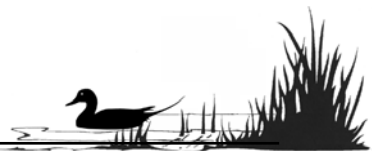


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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 30	GUIDED CANOE TRIP
SEPTEMBER 12	HOLLY ARBORETUM WORK DAY
SEPTEMBER 13	GUIDED CANOE TRIP
SEPTEMBER 19	VINE VINDICATOR WORK DAY
SEPTEMBER 26	CHILI COOK-OFF & AUCTION

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The Howard-White Barn Project

On June 16, 2009, ACLT accepted a historic preservation award from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in Prince Frederick for the Howard-White Barn Project. ACLT volunteer and active hunter Curt Drumm led the project; he was also honored at the award ceremony. Carl Fleischhauer prepared the nomination for the award and he has adapted its text for this article.

The barn. The Howard-White Barn Project consisted of the repair of a traditional Southern Maryland tobacco barn by volunteers working on stray weekends from 2003 to 2008, with one minor cosmetic touch-up in early 2009. The outcome has prepared the barn for re-use by the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) as a useful structure for the storage of a variety of materials. As it happens, these materials include an old tobacco prize from another barn, to be set up as an educational display in the future.

The barn is sited on high ground just east of Scientists' Cliffs Road. In its heyday, the barn was surrounded by tobacco fields and the hilltop breezes that cured the tobacco reached the structure with ease. Today, in spite of a small buffer of open space, the woods that have replaced the tobacco fields reduce the flow of air.

The barn is of the type sometimes called *linear*, with openings in the gable ends. It measures approximately 24x41 feet and it is built from dimension lumber more or less with balloon-frame construction. The roof is corrugated sheet metal. The barn is divided into the rooms typical of Southern Maryland tobacco barns, with a system of tier poles provided to hang the tobacco. The siding consists of vertical slats punctuated at intervals by slats on hinges that could open to admit air during the curing process.

The barn's significance is as "an example of its type." It is not exceptional in architectural terms but rather stands as exemplar of a subclass of vernacular buildings, i.e., Southern Maryland linear tobacco barns built between the two World Wars. Once common in the region, barns of this type are slowly being



Howard-White barn—work in progress.

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Land Manager's Corner

Two New Species Found in Parkers Creek Marsh

Michael Gates, Research Entomologist with the USDA Systematic Entomology Laboratory and several of his co-workers and interns have been braving the mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, flies, poison ivy and heat in Parkers Creek Marsh over the last five summers. Each year, under rather difficult circumstances, they search for an unusual quarry. The researchers set up specialized capture nets called malaise traps with attached nalgene bottles containing ethanol – the collecting “heads”. The traps are placed in the back areas of the barrier beach and at several points along the creek, all in the hope of capturing tiny parasitic wasps. Returning every two weeks from April through October they come out in all kinds of weather to check their traps.



Dr. Michael Gates at work at Warrior's Rest.

The intensive research effort has paid off with the discovery of two new species of parasitic wasps. “One of these is found nowhere else in the world,” said Dr. Gates, “the two wasp species have been named *Isosomodes landoni* and *Isosomodes parkeri*” (the latter named after the creek). These tiny creatures parasitize the eggs of certain long-horned grasshoppers, (Orthoptera: *Tettigoniidae*), the subject of Dr. Gates' current experiments at Warrior's Rest.



Isosomodes parkeri—the Parkers Creek wasp. Note the size of the scale bar.

Dr. Gates studies the life cycles of parasitic wasps since many have applications in agriculture as beneficial insects and are routinely released as part of chemical-free biological control programs for various insect pests.

There are a couple of species of beneficial parasitic wasps that you might be familiar with. One, the braconid wasp (*Cotesia congregata*), is a favorite of gardeners and immediately recognizable when in the pupal stage as white cocoons sticking up from the backs of tomato and tobacco hornworm caterpillars. Upon hatching, the wasp larvae eat

the hornworm's innards and kill it – thus saving the tomatoes. The other, is the tiny fig wasp (*Blastophaga psenes*) that fertilizes the flowers of fig trees. We call figs a fruit, but we actually eat inverted flower clusters. The wasp enters the flower cluster and lays its eggs in the seed; when the egg hatches the new wasp flies to another fig, spreading pollen. The wasp's activities provide the cross pollination needed for seed production, thus ensuring the survival of the plant. In California, paper bags of parasitic wasps are stapled to Calimya fig trees to insure the nutty flavor derived from the seeded “fruit”.

Warrior's Rest Sanctuary, the beaches on both sides of Parkers Creek, the creek's marshes and wetlands were preserved with special funding for the

protection of rare and endangered species. This is especially true for two species of rare tiger beetles, the Northeastern Beach and Puritan tiger beetles, which have been found foraging on our beaches. Tiger beetles are considered beneficial insects because they prey on a wide variety of other harmful insects. Although there are several common varieties of tiger beetles that live in the Parkers Creek watershed, just a handful of the rare tiger beetles live here and a few in Connecticut. These beetles are precious; considered “bio-indicators of environmental quality. They are dependant on the environment for their body temperature and seek microclimates for their burrows. Because of their restricted habitat requirements, the tiger beetle has disappeared from many beaches due to off-road vehicles and human trampling. As we take away more of their native environment, tiger beetles have fewer places to live and survive. Undisturbed sandy areas [are] crucial to tiger beetles.” http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/Galveston/beneficial/beneficial-33_tiger_beetles.htm.

Parkers Creek is often called “the last pristine watershed of the Western shore of Maryland” and has a rich biotic diversity. Besides the rare tiger beetles and parasitic wasps that Dr. Gates has found, the Parkers Creek watershed is home to several species of rare plants and animals that like the soils, hydrology, climate and topography of this unique area. Scientific research, of the type that Dr. Gates and his co-researchers are conducting, is invaluable. His findings reinforce the importance of preserving still wild places like Parkers Creek!

Liz Stoffel
ACLT Land Manager

Volunteer Spotlight— Jeff “Mr. Green Jeans” Klapper

The name *Mr. Green Jeans*, as the ACLT staff so lovingly calls Jeff, came about when Jeff undertook the huge project of starting our test garden from scratch in the hopes of bringing Double Oak Farm back into production. With long hours of research and some help from a handful of volunteers, the garden got mowed, tilled, disked, and planted in the early spring. As of July 1, the first squash had been picked and more produce was well on its way.

Jeff is also a faithful Wednesday Weed Whacker and Vine Vindicator. He also volunteers for our Earth Day Clean-up, Barn Work Days and Hiking Trail Maintenance Days. But his first supporting role for the ACLT was donating the printing of our auction invitations which he has provided every year since.

Jeff grew up just west of Philadelphia in a town called Bryn Mawr. After high school he worked for the Philadelphia Electric Company for 10 years while going to school at West Chester State College and Villanova University. Around 1972, he moved to Maryland to work for the family’s printing business, L. J. Cowie, Inc. Eventually, Jeff became the owner of L.J. Cowie, retiring in 2008.

By 1977, Jeff had bought a house in Calvert County – at the time he remembers the county was like a hidden treasure. The bridge to St. Mary’s County was yet to be built and cars on Routes 2/4 were few and far between. Jeff looks back fondly on his arrival in Calvert and feels lucky to have been able to catch the tail end of its almost historic country times.

Jeff also enjoys the knowledge and relics of Calvert County history he gained when he married Nancy Collery, the owner of Main Street Gallery. Nancy, a native of Calvert County has a family tree that filled many roles in the history of the community. As Jeff sat in my office, he gave me a glimpse into life in the county when her father, Robert Harkness, was a funeral director and farmer whose hearse doubled as an ambulance, there being no rescue squad. Her uncles, Harry, a farmer and county treasurer, and David, an attorney and judge lived in Mutual, a now forgotten town whose general store and post office were run by her grandparents.

Jeff certainly has an appreciation for preserving the past. So when asked why he volunteers with ACLT and why volunteering is important to him, Jeff replied “When I moved to Calvert County, the slogan was ‘Keep Calvert Country.’ Years later it became, ‘Preserve What’s Left.’ Now it might be ‘Why Bother?’ The ACLT answers that question by not only preserving undeveloped land, but additionally, by making it accessible to the community, managing it, and improving its resources.” He continued by



Jeff Klapper in the ACLT test garden at Double Oak Farm. Photo by J. Crespi.

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Around ACLT

Five-Year Plan Spurs Three Successful Grant Applications

The ACLT Board Retreat in 2008 led to the adoption of a new *Five-Year Plan: 2009-2013* presented to the membership at the annual meeting in February of this year (see “ACLT’s 2008 Accomplishments” in the Winter 2009 issue of the *Watershed Observer*). While the board hoped to generate one “Big Idea” out of the Plan, it seemed to me that we had generated an ambitious (and long) list of action items, each of which was a “big idea.” The board has now prioritized the action items in the plan and identified six items that were considered “mandatory” or “highly desirable” to accomplish within the five-year planning period.

The board’s priorities continue to focus on some of ACLT’s core strengths including continued land preservation and growth of the membership and outreach programs, but the list also includes several **new initiatives** including: 1) applying for accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance; 2) optimizing the facilities that ACLT uses to support our land management and outreach activities by preparing a master facility plan of existing and proposed facilities, incorporating energy efficiency and environmental sustainability into the design of any new buildings; and 3) planning a greenway/trail stretching all the way from the Prince Frederick Town Center to the Chesapeake Bay.

I began to focus my efforts on getting these three new initiatives off the ground by locating some new funding sources. In one of the worst economies in recent memory, my hopes for finding new grant sources were not high; however, once the priorities were set, I started to see grant possibilities cross my desk that seemed perfectly suited to our needs. Much to my surprise, the granting organizations agreed and I am happy to report that ACLT has recently been awarded grants to begin work on these three new high priority initiatives of the board.

First, ACLT has been awarded \$2,500 towards the cost of applying for Land Trust Alliance (LTA) accreditation through a Janice Hollmann grant by the Maryland Environmental Trust, in partnership with the Maryland State Highway Administration. (see “Land Trust Accreditation” in the Winter 2009 issue of the *Watershed Observer*). ACLT has long been a member of the

LTA and first adopted LTA’s Standards and Practices in 1992. In 2004, LTA revised and expanded its Standards and Practices and, a year later, ACLT adopted a resolution agreeing that the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* are the “ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust” and adopted the revised standards as guidelines for ACLT’s operations.

In 2006, in response to media and congressional questions, LTA established an independent program known as the Land Trust Ac-

creditation Commission whose charge it is to build and recognize strong land trusts, foster public confidence in land conservation and help ensure the long-term protection of land by verifying implementation of the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*. The LTA accreditation seal, bestowed on a land trust that achieves accreditation, publicly recognizes a land trust’s ability to protect important natural places forever. It provides an assurance of quality and permanence to both the government and the public. Not for the faint-hearted, the accreditation process is expected to take approximately two years and several hundred hours of staff and volunteer time to complete. If we are successful in attaining accreditation, the resulting LTA seal of approval will signal ACLT’s place among respected land trusts nationwide.

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The second big idea for which grant funding has been obtained is the development of a Master Plan for Facilities and Interpretation thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water Trails Network. See <http://www.baygateways.net>. The two-year planning process envisioned by the grant will begin with a study of ACLT’s future facilities needs. The second phase of the planning process will focus on interpretation – how to best tell the story of the land trust and the natural and cultural resources that we protect.

When we moved our offices from Gate A at Scientists’ Cliffs to Double Oak Farm in 2006, it was clear that

we had outgrown the old office and that Double Oak Center was both immediately available and adequate for our needs. The board decided to move the ACLT office to

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Double Oak “for an anticipated five years while the board studies a longer-term decision on the location and building for the office” (Board Minutes, 20 May 2006). As the minutes reflect, “All those present appreciated the importance of a correct decision on this important matter, with the main question being whether ACLT would be better with a presence on the north or south side of

Parkers Creek, as well as whether we should consider a new building on the Gravatt Property or a renovation of the Double Oak Center building.”

A Facilities Planning Committee has been formed to assist in preparation of the Master Plan for ACLT’s future growth. Preliminary recommendations include: 1) construction of a Multi-Use Pavilion, probably located at Double Oak Farm, that would provide space for special events, meetings, trainings, education, interpretive exhibits, equipment storage and publicly accessible bathrooms; 2) refurbishment of the current Double Oak Center to give it a more rustic appearance; and 3) installation of a well to provide running water and bathrooms at the south side trailhead.

The third big idea is a big deal! ACLT has long

ACLT Members:

The Facilities Planning Committee welcomes your comments on its preliminary recommendations. Both the location and nature of the facilities are under consideration. Contact Karen Edgecombe at 410-414-3400 or email kedgecombe@acltweb.org, or contact any ACLT board member.

dreamt of the possibility of a trail that extends all the way from the Prince Frederick Town Center to the Chesapeake Bay. In fact, that dream is part of a larger vision of a greenway that extends all the way across the center of the county, stretching from the River to the Bay. The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority awarded ACLT a \$50,000 grant to make this dream a reality. ACLT will acquire necessary land and plan a trail that will begin at one of two previously identified locations in Prince Frederick and connect to ACLT’s existing north side trails. At the end of the trail, on a bluff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and the mouth of Parkers Creek, ACLT volunteers will construct a raised wooden platform that permits spectacular year-round views of the Bay and the Creek.

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ACLT is extremely grateful to all of our funders for giving us the financial resources to begin to implement these high priority projects. We are also grateful to those who wrote letters of support for our grant applications including Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Delegate Sue Kullen, the Board of County Commissioners, and Glenn D. Therres, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Karen H. Edgecombe
Executive Director



Site of future Chesapeake Bay overlook platform. Location marked in red at the right edge of the right-hand picture.

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lost to new housing subdivisions or are collapsing from neglect, since they no longer have significant agricultural value.

The project. The ACLT's repair project was carried out in a frugal manner, executed as if a farmer-owner was fixing his own barn in his own way. That is, the work was not a historical recreation but rather the preparation of the barn for new uses, with repairs carried out in "the vernacular spirit." The replacement sills were made of new wood obtained from an Amish lumber yard in St. Mary's County, but the remainder of the replacement framing and siding consisted of lumber recycled from tobacco barns that were being demolished in other parts of Calvert County. Two or three missing sections in the roof were filled in with pieces of recycled corrugated metal and the entire roof was then painted. Cross bracing was added to the interior for stability. No attempt was made to recreate the slats on hinges, since tobacco would no longer be hung in the barn.

ACLT volunteer workers carried out the Howard-White barn project. Some crew members have jobs in the construction trades while others are lay carpenters. Curt Drumm, an experienced hand in construction and house carpentry, led the effort. Jeff Wood led the team that repaired and repainted the roof. Most of the volunteers are active hunters on ACLT lands.

Past owners. John Percy Howard was the last active resident farmer on the land upon which the barn stands, running the operation from



Photographs

Above:

1 and 2. The Howard-White Barn before (1987) and after (2009).

Left:

Chuck Hankins trims a section of the new sill for the barn in 2005.

Facing page:

1. Team Leader, Curt Drumm.

2. Some members of the repair team photographed at a work session in 2005. Left to Right: Macon Ladd, unidentified, Jerry Landis, Frank Beckham, John Lewis, Jeff Klapper, Chuck Hankins, Curt Drumm and Steve Hardman.

3. Working on the interior of the barn. Jeff Klapper in the foreground.



1901 to 1924. We associated the barn with him and for many years we have called the structure the Percy Howard barn. As I prepared the nomination for the award, however, I reviewed my research files and was reminded of the important role played by the next owner, Marmaduke White. This has led us to rename the building the Howard-White barn.

Here is some of what we know of the farm's history. The Howard family moved to what we now call the Scientists' Cliffs neighborhood in 1886, when John Howard bought a farm formerly owned by Octavius Bowen. When John Howard died in 1891, his son Percy became the manager of the western half of his farm while Percy's brother Emory operated the eastern half, on the cliffs of the Bay. In 1901, Percy married the girl next door—Mary Priscilla Chambers—and her family's property was added

to his western half of the Howard farm. The barn we repaired, the ruins of an old farmhouse, and small out-building stand upon land that formerly belonged to the Chambers family, a portion of which extended east to the Bay.

Percy and Mary Howard moved to Mutual in 1924. Their new farm was subdivided in the 1960s or 1970s and its old farm lane has evolved into Howard Road. There are other neighborhood family connections. Some ACLT members will remember the Port Republic resident and former schoolteacher Elvin Bowen Howard, who married Percy's son Roy. Until his death in 1940, Elvin's father Eddie ran the yellow general store at the intersection of Parkers Creek Road and what was once the main road north and south, today's route 765.

Marmaduke H. White bought the farm from Percy Howard in 1924. My historical research has uncovered few traces of Marmaduke White. He seems not to have been a resident farmer. He is invisible in the 1930 Calvert County census. Percy Howard's daughter Dorothy Johnson recalled that White came from Baltimore and lived in a tent when visiting the Bay. Johnson thought White may have bought the land with an interest in recreation or in having a second home.

Before his death in 2002, our nearby neighbor Woodrow Wallace told me that the barn that we just repaired was built during Marmaduke White's ownership, i.e., between 1924 and 1935. White's role as the man who commissioned the building of the barn accounts for ACLT association of his name with the barn.

In 1935, the developer George Flippo Gravatt purchased the 238-acre farm from Marmaduke White. The sections east of the road and along the Bay became the initial core sections of the Scientists' Cliffs community. A portion of the land west of the road was farmed on a rental or tenant basis during Flippo Gravatt's years and continued after his death. This land was purchased by the ACLT when the Trust was formed in 1987. In that same year, one final tobacco crop was hung and stripped in the Howard-White barn by Woodrow Wallace and members of his family.

Article and photographs
submitted by Carl Fleischhauer



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saying he volunteers with us because of “the myriad ways in which the ACLT interacts with the community, the potential for the future, and the need for volunteers to advance the larger goals the ACLT has established.”

Since retiring from the printing business, Jeff splits his time between ACLT and Main Street Gallery where his projects mostly involve fixing things around the house. Most days you’ll likely find Jeff at Double Oak Farm working in the garden. Since the goal from the beginning was to go as organic as possible some jobs take longer than others. For example, Jeff hand picks bugs off each plant leaf instead of spraying pesticides. But the tedious work has proven to be rewarding - especially now that we have steady rounds of produce on sale Saturday mornings at the South Side trailhead.

When asked to recall one of his favorite ACLT memories, Jeff shared with me a recent encounter. “I needed a water pump for the garden and Ken Romney said he had a gas driven pump that might do the job. When he brought it to me it was covered in grime and looked like it had been sitting in the corner of a shed for decades. So I asked him how it ran, and Ken replied, ‘Oh, I don’t think that pump has been started in over 20 years...’ But, it runs well and delivers a steady 15 psi – most of the time.” And just like that, another relic from the past has been saved for the benefit of the future.

ACLT would like to say a big *THANK YOU* to Jeff for not only kick-starting and managing our new garden, but for his continued and shared commitment to our mission to preserve Calvert County for years to come.

Joy Woppert
Community Relations Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

New Members

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

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Chili Cook-off & Auction

September 26, 2009

Visit the ACLT website for updates on the Chili Cook-off:
<http://www.acltweb.org/auction/>

Here you can: donate an item for the auction ~ submit your recipe for the chili cook-off ~ purchase tickets for yourself and your guests ~ purchase raffle tickets (\$1 each, 12 for \$10, or 25 for \$20) to be used to **vote for your favorite chili, purchase wine or beer**, or to **win a raffle item** ~ view items to be auctioned this year and see what businesses are sponsoring this year’s chili cook-off & auction.

Please submit your recipe for entry in the chili cook-off contest and any auction items you wish to donate as soon as possible. Don’t wait to order your tickets to the Chili Cook-off & Auction -- reservations must be received no later than September 15, 2009, so that we can advise the caterer of the final number of guests. Thank you!

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 Mr. & Mrs. Philip Fleming
 Ms. Jean Loew Hennessy

In memory of Mr. Sam Young who was a member and supporter of the ACLT from its earliest days :
 Dr. Christine & Col. Daniel Boesz

In memory of Mr. Brian O'Neill, who was a longtime member and supporter and the son of Charter Members John & Virginia O'Neill:
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Head
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 Mr. Thomas Locraft & Ms. Maureen Houppert
 Capt. & Mrs. Patrick Murphy, USN(Ret.)

In memory of Mrs. Ruth Showalter who was a Charter Member and longtime supporter and volunteer:
 Mrs. Elaine Dunkle & Mr. Peter Cochran

In memory of Mr. Joseph Nisonger who was a Charter Member and longtime volunteer and supporter, a donation for a memorial bench from:
 Mrs. Julie Nisonger and sons Mark & David

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Head on reaching **Sustaining Membership level.**

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Calendar of Events

August

30 Guided Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

September

12 Holly Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)

13 Guided Canoe Trip (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)

19 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)

26 Chili Cook-Off & Auction (6:30 p.m.—10:30 p.m.)

October

3 Harvest Moon Guided Canoe Trip (3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.)

24 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)

25 Barn Work Day (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

November

1 Fall Foliage Hike at Double Oak (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)

December

5 Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon)

12 Greens Sale & Beach Hayride (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)

Come Join Us!

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