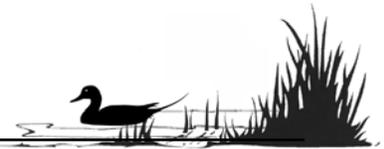


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Cold Weather Survival

The recent cold snap had many of us reaching deep into our closets for thick sweaters, huddling by the fire, and dreaming of tropical islands where cold floors and runny noses are unknown. Fall brings shorter days, the leaves begin to change color and fall to the forest floor, annual plants die back, insects and reptiles retreat to their lairs, and the cold strengthens. For mammals, this marks the beginning of the season of want when food and warmth are scarce (and vital) commodities. Perhaps unwittingly, we have adopted many of the survival strategies used by our close kin, the mammals of the local fields and woods, to survive the season when our corner of Earth is tipped away from the sun.

Perhaps the most radical and in some ways ideal way to deal with cold is to avoid it altogether by heading south. Most mammals do not have the ability to travel the great distances necessary to avoid the winter, but highly mobile mammals including the red, hoary, and silver-haired bats are yearly migrants to warmer climes. A more pedestrian approach to stay warm involves some simple changes of behavior including seeking refuge in a sheltered location, minimizing exposed flesh, and reducing outside activities to a bare minimum. We can all relate. Chipmunks exhibit all of these behaviors by hunkering down into a snug subterranean burrow, balling up with tail around feet and nose, and entering a state of torpor or semi-hibernation until warm weather returns.

Many mammals prepare for winter by adding a layer of fat that serves as both insulation from the cold and as a much needed energy store when food is scarce. (As the common New Year's resolution indicates, we tend to do the same.) Raccoons and skunks that remain somewhat active in the winter months bulk up in the fall and then use their energy reserves while bedding down in dens during long cold spells. True hibernators including woodchucks (or groundhog) and non-migratory bats take this measure to an extreme—packing on the pounds prior to an extended slumber where basic metabolic rates drop to exceptionally low levels. The core body temperature of the woodchuck drops by 50%, the heart rate slows to four beats per minute, and the animal takes only a small sip of air every five or six minutes.

With the Winter Solstice behind us, the days now lengthen and the cold begins to lose its bite. Just as the hibernating woodchuck begins the slow process of awakening from its long torpor, we too feel a certain restlessness that somehow tells us it's time to start thinking about repacking our sweaters and signing up for an early spring ACLT canoe trip up Parkers Creek.

—Dan Sampson



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From the President's Desk ...

As has been demonstrated again in 2002, a successful land preservation program is nine-tenths dependent upon people making connections with people. The year 2002 was a very successful year for land preservation because many individuals spent many hours meeting with landowners, meeting in committees, meeting with political leaders, and meeting to celebrate when all was said and done! The highlights of ACLT's land preservation efforts for 2002, for me, revolved around the critical people who made it happen.

The person who sat in on more of those meetings than anyone else was Greg Bowen, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning and leader of the state/county/land trust partnership that administers the Rural Legacy program and protected 606 acres in the Battle Creek/Parkers Creek watersheds during 2002. We were extremely pleased to see Greg receive the recognition he deserves when the Board of County Commissioners presented him with their Pride & Quality Award for his outstanding leadership of the program.

When even Greg Bowen's negotiating skills could not close the very real gap between the appraised value and the landowners' expectations, Peg Niland and Dan Sampson met on several occasions with the landowners and explained to them the tax benefits of a bargain sale. Greg wrote a note of appreciation to Peg saying, "The deal died quite a few deaths. I was ready to give up on it. Each time you revived it. It is an important property in the big picture."

And when choppy seas prevented us from taking Maryland Comptroller William Donald Shaefer on a promised canoe trip up Parkers Creek, ACLT's Executive Director Peg Niland offered her brand new SUV for an exciting off-road driving tour of ACLT and state-owned lands. The Comptroller will not soon forget Parkers Creek, I can assure you, and he even volunteered to speak to that "cantankerous" fellow who sits on the Board of Public Works (referring to himself) the next time a proposed purchase came up in the Parkers Creek watershed. He wrote to thank us saying, "You are living proof of how effective a volunteer organization can be in efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources in cost effective ways. ... I took note of the efforts you are making to not only assemble large environmentally critical property within the context of a well thought out master plan, but to create opportunities for our citizens to enjoy its use." Despite a looming state budget deficit, the Board of Public Works voted unanimously to approve another \$1.5 million in funding for Calvert County's Rural Legacy program in 2003.

So, a hearty "thank you" to all the people who made ACLT successful in 2002 and that includes all of you!

—Karen H. Edgecombe, President

Around ACLT

Graveyard Shift Looking for Volunteers

Although the month for witches, goblins, ghosts and restless spirits won't come around again for another nine months, the work of the cemetery restoration team (a.k.a. the "Graveyard Shift") continues. Our team doesn't believe the Hance-Chesley Cemetery has any ghosts or "restless spirits," only grounds and headstones in need of new plantings and repairs.

Since spring of last year, the Graveyard Shift has been spending a few hours on Saturday mornings pruning, weeding, raking, cutting back vines and cleaning up stones. The team also consulted with Mary-Stuart Sierra of the Lower Marlboro Nursery concerning what types of plantings are native to the area and would be best to test as ground-cover and a natural border around the graveyard. On Saturday, October 5, the team planted groundsel and phylox ground-covers, and two Christmas ferns as a potential natural border. Indications thus far this winter show the Christmas ferns and groundsel are doing very well; the phylox doesn't seem to be as hardy. Yet to be planted in the spring: additional groundsel, ferns, and cedar seedlings by the entrance.

Before winter set in, Carl Fleischhauer and I used a temporary technique to prop up the pieces of one broken headstone (there are 4 broken in the graveyard) in concrete sand to ward off the effects of winter. Our temporary repair is still standing as of Monday, January 20!

At the Annual Meeting October 19, 2002, the team had a photo display of our work in the graveyard and various publications on historic graveyards and repair information. The ACLT also joined the American Gravestone Studies Association to keep current on techniques, publications and conferences on historic graveyards across the country. Numerous members came forward to look at the exhibit and ask about the project. One ACLT member, Ms. D. Jane Klemer, provided a referral to Mr. Dennis Rude, principal of Cathedral Stone Products, Inc. Mr. Rude has repaired numerous historic graveyards in the south and northeast, including the family cemetery on Tilghman Island.

Mr. Rude conducted a site visit to Hance-Chesley on January 20, and believes that the ACLT volunteers can make all necessary repairs. He will be providing the ACLT with a restoration plan and estimate of materials needed. Mr. Rude will also conduct a hands-on repair training workshop on Saturday, May 31, starting at 9 a.m. The following weekend, June 7, will be a follow up workday to conclude repairs on the remaining broken headstones.

In order to get ready for the May 31 workshop, the team is calling on ACLT members for additional volunteers to perform the following tasks:

- Cut down two trees within the cemetery perimeter which have dislodged at least two stones;

- Assist with digging out buried pieces of the stones to be repaired;
- Pour a layer of sand covered by concrete within each hole remaining when pieces are removed, including 2 PVC holes in each concrete base to receive stainless steel dowels;
- Reserve/rent a medium to large size generator for May 31 and June 7;
- Set up a graveyard work station for stone repairs with planks or plywood under sawhorses and heavy planks across sawhorses to lay out stones for drilling and epoxy.

We are all very excited about this project coming together this spring and invite all ACLT members to participate in the spring preparation workdays, the training workshop, and the final repair workday June 7. This is a lot of fun and a very worthwhile effort.

—Contributed by



New Board Members

The ACLT Board of Directors would like to introduce the three new members elected at the fall annual meeting.

John Little

Although new to the ACLT Board, John has been an active volunteer for years. He is a long-time member of the Land Management Committee and has spent countless hours building and improving trails and constructing bridges to allow more people to enjoy the beauty of the Parkers Creek watershed.

In addition to being an enthusiastic ACLT volunteer, participating in nearly every ACLT sponsored outreach activity; he is also an avid sailor. John is a long-time resident of Calvert County and was recently married to former board member Mimi Lacouture.

John is owner/operator of the Flag Harbor Marine Services Company in St. Leonard, is a member of the Board of Directors of Flag Harbor, and is a member of the St. Leonard Action Planning Group. He attended the University of Arizona and was previously associated with the William J. Little marine retail business in Washington, D.C.

Barbara Benning

Barbara is also no newcomer to ACLT. She and her husband Stan are lifetime sustaining members and she served for several years as recording secretary of the land trust.

She is a resident of Gaithersburg and is active in her church, having served at one point as Parish Administrator. She and

her family have vacationed in Calvert County for nearly 35 years and she is enthusiastic about working more closely with the land trust now that she is a board member.

Barbara was a junior high school teacher in Montgomery County and earned her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland. She was responsible for the Science Teaching Center Library and was a grant writer for the Science Teaching Center. From 1976 to 2000, she was the business manager for Benning and Associates, a land planning consulting firm.

Andrea Clarke

Andrea is a native of Washington, D.C. and a current resident of Benedict, Maryland. She is an Environmental Psychologist with the Social Services Institute in Maryland and has spent most of the last 21 years working with the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Con-

servation Service.

She earned her undergraduate degree in agricultural and resource economics from the University of Maryland in fisheries economics, master's from the Montana State University and a doctoral degree in psychology from Colorado State University. In her current position she works on a variety of projects that evaluate how people interact with their environment. She has a diverse background, working at one point with cattle and hog farmers as well as traveling to Burundi in East Africa for a US AID seed production farm project.

Her hobbies include sailing (she has made two trans-Atlantic crossings in a small sailboat) and a fascination with the Eastern Black Walnut.

The ACLT Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Andrea, Barbara and John.

Earth Day 2003

April 26, 2003

Governors Run, Kenwood Beach, Scientists' Cliffs,
Parkers Creek, and Double Oak/Dares Beach

Plans are underway for the 12th annual five-community cleanup and picnic. Dumpsters will be placed at the end of Governors Run Road, in the ACLT parking lot on Scientists Cliff Road, and at a remote location on the northern properties off Dares Beach Road. Directions to special project areas will be announced as we all gather at the ACLT Barn in the parking lot. After the 9 to 12 noon cleanup effort, a picnic lunch will be provided for all volunteers on Kenwood Beach.

This is always a fun event and we encourage you to bring along the kids, grandchildren, and your neighbors! You don't need to live in one of the communities, or even in the area to join in. Water and trash bags will be provided. We need trucks, people-power, and lots of enthusiasm! If you would like to participate in the planning of this year's special projects or have a truck that you are willing to volunteer for the day, please give Dan Sampson or Adele Connelly a call at 410-586-1570.

Workday: 9 a.m. to Noon — Picnic: High Noon at Kenwood Beach

Scenes from Earth Day 2002.

Top and middle: Members of the Southern Maryland Hunt Club and other ACLT volunteers lay to rest the last pieces of the old beachside mobile home at Warrior's Rest. As the last load is about to be hauled off, tired volunteers rest on their laurels. Removal of the aged structure significantly improved the view at the beach! Bottom: Following the clean-up, the five-community picnic begins.



ACLT Calendar of Events

March 29 - Volunteer Day and Workday - Become part of the ACLT volunteer team. Join us for a day at Double Oak Farm in Prince Frederick, starting at 9 a.m. for a quick orientation. We'll break into work groups and tackle a few ACLT projects for the first spring workday. Then it's time for lunch and an opportunity to meet with representatives of various ACLT committees to learn more about the types of volunteer opportunities that are available. This event is geared to help us recruit new volunteers for 2003!

April 26 - Earth Day - Volunteer crews will be working along roadsides and on selected sites. Lots of help is needed and you will be rewarded with a picnic at the end of the day's activities. Come join us!

May 3 - Holly Workday Bring your gloves and pruning shears and meet in the grove at 10 a.m. Time to do a little spring cleaning in our holly grove!

May 31 - Cemetery Workday -Meet at the cemetery with a local expert to begin the headstone repairs. A second date of June 7 is also in reserve for this worthwhile effort. Sue Curley advises that she will be recruiting volunteers during the March 29 event to get the preparations done in advance of this workday.

September 13 (tentative date!) Chili Cookoff and Auction. Enter your best recipe for the cookoff, bid at the auction, and come out and enjoy the day! We'll have more details but this promises to be a wonderful event!

October 11 - Pumpkin Harvest Day - A wonderful new fall event for the whole family. Pick pumpkins and enjoy the ACLT trails. Event planned for the field opposite ACLT offices (Scientists Cliffs Road and Aspen Road).

October 25 - Anmarie Garden - Tales for a Haunted Trail

December 13 - Greens Sale and Hayride. Greens for decorating at the holidays, hot cider, and a hayride to the beach.

ACLT-sponsored Canoe Trips are scheduled for April 27, May 18, June 21, July 20, September 21 and October 25. Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Reservations are required. Suggested donation: \$10.00 per person.

Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570, e-mail Adele Connolly at adminaclt@chesapeake.net, or register online in the 'Participation' section at <http://acltweb.org>. 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.



Spotlight on Vol-

Roberta Safer and Klaus Zwilsky

For the folks in the ACLT offices, when Roberta and Klaus go postal, it's a good thing! They save staff incredible amounts of time each and every day by driving to and from the Port Republic Post Office with the ACLT office the only delivery point on their route. Each day's visit brings a spot of sunshine because each delivery comes with a smile and kind words. We look forward to their brief daily visits and asked them to tell us a bit about themselves so other ACLT members could get to know these terrific volunteers a little better.

Roberta and Klaus met in 1996 after they both had been widowed. Although Roberta had been a weekender here for 10 years (she and her first husband Arnold had lived in Gate B area) her decision to date Klaus was directly tied to the community here. Basically she told him, "Love me. Love my beach house." He did. He does. And the rest is history!

They moved here full time last summer and looked for ways to help. "We believe in the work of ACLT and were thrilled that the people in this community are so committed," said Roberta. Klaus added, "We believe in protecting the environment." And the decision to volunteer for ACLT came with that commitment.

However, the goals and principles of ACLT were not new to them. Roberta explained that she had been bringing groups to Calvert County for educational programs

over the years. ACLT charter members Peter Vogt and Ralph Dwan gave nature walks and led discussions that helped her get folks from "uptown" to believe that there was really life in Southern Maryland.

Roberta hails from Malden, Massachusetts and has raised three children who have given her three grandchildren. She is a graduate of Brandeis University and taught school in New York, Minneapolis, and Houston before migrating to Maryland. She loves gemology and has made and appraised jewelry. In fact, she helped appraise and display all the jewelry in our recent auction and donated a beautiful jade ring as her personal contribution.

Klaus has come a bit farther in his journey to Port Republic. A refugee from Germany, he arrived in the United States in 1947. He recently celebrated his 56th year here

and will tell you how proud he is to be a citizen. He holds a PhD from MIT as a material scientist and still works as a part-time consultant. He has two children and four grandchildren who love to visit here and walk the trails.

Volunteering with ACLT began last summer when they moved here as full-time residents. However, ACLT is not their only volunteer activity. Roberta is helping the League of Women Voters edit a book on Calvert County and they both are working to help develop a Jewish congregation and school in the County.

Meantime, they keep running back and forth to the post office for us and keep dropping in to say hello. To Roberta and Klaus we say, thanks! You make terrific neighbors and wonderful volunteers.

VOLUNTEER DAY

March 29, 2003

We are looking for you! Volunteers are the heart and soul of ACLT. If you are looking for a place that needs and appreciates your time and effort, we are looking for you. We are planning a special volunteer day with a dual purpose. First, we will be working on specific projects around ACLT properties - a bit of spring cleaning! With that done, we'll adjourn for lunch and provide an opportunity for volunteers to meet with various ACLT representatives and get more information about the types of ongoing volunteer activities that are available.

Typically, we're looking for help with trail maintenance, water quality monitoring, canoe trips on Parkers Creek, Earth Day events, restoration and repair to our cemeteries, fundraisers, family programs, general office assistance to accomplish special mailings, and much more. If you would like to hear more about our volunteer possibilities, please attend ACLT *Volunteer Day, Saturday, March 29, 2003* at Double Oak Farm in Prince Frederick. For more information, please contact Adele Connelly, volunteer coordinator, at 410-586-1570 or adminaclt@chesapeake.net. Reservations are appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

Land Preservation Corner

A Smart Investment Tip: Conserve Land

*By Rand Wentworth
President, Land Trust Alliance*

At a time when Wall Street offers disappointing returns, land conservation remains one of America's smartest investments. It attracts jobs, enhances property values, and saves billions in government costs.

Today, the best jobs go where the top talent wants to live, and that is in places of natural beauty. Communities that conserve land make an investment in future economic development.

Property next to conservation lands skyrockets in value, with homes selling for 10-20 percent more than comparable homes without access to parks. A survey by the American Association of Homebuilders concluded that new homebuyers want trails and natural areas above any other amenity. In the late 1800s, Frederick Law Olmsted demonstrated this when Central Park returned \$5.4 million in additional annual tax revenues, quickly repaying the \$14 million cost of the park.

Saving land from development is often the best way to reduce government spending and avoid increases in property taxes. Many jurisdictions believe that they will make money from the property taxes on new subdivisions, ignoring the true cost of schools, roads, police, water, and storm water management. Studies show that it costs between \$1.04 and \$2 for every dollar of tax revenue to provide

services to a typical subdivision. So current taxpayers end up subsidizing outsiders who bring increased traffic, crowded schools, and the loss of the community's individual culture.

It is also cheaper to protect clean water at its source than to build expensive water treatment facilities. New York City, for example, saved \$5 billion in construction costs by purchasing conservation lands around its reservoirs in the Catskill Mountains.

Despite the many documented economic benefits of conservation, each day we are losing 8.6 square miles of America's finest lands to development. At this pace, most of the special places in America will be gone within 20 years. We live in a democracy, but most people simply do not believe that they have a choice about the sprawl that is eroding both our communities and our countryside.

Yet there is reason for hope. America's 1,200-plus nonprofit land trusts have protected more than 6.2 million acres throughout the country. Land trusts are non-adversarial, charitable organizations that help private landowners protect their land, and they are working for the day when every child in America will grow up within 10 minutes of a protected park, trail, farm, or natural area.

To accomplish this vision, the Land Trust Alliance is working with Congress to improve tax incentives and funding for private landowners, especially farmers and ranchers, who voluntarily protect their land from development. Voters

across the country have shown their strong support for conservation by committing more than \$20 billion in tax revenues since 1998 to protect parks and open space.

You can take an important step for your community: Offer your leadership, political support, and charitable gifts to a land trust. Better yet, consider donating a conservation easement on your land. It is an investment in the future that offers attractive tax benefits and the satisfaction that the land you love will be protected forever.

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Note from Peg Niland:

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) is the national leader of the private land conservation movement. The LTA promotes voluntary land conservation across the country, provides resources, leadership, and training to the nation's 1,200 land trusts, and hosts the nation's largest annual land conservation gathering. Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance seeks to double the pace of land conservation in America. The ACLT is a sponsor member of the Land Trust Alliance and has pledged to adhere to its Standards and Practices, the operating guidelines for land trusts. LTA's former president, Jean Hocker, was the keynote speaker at our 2001 annual meeting.

Thank you for your support ...

Fall Appeal

Our sincere appreciation to the following members who generously contributed to our 2002 Fall Appeal.

Mr. Ronald W. Bailey
Ms. Joy A. Bartholomew and
Dr. William Haile
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berry
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bintrim & family
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackman
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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nisonger
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Col. Caroline VanMason
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Warner

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Mr. and Mrs. David Farr
Mr. Conrad Hoska

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The following organization and individuals have made contributions to ACLT in memory of Doris B. Howe Zitzewitz, who had been a charter member of ACLT.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dwan
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Mr. Stephen Jones & family
Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy
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Ms. Christine and Ms. Frances Parrack
Mrs. Sandy Roberts
Ms. Geraldine Shaw
Ms. Shirley Swartwout
Col. Caroline VanMason

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Gift Memberships:

Thank you to the following members who purchased gift memberships since the Fall 2002 newsletter:

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Edgecombe
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Farman
Dr. Edward Graham
Ms. Julia Musengo

Contribution for Holly Arboretum:

Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas

Reached Sustaining Membership:

Mr. Brooke Kaine, Kaine Communities
Mr. John J. McNeely
Mr. J. Dennis Murray, Bay Mills
Construction

New Corporate Membership:
Flag Harbor Marine Service

New Members:

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the Fall 2002 newsletter:

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Mr. John Shore
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Berman
Ms. Sandy Burk
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dallen
Ms. Peggy DeBell and
Mr. Charlie McBride
Ms. Denise Dwyer and
Mr. Roland Helvajian
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Mrs. Helen Rubino-Turco
Ms. Betty Lou Taylor and
Mr. Dom Ruscio

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New on the ACLT Web site:

- ACLT Newsletters from Spring 1999 on are now available on the Web site. You can also search articles relating to a limited set of key words.
- A trail map for the Double Oak Farm property has been added to the Natural Resources section.

Business Partners Contribute \$10,000 to the ACLT Fall Appeal

The recent economic downturn has affected ACLT as it has all non-profits. Grants are fewer, amounts are smaller, government programs are cut, and our members are not able to give as generously as in the past. The board of directors courageously made cuts to our current operating budget in an effort to prevent utilizing our reserves. As the all-important Fall Appeal approached, we knew that its success was vital to our financial stability for 2002.

We turned to two long-standing members, Denny Murray and Brook Kaine for a gift to match our members' gifts 50 cents to the dollar. We were astounded to receive a \$10,000 contribution through their business partnership, Marcellas Farms Limited Liability Corporation. ACLT sold transferable development rights to Marcellas Farms, LLC years ago for their new Covenant Creek community located in Owings.

Both of these gentlemen have a long history of generosity in Calvert County. I personally know of the many years of hard work and a serious financial commitment made by Denny Murray to make Annmarie Garden a reality. Denny selflessly stepped to the plate to meet the requirements of a gift of land by Joseph Koenig on St. John Creek which was to become a sculpture garden. Today, thousands of people visit Annmarie Gar-

den each year. Another example of his generosity is a much-needed basketball court and other improvements made to the East John Youth Center in Lusby. Honoring his mother and sister, who both passed away from cancer, he has been a moving force behind the very successful annual Cancer Gala at the Rod 'n Reel Restaurant in Chesapeake Beach. The list of Denny's giving to Calvert County goes on and on, but since he won't share that information, I can only share with you the few I've discovered over time.

Brooke Kaine, too, gives a great deal of his time, talents, and financial support to worthwhile causes in Calvert County. In addition to having served as a member of the County's Environmental Commission, Brooke served on the Calvert Memorial Hospital Board for nine years and at one point as Treasurer. He has been a supporter of the Calvert Artist's Showcase since its inception, and he and his wife Karen served as co-Chairs of the annual Calvert Cancer Gala. He, too, has contributed to improvements at the East John Youth Center.

The staff and Board of Directors are grateful for friends who step forward when there is a need. Contributions both large and small help ACLT reach our goals for 2002 and beyond.

—Peg Niland, Executive Director

Come Join Us!

Detach and Mail to: The American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 204, Port Republic, MD 20676

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ I (we) learned about ACLT from _____

Regular Membership

Corporate Membership

__ Land Saver - \$35.00

__ Habitat Protector - \$500.00

__ Land Saver Corporate - \$150.00

__ Land Protector - \$60.00

__ Trustee of Land - \$1000.00

__ Land Protector Corporate - \$250.00

__ Land Conservator - \$150.00

__ Sustaining - \$2500.00

__ Land Conservator Corporate- \$500.00

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