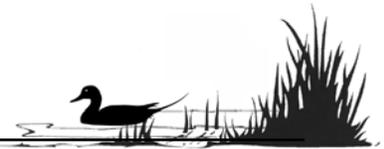


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- September 13 — Chili Cook Off and Auction
- October 11 — Pumpkin Day (tentative date)
- December 13 — Greens Sale
- January 10 — ACLT Annual Membership Meeting
- See page 5 for full calendar.

## Going Once, Going Twice, SOLD!

It's not too early to think about next year's vacation. How about two weeks in Hawaii? That's one of the things you can win if you're a successful bidder at this year's ACLT chili cook off and auction. Mark your calendar for September 13 and then get out that chili recipe. Maybe this is the year to try a new variety for the big bash!

Each year several hundred friends of ACLT gather for the event of the season, featuring fun, food, dancing and, as always, a chance to bid on and win incredible prizes. In addition to a vacation in Hawaii, you could win handcrafted ceramic house numbers, or a dinner for four with fine French wines. Keep checking our website at <http://acltweb.org> and we'll post the list of auction items as we receive them.

And what do you have to contribute? How about some original artwork or tickets to a show? Call the ACLT office with ideas (410-586-1570) and we'll help make it happen.

So 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, September 13, 2003.

## Chili Cook Off and Auction

September 13, 2003  
6:30 p.m.

Scientists' Cliffs Community House





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## From the President's Desk ...

It has been a busy summer for ACLT. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we have hired a new land manager after an exhaustive search. The uproar over the Prince Frederick Woods development has kept me especially busy, attending seventeen hours of testimony before the Planning Commission in June and July. Our Board met at the Calvert Marine Museum on July 19th for an all day Retreat to begin the process of developing a new long-range strategic plan for the organization. What ever happened to the lazy days of summer?

Testimony concluded at approximately 2:15 a.m. in the Prince Frederick Woods contested case on July 15th. The ACLT participated in the case as an "interested party." At this writing, the Planning Commission has taken the case under advisement and is expected to issue a decision in September. While we cannot comment on the particulars of the Prince Frederick Woods case at this time, we have submitted a letter to the County Commissioners and the Planning Commission recommending that three steps be taken to avoid similar situations in the future:

- ACLT recommends that the county require all applicants to submit a "jurisdictional determination" letter from the Corps of Engineers, certifying that the wetlands delineation shown on their subdivision and site plan applications are true and accurate;
- ACLT recommends that the Planning Commission preserve all steep slopes in excess of 25% within the Forest District of the Prince Frederick Town Center in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations in order to protect water quality in Parkers Creek; and
- ACLT recommends that the county assume responsibility for sediment and erosion control inspections in the county.

Fall promises to be a busy season for ACLT, too. ACLT staff and volunteers are already hard at work planning the annual Chili Cook Off and Auction, our major fundraising event for the year, to be held on September 13th. And we are planning a new event—a celebration of the harvest of our first pumpkin patch—for October. **Please note**, however, that we have decided to break the tradition of having our annual meeting in late fall. Our committee chairs and our treasurer, Paul Berry, struggle each year to present "annual reports" even though our fiscal year does not end until December 31. Additionally, we have found that it is difficult to schedule the annual meeting in the fall because so many other events in the county occur at that time of year. We have decided, therefore, to postpone the annual meeting until early 2004 in order to capture a full year's happenings and, hopefully, start a new tradition. Look for details in the next newsletter!

Karen H. Edgecombe, President

# Around ACLT

## Damon Hearne Joins ACLT Staff

I am very pleased to announce that Damon Hearne joined the ACLT staff on July 1 as our new Land Manager. He fills the position that opened when Dan Sampson moved to New England in June. The members of the search committee are very excited that our extensive hunt brings us such talent.

Damon and his wife, Megan, come to us from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they both have recently received their Master's Degrees at the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. Damon's concentration was in Resource Ecology and Management and he received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Earlham College in Indiana.

Megan will be pursuing a career in public policy/administration as soon as she joins Damon in late August.

Damon has worked with several wildlife habitat projects ranging from endangered species research on woodpecker species in Florida, avian and vegetation surveys in Indiana, to gray wolf range use and land use change in Michigan and Wisconsin. In addition to his strong ecology and conservation background, he has stewardship, organizational management, education, and outreach skills that are very necessary qualifications of a land manager. Damon also has excellent skills in GIS data analysis and mapping and was employed as a GIS technician while



completing his studies. Interestingly, he grew up on a farm in West Virginia where he has hunted, learned tractor and backhoe operation, general construction, electrical and carpentry skills, and how to deal with unauthorized land use.

Peg Niland, Executive Director

## Have You Hiked Lately?

When did you last walk the property that you help support? Now that summer is almost over, you really might want to give some thought to making time to walk some of the trails. Comments from



recent trailhead sign-in sheets indicate that lots of folks are out there enjoying the beauty and serenity that these woodland walks have to offer.

Just as an example: "You guys are doing such a wonderful job; we're all blessed (those of us who live near here) to have such a wonderful place so close!" Interestingly enough, the same sign-in sheet showed visitors from as far away as Hollywood, Florida and San Diego, California.

We are told that the blazed trails are "Excellent! Beautiful! Well Marked." Other comments

noted that the property offers more than just hiking opportunities. "A great place for photography" noted a visitor from Broomes Island. Having discovered the new picnic pavilion, a Prince Frederick couple noted, "A nice morning picnic was enjoyed by all."

Other comments were more succinct. "Thanks!" "Very Nice." "Lovely." And one local visitor noted "What a wonderful day for exploring our natural environment." So, when is the last time you escaped to the woods? How about this afternoon? The trails are

## New Land Manager Digs In

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to the membership of the ACLT. It was only a month and a half ago that I was frantically searching the Internet for a job that would allow me to put my education to good use as well as get me out from behind a desk (at least part of the time).

When I found the ad for the ACLT land manager job, little bells started going off in my head (or should I say chainsaws, shovels and tractors). Reading the job description, I could feel myself yearning for the opportunity to bring together my background in landscape and wild-life ecology with my love for hands-on work in the outdoors.

In fact, my first task on the job

was to help Ken Romney plant poles for the fence around the pumpkin patch—and I couldn't have been happier doing it. After thousands of hours behind a computer working on my Masters degree, it was nice to be behind a pre-computer era tractor, working outside.

I was raised on a large farm in West Virginia where my family worked the land while treating it kindly. I spent the next four years at Earlham College in Indiana, majoring in Biology and meeting my future wife, Megan.

Megan and I worked for several years as field biology technicians before returning to graduate school at the University of Michi-

gan. We both graduated from the School of Natural Resources and Environment; I worked on gray wolf landscape use for my opus and concentrated in ecological-based courses. Megan worked in environmental and resource policy, concentrating on dam removal and community decision-making.

I hope to bring a bit of all of these experiences to ACLT, and help you manage and use the lands that you have chosen to support. I look forward to meeting many of you during the coming months and please do not hesitate to seek me out for questions, help or suggestions. Thank you.

Damon Hearne, Land Manager

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## Birds-eye View of the First Annual ACLT Pumpkin Patch

The brainchild of former land manager Dan Sampson, the abandoned tobacco field across from the ACLT office is now the new home of Parkers Creek 's premier pumpkin growing environment. Equipped with the latest anti-crow defense system (ribbon in foreground) and protected from deer invasion by solar-powered fence charger and a diversionary clover planting, we expect Great Pumpkins from this patch. Please mark your calendars for **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, our Pumpkin Harvest Day, when we will be selling ACLT-grown pumpkins and celebrating the turn of the season. We thank Eddie Bowen and Andy Buck for planting and cultivating the pumpkin seeds, Ken Romney for plowing, disking and engineering the Pumpkin Predator Defense System (PPDS) and Paul Blayney and John Lewis for planting the clover.

Damon Hearne, Land Manager



## ACLT Calendar of Events

**September 13 - Chili Cook Off and Auction.** Enter your best recipe for the cook off, bid at the auction, and come out and enjoy the day! The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Scientists' Cliffs Community House at the corner of Acacia and Alder Roads. Don't forget to bring us those auction items. Contact the office for more details.

**October 11 (or about) - Pumpkin Day.** Drive by the ACLT barn and be charmed by the first ACLT Pumpkin Patch, a volunteer-led effort to raise pumpkins for a special fall event. If we win (and the deer and birds are deterred), we hope to have a special pumpkin day in October. Make sure you watch our web site for details at <http://acltweb.org>.

**October 25 - Annmarie Garden - Tales for a Haunted Trail.** Enjoy the spooky trails through the gardens for children of all ages. ACLT will once again be sponsoring a booth along the haunted hike. Dress up in your very best costume and come join the fun.

**December 13 - Greens for decorating at the holidays, hot cider, and a hayride to the beach.** ACLT goodies will be available for sale that day so don't forget to think of ACLT merchandise when you plan your holiday gift giving.

**January 10, 2004** – Annual Membership Meeting. St. John Vianney Church, Prince Frederick, MD.

### Two Canoe Trips Remaining

The remaining ACLT sponsored Canoe Trips are scheduled for September 21 and October 25. Depart from Warrior's Rest at 10 a.m. and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Reservations are required. Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 or email the Volunteer Coordinator at [adminaclt@chesapeake.net](mailto:adminaclt@chesapeake.net) to register. A \$10 donation is suggested. 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.



## 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. \$20.00.



### 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.

We still have a few remaining 9 1/2" x 24" tiles set in wood, showing the four seasons of the year of a Chestnut Tree. \$225.00.



### 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.



# Thank you for your support ...

## New Members

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

Mr. Dale Beckham, Sr.  
Ms. Katherine Buck  
Mr. Warren Carter  
Mr. & Mrs. Marc DeLaVergne  
Ms. Donna Drew  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Florence  
Mr. Michael Gillespie  
Mr. William Gray, Jr.  
Mr. Damon Hearne  
Mr. Jeffrey Heilmeier  
Mr. Peter Johnson  
Mr. John Koelbel  
Mr. and Mrs. William Moos  
Mr. Kenneth Morris  
Mr. James Powell  
Mr. Darryl Robbins  
Mr. Daniel Sampson  
Ms. Wendy Serpan  
Ms. Jennifer Sevin  
CDR. and Mrs. George Scott, USN (Ret.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith  
Mr. Kevin Stoetzel  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Surles  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Turner  
Ms. Marsha Van Gemert  
Mr. and Mrs. James White  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson

## Science Fair Winner:

ACLT sponsored four prizes in the Calvert County Science Fair this year. Each prize included a \$50 award and a one-year membership in ACLT. As winners return the membership forms they are added to the ACLT rolls as honorary youth members. A warm welcome goes to the second of this year's winners to join ACLT:

Ms. Emily Brownlee

## Memorials:

The following memorial contributions have been made since the Spring 2003 newsletter.

From Col. Caroline Van Mason in memory of Margaret Peters, mother of Dr. Stephen Peters.

From Mr. and Mrs. Allen Loew in memory of Shirley Faith of Portland, Oregon.

From Ms. Annie Moore in memory of Josephine G. Thompson, mother of Mrs. Terri Beck.

From Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dwan in memory of Patrick Head, brother of Dan Head.

From Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dwan in memory of Fred Boesz, father of Dan Boesz.

## General Contributions and Designated Gifts

### Gift Memberships:

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

Ms. Margaret Niland

### Contribution for Land Acquisition

Mr. Glen Pyles

### General Contribution:

Dr. Kathleen Miller

## Spring Appeal:

ACLT wishes to thank the following members who made a contribution to the spring appeal campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson  
Mr. Ronald Bailey  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Benning  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berry  
Dr. Christine and Col. Daniel Boesz  
Ms. Joanne Longhill and  
Mr. James Borell  
Ms. Amelia Fry and  
Mr. Rex D. Davis  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dennett  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dischinger  
Cdr. and Mrs. Freeman Dodsworth

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Drumm  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dwan  
Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Edgcombe  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellsworth  
Mr. and Mrs. Bart Ewalt  
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Ms. Christine Ferrandino  
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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Howerton  
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hughes  
Ms. Elizabeth Johnston  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Allan Loew  
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Rev. Jack McClendon  
Mr. Frank Meador, Bayside  
Toyota, Chevrolet-Buick  
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Ms. Pamela-Jeanne Moran and  
Mr. Phillip Turner  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Myers  
Ms. Margaret Niland  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nisonger  
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Switzer  
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Ms. Lelia Blackwell and  
Mr. John Watson  
Mr. and Mrs. James Williams  
Ms. Roberta Safer and  
Mr. Klaus Zwilsky



## Environmental Options in Workplace Giving

Fall is traditionally the kickoff for workplace giving campaigns and ACLT will be part of the charitable options available to workers at both the federal and state level. ACLT will appear as an individual option in the Maryland Charity Campaign, designated as agency 1549.

In the Combined Federal Campaigns, ACLT is part of the Environmental Fund of Maryland (EFM), a federation of 19 diverse environmental organizations from around the State. As a federation, EFM's member organizations work to protect and conserve the Chesapeake Bay, beaches and coastal

bays, forests and mountains, wetlands and streams; work for clean air and water; and promote biological diversity through advocacy, citizen action, natural resource preservation, pollution prevention and the education of Maryland's youth and citizens.

EFM organizations are as well known as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and as small as the Bay Ridge Trust, an all volunteer organization in the Annapolis Neck Peninsula that has just preserved its first 100 acres. Founded in 1993, EFM is dedicated to preserving, protecting and sus-

taining Maryland's natural heritage by raising awareness and funds for its member groups in public and private workplace giving campaigns. Donors can pledge to EFM as a federation, or to any specific member organization such as the American Chestnut Land Trust.

In other workplace giving campaigns, you can also ask your coordinator how to name any specific organization (especially ACLT!) as your recipient, as most campaigns allow you to name any nonprofit organization. Workplace giving is an easy and cost-effective way to support the any number of organizations, who are working to ensure a safer, cleaner environment.

## Spotlight on Volunteers

*This article is one of several that have been submitted to local newspapers as part of a series to celebrate volunteers, drafted by volunteer coordinators from several Calvert County nonprofit organizations.*

### The Face of A Volunteer

by Adele Connelly

When you ask why he came, he'll tell you "for the land." Why does he stay? "For the people." That's the short version of Art Cochran's reasons for volunteering. However, as with most things, this would be an over-simplification of the story.

Art Cochran came to the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) as a charter member in the

mid 1980s when the organization was first formed to protect 436 acres of land along Scientist Cliffs Road - land that is part of the Parkers Creek watershed - land that he remembers from his youth. His father was in the Forest Service and, although his family traveled quite a bit, they settled in Calvert County in 1957. After completing his education, he returned for good in the seventies.

As a kid he roamed the same woods that ACLT now manages, exploring the forests and shorelines and the farmhouses that had been abandoned by earlier settlers. The Land Trust now works in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other agencies to manage nearly 3000 acres of woodland

preserve. Cochran doesn't want to see it changed or turned over to developers. "One of my main reasons for joining ACLT was to help preserve the land and the natural state of Parkers Creek," explains Cochran.

Thus began a volunteer effort that has never wavered. His first efforts were with land planning, using his professional talents as a surveyor to help mark boundaries and define the borders of ACLT holdings. He created a topographical relief map in those early years to display the original holdings, and make it easier for ACLT to explain its efforts at outreach events. As the years have gone by, his volunteer efforts have expanded. He has worked to maintain the more than 12 miles of trails that are

now available to the public.

He has worked on restoration projects, fixed equipment, participated in numerous cleanup activities to celebrate Earth Day, and generally been available whenever ACLT needs just a little help, or another pair of hands, or some good old-fashioned know-how. Why does he stay? What motivates him to volunteer his time?

"I don't think of it like that," he explained, downplaying his role as a "volunteer" or his efforts as "community service." Rather, he says, he contributes because there is so much that is "appealing" and because he gets so much back.

"ACLT has so many things to offer," explains Cochran. He talks about some early volunteering with an archaeological student when he helped make grid lines and dug small test pits. He downplays the surveying and talks instead about the interaction with the student. The real reward was uncovering some Native American artifacts and learning about the culture of the early inhabitants from the student.

You get the same sort of reac-

tion when you ask about the long hours he and other volunteers are spending to restore an old tobacco barn. "It's the people that make it so interesting," he explains. He talks a bit about the cultural history that he's learned from other volunteers and the friendships with other folks in the ACLT community. "It's the people. All the volunteers are such nice people. You learn so much from them when you spend time working on a project," says Cochran.

So, the bottom line is that he came for the land that he roamed as a kid. He and his wife Peggy raised twin daughters in St. Leonard and he doesn't envision leaving. Nor does he think that he'll stop being involved with ACLT. He thinks about the future and adds "I hope the focus remains on preservation of the land and the creek, preservation of the cultural history and education."

So whether he continues in the future as an ACLT volunteer because of the land or because of his interest in the people is unclear and probably doesn't matter. What is important to the organiza-

tion that benefits from so much of his time and effort is that he plans to remain a part of the ACLT family.

And that is what is important to organizations that rely on folks like Art Cochran to help them carry out their work. When volunteers become as involved as Art they become synonymous with the vision and mission of the agency they serve.

*Note from Peg Niland, Executive Director: Just a few weeks ago, I ran into a dead end trying to trace the history of a piece of property in the Parkers Creek watershed that is of interest to our Land Preservation Committee. After four trips to the courthouse, I called Art with my problem. Within two days, he had every deed and parcel map in chronological order and could tell me everything about the history of the property. We are so fortunate that Art shares his many talents.*

Students from Calverton School lead by their teacher, Will Dorsey, prepare to plant submerged aquatic vegetation in Parkers Creek. Both Plum Point Middle School and Calverton School grew wild celery in their classrooms for replanting in the creek. ACLT staff members and volunteers, Jennifer Sevin, Peg Niland, Damon Hearne, Jim White, and Steve Cameron assisted with the logistics of the two planting operations.



## Holly Grove Threatened

Page Jett was a dedicated amateur botanist in addition to being a physician, the trade by which he earned his living. Jett was the owner of Warrior's Rest, the property at the end of Scientists Cliffs Road, now owned by the state of Maryland and managed by the ACLT. A feature of Warrior's Rest is an arboretum featuring a collection of holly specimens. The continued existence of this holly grove is now in question.

Jett bought the property in 1955 and soon began planting specimens of a variety of plants. In 1962, Jett's neighbor, the plant pathologist G. Flippo Gravatt, wrote that Jett's collection of holly numbered 180 varieties and species. Gravatt went on to report that the Parker Creek Holly Grove—as Jett styled the arboretum—was dedicated with 250 persons in attendance.

The arboretum continued to grow. In 1982, a reporter for the Baltimore Sun accompanied Jett on a tour of the grounds, and saw “a giant redwood, a Japanese maple growing out of the heart of a locust tree, ginkgoes, giant yews, cypress, golden larch,” and more,

including 226 varieties of holly. In recent years, even before the sale of the land in 1995, natural attrition and decreased maintenance reduced the extent of the arboretum. The redwood, a metasequoia or “dawn redwood,” still stands, albeit with split trunk and overgrown by vines, and a few other specimens can still be identified. Shortly after the purchase, something like 120 holly plants were mapped by ACLT volunteers, notably Karen Lucas. The grove was much encroached upon by advancing shrubs, vines, and trees from the surrounding woodland, and the plants were truly threatened.

Operational management of Warrior's Rest is in the hands of a special volunteer subcommittee chaired by Paul Blayney. For the last couple of years, the subcommittee has overseen efforts to maintain the arboretum, with the holly specimens as a focus. Danny Hamilton, who has occupied the former Jett home, has mowed the area. Katie Hanlon and others have worked to mobilize additional volunteers, culminating in a program that saw most of the 89 designated plants “adopted” by interested individuals. Occasional workdays have been declared that brought out some of the adopters and others, armed with loppers and pruning saws to save and improve the trees.

The Warrior's Rest subcommittee regrettably reports that these efforts have not prevailed, and en-



croachment and loss continue. At a meeting on July 8, the group discussed the problem. The subcommittee found that the Adopt a Holly program will only succeed if there is greater and more sustained turnout. Some subcommittee members argued that it would be more effective to stage spring and fall volunteer work days, without specific plant adoptions, to maintain as many plants as possible.

The subcommittee now turns to the ACLT membership for advice. The individuals who adopted trees are being contacted for their response, and readers of this newsletter article are asked for their thoughts. Shall we abandon the arboretum? Will you work on the tree you have adopted, or will you adopt a parentless tree? Would you more readily turn out for a generalized workday? Send an email to the ACLT office ([acft@chesapeake.net](mailto:acft@chesapeake.net)) or to Paul Blayney ([PaulBlayney@aol.com](mailto:PaulBlayney@aol.com)).



# Come Join Us!

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## Regular Membership

## Corporate Membership

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Sustaining - \$2500.00

Land Conservator Corporate - \$500.00

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