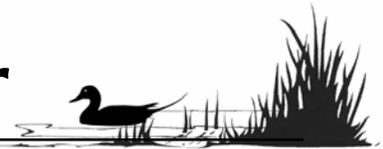


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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 9 – CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 5 – VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

SEE [HTTP://ACLTWEB.ORG](http://acltweb.org) OR PAGE 11 FOR FULL CALENDAR AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

## Save the Date... Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>!

It's time to start thinking about your chili entry for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ACLT Chili Cook-Off, Auction and Dance. This year your recipe might even make it into our Chili Cookbook and we have **fabulous prizes** for the winners of the contest!

Last year several hundred friends of the ACLT gathered for fun, food, dancing and bidding on incredible items in the silent auction. In addition to a vacation in the Bahamas, you could win fine wines, fabulous dinners, and sunset sailboat cruises. Keep checking our website at <http://acltweb.org> where we will list the auction items as we receive them.

**What makes an auction successful? Fun, creative auction items, and lots of bidders to bid on them!** We need your help...do you have a skill (cooking - host a dinner, cater a child's birthday party), artwork, tickets to a play or sporting event, or any idea that will bring bidders to the table? A set of hand painted martini glasses (all by non-artist designers) was one of the most successful items we've had at the auction. Sometimes it's the personal touch that makes the difference. Dan & Tina Boez and Alan Wilson & Steve Peters have raised thousands of dollars for the ACLT with their gourmet dinner offerings. Call (410-586-1570) or email the ACLT office at [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) with your ideas and we'll help you make it happen.

So bring your family, bring your friends and plan on coming early. The fun begins at 6:30 P.M. at the Scientists' Cliffs Community House at the intersection of Aspen and Alder Roads in Port Republic on Saturday, October 9, 2004. Hope to see you there.

Mimi Little

## CHILI COOK-OFF AND AUCTION

OCTOBER 9, 2004  
6:30 P.M.

SCIENTISTS' CLIFFS COMMUNITY HOUSE





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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ...

I've been an ACLT board member since 1999 and President for eight months. By now, I thought I knew most of what there was to know about our organization. However, one fact has really become clear to me in recent months: the ACLT is blessed with extremely generous and deeply devoted members.

On any given day, drop into the ACLT office. You'll find the volunteer workstation filled with someone working long and hard hours. A carefully orchestrated shift system keeps this seat filled with either Ginny Murphy, Ed Greene, Paul Berry, Mimi Little, or Janice Rodgers who take care of membership records, bookkeeping, technical enhancements, and special projects. During the Chili Cook-Off and Auction, this seat gets even busier.

At committee meetings I can see first hand the commitment combined with depth of knowledge energizing our program committees of Outreach and Membership, Land Management, Land Preservation, Budget and Finance, and Administration and Fundraising. I have long been aware, as we all see through newsletters, of the tremendous volunteerism for special events, trail upkeep and repairs, maintaining equipment, collecting water samples, guiding canoe trips, etc., but the behind-the-scenes work is awe-inspiring.

While our staff secures grants for over \$100,000 a year, it takes the generosity of our members to finance land acquisitions, our varied programs and our operating budget. As this newsletter regularly reports, the number of members donating to our special appeals, memorials gifts, land acquisition fund, and gift memberships is always increasing. The lists contained in this issue don't even include our Land Management Endowment Fund donors, anonymous donors who "pick up the tab" on unplanned expenses or those we go to with special needs.

One *very large* example of this commitment to our financial needs is evidenced by a donation made by the Carper family of Plum Point designated for land acquisition in Parkers Creek. Wanting to leverage their gift of \$20,000, they asked that we find partial matching funds. We turned to two long-standing members, Denny Murray and Brook Kaine, business partners in several land development projects, who had expressed an interest in also making a land acquisition gift. We were astounded to receive a \$10,000 contribution through their partnership, Marcellas Farms Limited Liability Corporation.

Members are the backbone of our organization and I thank you all for your participation, be it through annually renewing your membership, to extraordinary gifts, to cutting grass, to serving on a committee. I know I express the heartfelt thanks of our board of directors as well as my own.

Ted Graham  
President

# AROUND ACLT

## New Land Manager Joins ACLT Staff

We are very pleased to announce that Sammy Zambon joined the ACLT staff on July 5 as our new Land Manager. He fills the position that opened when Damon Hearne and his wife Megan decided to share an exciting opportunity with Earlham College as program leaders in Tanzania, East Africa. The members of the search committee are very excited that our extensive hunt brought us such talent.

Sammy comes to us after four years with the Virginia State Park Department where he began as a Seasonal Interpreter at Westmoreland State Park and then served as Chief Ranger at both Caledon Natural Area in King George and Mason Neck State Park in Lorton.

Sammy has an A.A.S. degree in Forest Technology from The New York State Ranger School, a B.S. degree in Environmental and Forest Biology & Resource Management from State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Syracuse, NY,

where he also received his Masters of Professional Studies in Forest Ecology. Sammy also graduated 5<sup>th</sup> in his class at Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy where he obtained a Conservation Officer Commission. His varied duties as a park ranger included trail design and maintenance including the construction of a trail designed for mobility-impaired visitors. His resource and property management experience has given him skills in removal of invasive species, wetland restoration, habitat enhancement, deer management, forestry, and building restoration.

In addition to his strong ecology and conservation background, he also has excellent skills in GIS data analysis and mapping and plenty of experience delivering public presentations using Power Point. He has developed extensive environmental education programs on bald eagles, owls, bats, aquatics, and resource management. He has also helped develop canoe and kayak-based interpretive programs

and has considerable experience in volunteer development and retention.

Sammy's wife, Margie, works as Member Services Manager for Global Impact in Alexandria, VA. Global Impact is a not-for-profit workplace giving organization consisting of the leading international humanitarian agencies like Doctors without Borders USA, Heifer International, CARE, and the Christian Children's Fund. Margie attended Syracuse University and has a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Margie has been an active volunteer with the nonprofit Friends of Caledon Natural Area. Other interests include gardening (especially organic gardening), cooking, and crafts like quilting and decorative painting. In addition to their interests in hiking, kayaking and exploring, they have both been active in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for the past two years.

Sammy and his wife Margie will also be our new resident stewards at Warrior's Rest.

Peg Niland, Executive Director

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## Does Your Boat Still Float?

The ACLT Boat Donation program is looking for a few good boats. If you're looking to upgrade and want to avoid the hassle of selling an old boat or just want to find a new home for a boat that hasn't been used for a while, please consider donating your boat to our program.

We are looking for boats, both motor and sail, in reasonably good shape that can be spruced up and sold quickly. John Little, at Flag Harbor Marine Service in St. Leonard, has offered to clean up the boats, make small repairs, store the boats and handle the sale.

These donations are tax deductible and the money raised from the sale of these boats will be used to help ACLT manage and preserve

land in the Parkers Creek watershed. So if you, or someone you know, are interested in donating a boat to the program please call John Little at 410-586-1915 or email him at fhms@flagharbor.com.



## Annual Spring Volunteer Workday

ACLT held its annual Spring Volunteer Day this year on March 27, 2004. And what a day it was! It was my first ACLT event and I was inspired to see 30 bright, cheery volunteers at 9:00 A.M. with parkas on, ready to work in the rain.

I'm amazed at what dedicated volunteers can accomplish in just three hours working together. At Warrior's Rest Holly Arboretum a crew tackled invasive vine removal, tree trimming and mulching, as well as perimeter clearing around the arboretum. On the South Side Trails, a group worked on trail clearing and bridge building. On the North Side Trails the group laid seed and straw and removed invasive vines on the Turkey trail, removed wood, branches, and sticks and marked new sections of the Goldstein Bay Trail.

After an afternoon of hard work, everyone convened at Double Oak Farm for a picnic and cookout. We talked, compared muddy shoes, laughed and ate. I enjoyed getting to know our long-time faithful volunteers whom I hadn't had the chance to meet before, as well as a new group of volunteers.

Thank you to each of the volunteers who braved the cold and rain with gusto, in the name of trail maintenance. You are not just good and faithful trail maintenance volunteers, you are stellar Calvert County residents and wonderful land stewards.

For those of you who could not make it, good news! You too can join the fun and camaraderie with the ACLT volunteer crew on a number of upcoming projects



ACLT's Volunteer Coordinator Seona DeGennaro takes time to admire ACLT's new interpretive signs while her husband, Mike DeGennaro, cuts invasive vines.

and events by going online to <http://actweb.org>, e-mailing [info@actweb.org](mailto:info@actweb.org) or calling 410-586-1570. It is a wonderful way to get outdoors, commune with nature, meet new friends, exercise and add "land steward" to your resumé!

Seona Harrison-DeGennaro  
Volunteer Coordinator

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## Brownlee Wins Grand Award at Prince George's Science and Engineering Fair

ACLT member Sara Brownlee, a June graduate from Calvert High School, won the Grand Award at the Prince George's Area Science and Engineering Fair. Her project titled, "The Role of Phosphorus in Controlling the SAV in Parkers Creek" was considered the best project in this year's competition, which was open to all Prince George's, Calvert and St. Mary's students. As part of her reward, Sara received a four-year scholarship into the scholars program at the University of Maryland beginning next fall. She also received numerous prizes and other awards.

She was also invited to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Portland, Oregon, to compete with students from around the world.

Sara's project is a cumulative effort that began with an early interest in environmental science. She has worked with numerous professionals in the field to gain content knowledge and hands-on experience working with scientists in the community, including members of ACLT. When she was a junior, her then award-winning project was displayed at our annual meeting.

She cites both of her parents as a positive influence and gives them credit for helping her in her scientific interests. She also thanks Kirsti Uunila at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, who served as one her mentors, and the Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning for their assistance. Her efforts in the past have also been acknowledged as she was the Maryland state winner and a competitor at the national level in the Stockholm Junior Scientists Competition.

*Congratulations Sara Brownlee!*

## Earth Day 2004

What can each of us do to make the community we live in, the county we reside in, the state we call home, the planet we live on a little bit better in just a few minutes? By turning the water off while we brush our teeth to conserve water, or by taking the time to buy the phosphate free dish soap at the grocery store, or by participating in the simple task of picking up litter on the side of the road and placing it in the proper receptacle. Engaging in an act of caring for the environment provides a sense of appreciation of ones natural surroundings, as well as a connection to the larger picture of how we fit into our world. Just think how much can be accomplished if everyone worked together on one day, each year, to celebrate Earth Day!

This article is in praise of all the people who made a concerted effort to do something to celebrate the earth they reside on. I must say that I am in awe of the 70 plus people who said on Saturday, April 24, 2004, "I'm going to do SOMETHING!" And do something they did! At Double Oak Farm hunters speckled the road doing roadside trash pickup while crews hauled appliances and furniture out of gullies and ravines. Two old rusty cars were amongst the treasures pulled out of a ravine. In Port Republic the communities of Governors Run, Kenwood Beach, Scientists Cliffs and Western Shores participated in roadside pickup on the main roads in their respective communities. At Warrior's Rest Sanctuary debris was removed from Parkers Creek Beach and at the barnyard. Here we were, children, teenagers, adults, teachers, scientists, attorneys, hunters, moms, dads, kids, friends, and neighbors working together for the greater good. It is something so simplistic at its core, yet incredibly relevant to each of us. We worked together to clean up our corner of the earth here in Calvert County.

Whether you like to drink clean water, breathe fresh air, enjoy the shade of a tree, visit a park, or drive along a road with endless natural views, you have a reason for wanting to participate in ACLT's Annual Earth Day Event. It is all in line with enjoying the natural world around us in some capacity. To those of you who found the time to volunteer and participate in our Annual Earth Day this year, we thank you and thank you, and thank you. We thank you for caring, for inspiring others to care and for doing something! For those of you who may have missed this incredible event, don't despair. Earth Day is an annual event in April!

Seaona Harrison-DeGennaro  
Volunteer Coordinator



Bob Orsini, Bill Wright, and Ted Graham work diligently to fill a dumpster near the main office. Debris came from all over the property including the Gravatt track and Warriors Rest.



Ken Romney hauls an old vehicle from a ravine at Double Oak Farm. Two were removed this year.



Left: Leon Myers tosses a discarded bottle onto a tarp for removal.



Right: Double Oak Hunt Club member and volunteer, Ginger Walls, carries a bucket of trash out of a steep ravine. Ravines often become illegal dumping sites.

## Volunteers Attend Non-Profit Technology Conference

Janice Rodgers, ACLT's Volunteer Database Analyst and her husband Chuck Rodgers, Chief Technology Officer of OPTIMUS Corporation, represented the American Chestnut Land Trust at the *2004 Nonprofit Technology Conference* in Philadelphia to learn about and assess technology that could benefit the land trust. The three day conference sponsored by the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network, Network for Good, and the United Way, brought together more than 600 people from a variety of nonprofits across the country to discuss technology and strategies for operating nonprofits, and for Internet outreach and fundraising.

It is the largest such conference in the United States.

ACLT is interested in low cost technology that would allow us to enhance our effectiveness through targeted email communications with our members and volunteers, a new more versatile member and volunteer database, and the ability to accept donations via the web.

At the conference, technology issues such as the effects of the new anti-Spam law and spam filters used by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that can unintentionally block nonprofit communications requested by members, were discussed. A seminar at which the Postmaster of AOL spoke provided

tips on avoiding styles and phrases in e-mail that activate the filters, such as using "free offer" on the subject line. Also discussed was how to deal with ISPs if your communication is wrongly blocked as spam. Best practices such as a clear description of the content on the subject line, accurate sender contact information, and the ability of the recipient to easily opt-out of future messages were covered.

Janice and Chuck identified several low cost services as potential solutions for ACLT technical needs. They will soon give a presentation of their findings to the ACLT Board of Directors. ACLT is very fortunate to have such talented volunteers.

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## Another Way to Volunteer

This fall, the American Chestnut Land Trust will once again be participating in the Combined Federal Campaigns through the Environmental Fund for Maryland. It is a proven fact that we can substantially increase our contributions from federal and state employees by attending campaign events held by government agencies throughout the campaign season. While it is true that the Environmental Fund for Maryland coordinates these events, we miss out on many opportunities for donations to our organization because EFM does not have enough manpower to attend all possible events. We need your help to increase the visibility of the ACLT and the Environmental Fund for Maryland in workplace charity campaigns.

### Here's how it works:

From the middle of September until the end of October, several state and federal agencies hold event fairs at their work place to encourage employees to participate in donating money from their paycheck. These fairs are very important to attend because it is the one and only contact that the ACLT and EFM will have with employees. With literally thousands of worthy organizations to choose from, our presence at these fairs can make a huge impact on an employee's final decision.

### Where are these fairs held?

Most of the fairs are held in the Baltimore or Washington DC area. There are a few held on the Eastern Shore. Last year, EFM attended over 35 fairs from September to October. They represented EFM and its member organizations at agencies such as the National Insti-

tute of Health, US Dept. of Education and the National Security Administration.

### How can you help?

EFM is seeking teams of volunteers who will be available to attend some of these events during campaign season. Duties include staffing a table, handing out materials to potential donors, and answering questions about the ACLT and EFM. Volunteers are needed mostly during the month of October and will be contacted with directions and information about the event. Since EFM receives little advance notice of these events, volunteers will be asked to provide a calendar of when they are available. All volunteers will be asked to attend one training session held September 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Seona DeGennaro at 410-586-1570 or email at [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org).

<http://acltweb.org>

## Plants of ACLT

Want to know more about the plants on ACLT land, see a photograph or get some help identifying the plants? A database of the plants that can be found on the lands owned and managed by ACLT is now available on our Web site.

Look under the “Natural Resources” menu item. Thanks to the cooperation of Web projects hosted by the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, images can be viewed for nearly all of the 472 plant species on the list. The list can be searched by scientific name or common name, or plants can be listed that flower during a certain month.

This checklist is based on a 1986 plant survey of the Scientists Cliffs community and environs conducted by Dr. Steven R. Hill. The database includes scientific and common names and Dr. Hill's information about flowering time, abundance, distribution, and his additional notes.

Dr. Hill's checklist is presented here as the basis for exploration of the flora of ACLT. Over time the list will be updated with additional information on time of flowering and more detailed locality information through the efforts of staff, volunteers, and members and friends who hike our trails.

## Science Fair Winners

The winner of this year's Calvert County Science Fair is awarded \$50 and a one-year honorary membership in ACLT. A warm welcome goes to this year's winners:

Ms. Alexandra Roberts

Ms. Emily Brownlee – for a second year

## A Planned Giving Program for ACLT

This seems to be an appropriate time to raise the issue of starting a program of planned giving for two reasons. The first reason is the most recent Five Year Plan (2004–2008) adopted by the ACLT Board of Directors in January 2004. In that document, under “Management of ACLT Operations”, one of the strategies listed is to derive one-third of total income from endowment by 2008. Also listed in that section under “Intermediate Actions (2005–2006)” is to develop and implement a program of planned giving. The second reason is that we are now in the fourth year of our Capital Campaign with the goal of one million dollars by the end of 2005 in the Land Management Endowment Fund. As a result, we now have in place an important building block for planned giving. When the Capital Campaign completes its initial phase based on private solicitations in 2001, the earnings from the Endowment Fund (currently funded at \$735,000+) will begin to be available for operational expenses. But, even at full funding, it will be well short of providing one-third of the budget, so we have work ahead to solicit more contributions to the fund (both great and small).

ACLT's newsletter has indeed had occasional articles about planned giving, or “deferred giving,” as it is frequently designated, such as the one not long ago by Ewing Miller on Charitable Remainder Trusts. We will try to be more consistent with articles in the future, describing the needs to build the Endowment Fund until it can support one-third of the budget income, and by exploring some options in planned giving.

Remembering ACLT in your will with a specific bequest, or as part of the distribution of your residuary estate, is simple enough in the context of your estate planning. It can be done by consulting with your attorney and giving them the information. Since ACLT is a recognized charity, a bequest will reduce your taxable estate. We hope that members of ACLT will consider this method of extending their support into the future. At the same time, we want to encourage substantial lifetime gifts, such as appreciated property, and are willing to work with you or direct you to the appropriate experts. Whether your gift is to the Endowment Fund or a special project, it will be greatly appreciated.

Ralph Dwan, Co-chair  
Administration and Fundraising Committee

# LAND MANAGER'S CORNER

## Busy as a Beaver

This morning I went out for a walk. Leaving the parking area I followed the trail out across the field. Black-Eyed Susans, our state flower, glowed in the morning light. Small birds moving too quick to identify flew from field to brush and back again. I continued along the trail, entering the shade of the forest. Turning right I followed the Swamp Trail down the hill to the ravine bottom.

Down near the lowest area of the trail I noticed some squishing from under my feet. The trail was turning muddy. This was a change from earlier this spring. The trail soon rose up out of the mud onto a plank corduroy. Water moved in a sheet just scant inches below my feet. A leafy branch lay across my path a few yards ahead. Picking it up I noticed that it wasn't a lost tree limb like I first thought. Following the stem back off the path I discovered a neatly chewed stump. Beavers have moved into the swamp! Looking around I found other evidence of their activity. Several trees had been chewed. Their trunks narrowing to an hour-glass shape about a foot off the ground. Further along the stream I found a small dam that forced the water from its channel. The re-routed stream caused the muddy trail. A larger dam sits farther back from the trail creating a small pond area.

Beavers (*Castor canadensis*) are North America's largest rodents. Adults can be 45-60 lbs. some of the largest beavers can

weigh in excess of 100 lbs. Typical adults are 22-27 inches long with an additional 12-16-inch tail. The tail is the most distinctive part of a beaver's anatomy. Flat and paddle like the beaver uses its tail as a rudder while it is swimming. While on land the beaver uses its tail as a support to stand on its hind legs and as a counter balance while carrying large branches. Mostly aquatic, beavers are ideally suited to the environment. Their rear feet are webbed and when combined with their tail makes them excellent swimmers. Beavers have valves that close off their nostrils and ears preventing water from entering and a clear membrane covers their eyes preventing irritation by water born debris.

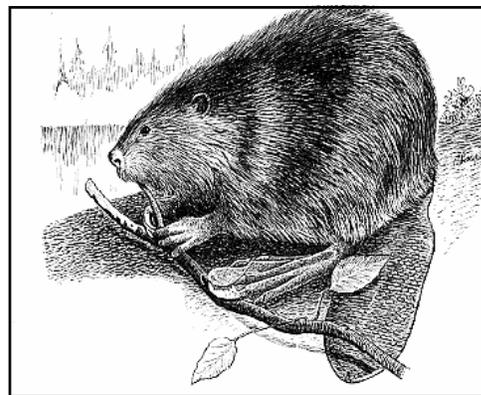
Relatively long lived for rodents, beavers may live as long as 12-20 years. Beavers mate for life and make excellent parents. Their main social unit is the family. Female beavers select their mate during their third year. The young, called kits are born in May or June. Beavers produce two to four young each year. Kits are born fully furred and with their eyes open. They can swim in a few hours but usually don't leave the lodge for their first month. Kits will stay with their parents for two years, helping with gathering food and raising the litter of the year.

Probably the first sign that there is a beaver in the area is the impact they have on trees. Beavers feed on a variety of foods including water lily, clover, and other aquatic

vegetation. They also feed on the live tissue or cambium of trees. Beavers prefer fast growing trees such as basswood, birch and poplars. Beavers will fell a tree and then cut it up, dragging pieces underwater for storage.

Beavers, like man, change the environment to suit their needs. Beavers will pile sticks covered in mud and where available rocks to create a lodge. They chew into this pile creating underwater entrances, feeding chambers and a denning area. The lodge can be located on a bank or in a pond created by the beaver's dam. Beavers create dams for several reasons. Water backed up by the dam creates a moat around the lodge giving the beavers protection from predators. In colder areas the water serves as food storage. Branches imbedded in the mud bottom serve as the beaver's food source for the winter. The beaver will swim out under the ice and retrieve a stem from the bottom.

Beavers have several predators. Hawks, owls and otters will prey on kits while dogs pose a threat to young adults. Man has been the greatest predator and threat to the beaver. Beavers were the first natural resource exploited by European settlers. Pelts were used for a wide variety of things, in some cases



even being used as a form of currency. By the 1930's beavers were extirpated from much of their eastern range. Over the past 75 years regulations controlling beaver trapping have allowed their numbers to come back. Indeed in some areas they have now reached nuisance levels flooding farm fields, submerging roads and damaging trees.

Beavers are a cornerstone species in any area they move into. The wetlands they create enhance the environment. Wetlands slow the flow of water allowing sediments to settle out and work to filter out harmful chemicals and nutrient loads. Their dams allow floodwaters to dissipate and moderate the amount of damage caused downstream. Trees killed by the initial flooding behind a new dam become habitat for wood ducks, woodpeckers and several other species of cavity nesters. Walking around the edge of a beaver pond you will notice the vast abundance of amphibians and reptiles. Frogs and turtles abound. Aquatic vegetation becomes established, further filtering the stream. As the pond fills with sediment and the dam decays, the area will go through a series of successional stages. Eventually the area will revert back to forest and the process may start again. In many areas where beavers have become a problem, people have learned to work with the animals. Devices such as beaver bafflers and flood control pipes placed in dams can help beavers and their human neighbors coexist. We are currently exploring our options on how to work and live with our beavers.

If you wish to see beaver activ-

ity up close, check out the wetland area on the Swamp Trail on the southern trail system. Another great way to see beavers or their evidence is to canoe Parkers Creek. ACLT will host two more canoe

trips this year. Canoe trips will be held on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Please go online to [acltweb.org](http://acltweb.org), email [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) or call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 to make reservations.

Sammy Zambon

## Hunting on ACLT Lands

Once again hunting season is almost upon us. September brings cooler temperatures (hopefully) and the white-tailed deer hunting seasons. ACLT members from the Double Oak and Southern Maryland Hunt Clubs will again be hunting on ACLT owned and managed properties.

The dates for the different white-tailed deer seasons are as follows:

Bow Hunting: Sept. 15–Oct. 20, Oct. 25–Nov. 26, Dec. 13–Dec. 17, Jan. 3–Jan. 6, Jan 10–Jan 31.

Firearms Season: Nov. 13 (Jr. Hunt), Nov 27–Dec. 11, Jan. 7–Jan. 8.

Muzzleloader Season: Oct. 21–Oct. 23, Oct. 25–Oct. 30, Dec. 18–Jan. 1.

Some changes have been made to the hunting hours on ACLT managed lands on a trial basis for the upcoming season. Hunters will now be allowed to hunt Monday-Friday all day, Saturday until noon, and all day on Federal holidays. There is no hunting allowed on ACLT managed lands on Sundays. Please keep in mind that only bow hunting is allowed on the southern properties in Port Republic and Kenwood Beach and that the northern trails, accessed from Double Oak Farm, will be closed during the firearms season.

The hunting of white-tailed deer is an important part of the local culture that ACLT helps to preserve and ensures a healthy deer herd. Overpopulation of deer causes tremendous damage to forest under story which deters healthy successional growth. Every year, deer destroy thousands of dollars of economically viable cropland in Calvert County and countless people are injured or seriously inconvenienced by vehicular collisions with deer. The hunting program is part of a Deer Herd Management Plan developed with and approved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Our hunt club members are not only ACLT members but also serve as volunteers. Members of the Double Oak Hunt Club logged over 600 volunteer hours last year! Projects have included Hurricane Isabel clean-up, trail maintenance, vehicle maintenance, and working on some of the barns. If you have questions or concerns about the Deer Herd Management Plan, hunting on ACLT managed properties or becoming a volunteer, please contact me at [land@acltweb.org](mailto:land@acltweb.org).

Sammy Zambon, Land Manager

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

## New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the Winter 2004 Newsletter:

Annmarie Gardens  
Ms. Betsie Cochran - Sustaining Member  
Ms. Catherine Cochran - Sustaining Member  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coker  
Col. & Mrs. Michael Collmeyer, USA (ret.)  
Ms. Erika G. Conner & Mr. Terry Praisner  
Dr. & Mr. John Corrado  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Daharsh  
Ms. Lynn Davidson  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Demers  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Dutky  
Mr. & Mrs. Englis Gray  
Mr. Ed Haack  
Mrs. Susie Hance-Wells  
Mrs. Jeannie Howe & Mr. Alan Kreizenbeck  
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## Members who reached sustaining membership status:

Mr. & Mrs. David Bonior

**Special thanks** to the Art's Council of Calvert County for their support of local nonprofits through the annual Calvert Artist's Showcase (CAS).

Many thanks to the local music group, *Rockfish*, who selected the American Chestnut Land to be a recipient of the 2004 CAS proceeds.

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## ACLT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 9 - Chili Cook-Off and Auction - Enter your best chili recipe, bid at the auction, catch up with other ACLT members and enjoy the day!

November 5 - Volunteer Appreciation Night - An evening to celebrate our dedicated volunteers with an autumnal dinner at Double Oak Farm

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

Canoe Trips\*: September 19 and October 24.

\*Call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 or e-mail us at [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) to register. Canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours and may require participants to help carry a canoe up to one-quarter mile over sand.

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