spelled out in an earlier newsletter. According to LTA, land

conservation organizations nationally are concerned about the Department of Energy's ability to designate very large areas of land as a 'National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.' According to LTA, this designation "allows utilities federal condemnation authority to site transmission lines, is exempt from environmental review, and preempts traditional state regulation of transmission lines and local land use laws." The contacts made at Rally should be helpful as the potential expansion of electricity transmission capacity in Calvert County proceeds. LTA is an indispensable resource for land trusts across the country. Rally is an important way to connect with other conservationists on a wide range of technical, policy and program issues. It's also a lot of fun and provides an opportunity to see some striking protected land.

Ted Graham  
President, ACLT



Multnomah Falls on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Multnomah Falls is the second-tallest year-round waterfall in the nation and its water drops 620 feet from its origin on Larch Mountain.

## Around ACLT

### Chili Cook-off & Auction

From where I stood, the end of the night did not show signs of the festivities dying down. The check-out lines were long, the banter was loud, the speakers were humming, and oh, there was dancing! It seemed members and guests happily enjoyed their evening at the ACLT's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off & Auction.



When first arriving through the front door of the Community House, guests were welcomed by our registration table, and sent into the large tent for light appetizers, drinks, and bidding! The Auction tables looked better than ever with enticing items such as the finest French gourmet cooking to an Oyster Roast for 10. There were numerous vacation home rentals to Rehoboth Beach, Chincoteague, Dataw Island, Myers Beach, FL and the Bahamas! The tables were filled with gift certificates, jewelry, artwork and antiques. And anyone who likes a surprise could enter to win a mystery bag or take a chance at the raffle.

This year brought new additions to the event including the mystery bags, raffle, dollar tickets, a children's tent, and live auction. Show Place Arena's Bill Chambers ran our live auction and encouraged guests to bid "sky high" for premier Auction items like the famous whiskey cakes by Mary Dwan and a one-of-a-kind jewelry masterpiece by Heather Maerten.

During check out, music and dancing was provided by DJ Scott Thompson. And Scott certainly provided a selection of music that brought out quite a few boogie shoes to the dance floor!

As many of you know, this event raises funds that are used throughout the year to preserve land in the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds and to connect people with the land. Connecting people with the land, and involving them in the ACLT community, is essential to the cultivation of future land protectors who will continue to partner with ACLT to provide stewardship of the land for future generations.

This year's auction was a resounding success both in terms of attendance and financially. However, despite all the fun and celebrating involved, there was work that had to be done to pull off such a great event. Many volunteers spent countless hours planning, organizing, designing, setting up and running the auction for the enjoyment of all our guests. It could not have been a success without all the dedicated hands involved! A special thanks to our Auction Committee Chair, Donna Wilson and committee members, Mimi Little, Maggie Reynolds, and Freeman Dods-worth!

Joy Woppert  
Community Relations Coordinator

## Volunteer Spotlight—Suzanne Shelden

For anyone who attended our Auction, you might have wondered who was behind the beautiful black and white photographs that were on display on either side of the dining area and inside the house. It was none other than ACLT volunteer Suzanne Shelden. With the use of her own and other's photographs of ACLT properties, the tent was transformed into a beautiful display of what one might encounter when visiting or taking a hike.

Suzanne is an artist and graphic designer with her own business, Shelden Studios, in Prince Frederick. She has been in the field since graduating college in 1983 and works in exhibit, print, and web design with emphasis in original work often mixed with her art and illustration talents. Suzanne volunteers her graphics expertise to a number of organizations in the area. Within the last year, she has worked closely with ACLT staff, not only for our Auction, but spending many hours hiking trails in an effort to make more accurate and attractive trail maps for visitors.

When husband Craig and Suzanne were house-hunting in 2001, they were drawn down from Annapolis to Calvert County. They now live in Prince Frederick with their two children Courtney and Daniel. One reason they fell in love with the area was for the surrounding Hemlock Preserve, the Cypress Swamp Nature Center, and the American Chestnut Land Trust which they could enjoy for recreational activities. Loving to hike, they even transformed their forested property into their own "park" and trails.

The Shelden family's favorite thing about the ACLT is the feeling of wandering in the quiet wilderness, with only the sound of your own footfalls, and the wind in the trees. Suzanne likes to dream that maybe some day there will be chestnuts in American forests again, and though that is not the core mission of ACLT, the family still creates fun by hunting for the chestnut trees!

Suzanne enjoys being part of a preservation effort and getting out in the woods to work on trails. As well as being involved in the ACLT, she is also a member of the Sierra Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. The entire family continues to find hiking adventures to embark on around Calvert County and in other local parks. (Photo above: The Shelden family hiking the Billy Goat Trail in Great Falls, MD. Photo by Daniel Shelden).



Her artwork is represented at Friday's Creek Winery and at Artworks at 7<sup>th</sup> in North Beach. She is a member of the Arts Council of Calvert County, the Calvert Artists' Guild and the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. She is currently working on a series of landscapes, as seen from Route 4, depicting open scenes of fields, barns, trees and forest. Suzanne's work will also be featured in the Annemarie Gardens Café Gallery throughout November, beginning on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The ACLT Board and Staff extend a heartfelt thank you to Suzanne for her commitment and dedication to the ACLT!

Joy Woppert  
Community Relations Coordinator

### Mark Your 2010 Calendar

## Member Notice

**The 2009 Annual Membership meeting  
of the American Chestnut Land Trust  
will be held on Saturday,  
February 6, 2010 from  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in  
Prince Frederick, Maryland**

*If you participate in the Combined Federal Campaign, you can designate ACLT by using code #53731. In the Maryland Charity Campaign, designate ACLT by code #1549. Thank you for your support!*

# Land Manager's Corner

## BGE works with ACLT to Improve Transmission Line Habitat

In our Fall 2008 *Watershed Observer* we had several articles relating to BGE's implementation of new FERC regulations regarding the height limitations of vegetation below the transmission lines that run across Parkers Creek and across several ACLT owned or managed properties. Also, in the Winter 2009 newsletter (view them on-line in the Newsletter Archive at <http://acltweb.org>), we published a letter written by William T. Rees, Jr., BGE Forestry Management – Director, in which he stated that BGE “will be pleased to work with ACLT to address habitat development on the right-of-way adjacent to Trust lands.”

In May of 2009 Bill Rees and BGE Forester Daniel Neal met with ACLT staff, interested ACLT members (including Leslie Starr, Kitty Bailey and Sue Hamilton), and Calvert County government officials. We walked the power line overlooking Parkers Creek. BGE made it clear that their objective is to provide safe, reliable service to its customers and avoid further blackouts. However, BGE also understands that the Parkers Creek watershed is unique to the western shore of Maryland because of its diverse habitats, unique and rare species of both plants and animals, and as an Important Bird Area (IBA) designated by the Audubon Society. Most importantly, BGE is interested in working with ACLT to restore habitat on part of the area below the transmission lines on the north side of the creek.

The BGE representatives agreed to manage part of the transmission line area as a test area to develop grassland habitat in the wire zone

and shrubs in the border zone. In the following weeks, they set up a plastic fence to let their contractor mowers know where to stop mowing. The fenced area would be treated with herbicides that would affect broadleaf plants only, thus reducing trees and most woody plants, and promoting grassland habitat.

In September, they invited me to a workshop led by Integrated Vegetation Management, Inc. to demonstrate the techniques they planned to use on the Parkers Creek area. We (myself, some Environmental Protection Agency employees and some people from Columbia, Maryland who also had a BGE test site near Lake Elkhorn) met for a presentation at the US Fish & Wildlife Service field office in Annapolis. After a description of the program and methods they would utilize, the group went to a demonstration of spraying techniques and sprayers at a South River Greenway Partnership site under the transmission lines in Davidsonville, MD.

The first demonstration was a Radiarc broadcast sprayer which was mounted on the rear of a BGE contractor tractor. Unfortunately, the sprayer was not properly calibrated and a fine blue mist plume (blue dye and water) went into the air and swirled around on the breeze. The next demonstration was a well calibrated Radiarc sprayer on an ATV with a GPS unit, which sent the spray exactly onto the targeted plants. They also demonstrated a new material which can be added to herbicide sprays called “thinvert” which holds the droplets of spray

together until they reach their target plants. New nozzle devices and pre-mixed sprayer containers that are returned to the manufacturer for refilling were also demonstrated. They followed these demonstrations with a trip to the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge on the Chester River where many of these techniques had been used in the past - to demonstrate their efficacy.

During October, BGE contractors used the Radiarc sprayer and broadleaf herbicides under the transmission lines on the test area adjacent to the north side of Parkers Creek. It will take several months before we will see the results of the new practices. Bill Rees said that over time they would use backpack sprayers to target plants even more selectively, leaving some short shrubs on the border zone outside the wire zone. It is our hope that these changes in management practices will cause grassland habitat for a variety of bird and pollinator species to flourish. We also hope that, if this practice is successful, BGE will expand the test area within the Parkers Creek watershed.

While Karen Edgecombe, Ted Graham, and I were at the national conference for land trusts in Portland, Oregon (Land Trust Alliance Rally 2009), there was a lot of discussion about transmission line development and condemnation of preserved land trust properties for mega energy grids. Although, power company approaches to preserved properties vary from state to state, we are glad that locally BGE is willing to experiment with better practices to improve habitat in our watershed.

Liz Stoffel  
Land Manager

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

## New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members since the Summer 2009 newsletter:

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Ms. Kim Smith, Doggiestylez Pet Boutique  
Mr. Ron Tucker  
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Woppert

## Memorial Contributions

Thank you to the following members who made a memorial contribution since our last newsletter:

In honor of ACLT board member and long-time supporter **Col. Caroline Van Mason** (USN Ret.) for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:  
Mr. Dwight Blankenbaker  
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Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Locraft

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In memory of **Mr. John P. Girolamo**, who was a member, volunteer and fiancé of ACLT Community Relations Coordinator Joy Woppert  
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The Staff and Board of Directors wish to thank the following for their contributions to the 2009 Spring Appeal:

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Mr. & Mrs. W. A. White

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## Gift Memberships:

Thank you to the following members who donated gift memberships since our last newsletter:

Ms. Ethel Dutky & Mr. Alvin Wilson  
Ms. Joy Woppert

## Thank you for your support of ACLT's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off & Auction

In addition to all of our members and guests who came to enjoy the event, ACLT would like to thank those who were unable to attend but made contributions in support of our annual fundraiser:

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Basile  
Dr. Christine & Col. Daniel Boesz  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank R. Caldwell, Jr.  
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## ACLT Calendar of Events 2010

<b>January</b>	23	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
<b>February</b>	6	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	20	Winter Hike at Double Oak Farm (1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)
	27	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
<b>March</b>	27	Combined Hiking Trail Maintenance/Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	28	Barn Work Day (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
<b>April</b>	10	Canoe Guide Training (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
	17	Earth Day (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
	24	Spring Guided Hike on Gravatt East (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
	25	Children's Guided Hike (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	25	Barn Work Day (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
<b>May</b>	8	Guided Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
	22	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	23	Guided Canoe Trip (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
<b>June</b>	12	Parkers Creek to Flag Ponds Paddle (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
	19	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	26	Guided Canoe Trip (3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
<b>July</b>	10	Guided Canoe Trip (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
	24	Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	25	Barn Work Day (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
<b>August</b>	7	Guided Canoe Trip (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
	14	Vine Vindicator Training (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
<b>September</b>	11	Holly Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	18	Guided Canoe Trip (12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
	18	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	25	Silent Auction & Dinner Celebration
	26	Guided Canoe Trip (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
<b>October</b>	9-10	Patuxent River Appreciation Days
	22	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)
	24	Guided Canoe Trip (time to be determined)
	24	Barn Work Day (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	30	Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
	31	Fall Foliage Hike at Double Oak (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
<b>December</b>	5	Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
	11	Greens Sale & Beach Hayride (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

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