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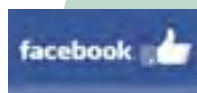
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NC Coastal Land Trust in the Community

"Veterans Garden" Groundbreaking Ceremony



From left: Steven Maharrey, Brittany Atkinson, Lovay Wallace-Singleton, Rebecca Brooks and Heather Harkley.

After two years of cultivating the Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden, Lovay Wallace-Singleton's dream of a garden to benefit homeless and disabled veterans became a reality on March 28, 2014, in New Bern. Wallace-Singleton, a 20-year air traffic controller for the U.S. Navy and a disabled veteran, said the purpose of the Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden will be to decrease the veteran homeless population in Craven County,

enhance the quality of life for disabled veterans and increase organic produce in the county. The Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden worked with the Coastal Land Trust to apply for grants until its non-profit status was finalized. The project fits into the Land Trust's farmland conservation and military partnership efforts. Visit www.veteransorganicgarden.com for more information about the Veterans Garden and those it will serve.

Wilmington Tree Commission Award



Piney Ridge Nature Preserve was recognized in March by the Wilmington Tree Commission for outstanding environmental design. The Commission's purpose is to promote and endorse programs and policies to support, maintain and grow our urban forest, increase public education and establish award and

recognition programs as incentives to encourage a healthy, safe and attractive natural environment for the City of Wilmington. The Preserve is home to the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden and is held under conservation easement by the Coastal Land Trust. Receiving the award from Nina Johnston (with sign), Superintendent of Parks and Urban Forestry for the City, is Executive Director Camilla Herlevich (center front). Representing the Preserve with Camilla are (back row from left) Julie Rehder, Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden, and Dan Sheret, volunteer. Also pictured are Jennifer O'Keefe and son Quinn, City volunteer Jerry Bell and Barbara Sullivan.

Fly Trap Frolic



Far left: Bright yellow and red pitcher plants are easy to spot, but you have to get low to the ground to see the Venus flytraps.

Left: Local Girl Scouts visit the educational booth set up by the NC Carnivorous Plant Society to learn about pitcher plants.



Arts of the Albemarle

Margie Sawyer with Patterns

Margie Sawyer was the featured artist in the Jenkins Gallery in April in Elizabeth City during Arts of the Albemarle's First Friday Art Walk in. Her exhibit, "Preserving the Places We Love," was highlighted in collaboration with the NC Coastal Land Trust. The Land Trust was selected to benefit from the proceeds of a portion of the sales from her exhibit. A well-known regional artist, Margie has award-winning works exhibited in local, state and regional shows.

Leo Jack Award



With Leo, who is holding his Stewardship Champion Award, are Julie Rehder and Camilla Herlevich.

In February, Leo Jack was recognized by the Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Coalition for his very special stewardship of our region's native Venus flytrap. After learning that more than 1,000 Venus flytraps were stolen from the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden, Leo decided to step up to protect his local environment by donating all of his birthday money to help replant the flytraps. Because of his unselfish act, he brought greater attention to the need for increased protection of one of our region's precious resources.

Wine Not...It's Friday



Whole Foods held their popular Fourth Friday event the night before the Flytrap Frolic to benefit the Coastal Land Trust. Whole Foods Team Members with Ms. Flytrap are (from left: Ferris (Customer Service Team Member), Tyler (Associate Store Team Leader), Lynn (Demo Team Member), Erin (Marketing Team Leader) and Leilani (Demo Specialist).

Coastal Land Trust Hosts Assembly at Pine Knoll Shores



Coastal Land Trust Deputy Director Janice Allen leads a hike through the longleaf pine forest at Camp Sam Hatcher.

Each year, the staff and board members of the 24 land trusts located throughout North Carolina gather together to gain the skills, knowledge and resources they need to better protect and care for our state’s land and water resources. On April 28th – 30th, the Coastal Land Trust welcomed the group to Trinity Center, a beautiful conference center nestled in the maritime forests of Pine Knoll Shores.

To kick off the event, staff members of the Coastal Land Trust conducted a tour of the Camp Sam Hatcher Preserve. The field trip included a hike through

a mature longleaf pine forest and across streamhead pocosin to a high ridge overlooking Gales Creek.

David Allen and John Carpenter of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission talked to the group about the ecology of the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, the only North American woodpecker to create its nesting and roosting cavities in live pine trees. The red-cockaded woodpecker seeks out old pines, primarily longleaf pines over 70-80 years of age, that often have red heart fungus that softens the heartwood, making drilling

into the tree a bit easier. Dave explained that one significant way to help these rare birds is to install nesting boxes in suitable habitat since it takes the birds anywhere from 6 months to 3 years to create their cavities.

Perched atop a thin aluminum ladder about 10-feet above the ground, John showed how the boxes are installed – by cutting a section out of the tree using a chain saw and “inserting” the nest box into the tree. Unlike putting up a bluebird box on a fence post, please do not try this at home! Dave and John plan to put in two nest box inserts at Camp Sam Hatcher which

hopefully will help woodpecker families on the preserve and in the adjacent Croatan National Forest.

Allen’s cavity box proved invaluable during the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, when hundreds of new artificial cavity boxes were drilled and inserted into pine trees in less than a year, providing roosting and nesting sites for hundreds of birds that might have died without them.

The group walked to the 30-acre cleared area to learn about Coastal Land Trust’s longleaf forest restoration efforts and then hiked up to one



John Carpenter of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is installing cavity inserts (nest boxes that are actually inserted into the tree) to shelter federally endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers.

of the primitive camp sites to discuss future environmental education and recreation opportunities for school children. The tour ended with a picnic lunch at the outdoor chapel overlooking Gales Creek. All participants learned a bit about the longleaf ecosystem, enjoyed the camaraderie and appreciated the walk through Camp Sam Hatcher!

Louis Moore Bacon Awarded Stanback Volunteer Conservationist of the Year

At the 19th annual North Carolina Land Trust Assembly, Louis Moore Bacon was honored by North Carolina land trusts for promoting conservation. He was recognized for his leadership in conservation and was named Stanback Volunteer Conservationist of the Year.

“Louis Moore Bacon is uniquely qualified to be recognized as one of the inheritors of Fred Stanback’s conservation legacy. His donation of a conservation easement of more than 6,442 acres at Orton Plantation is one of the most significant conservation donations in the history of the Coastal Land Trust,” said Coastal Land Trust Executive Director Camilla Herlevich.

Louis Moore Bacon is an inspirational advocate for conservation and the protection of natural resources. Raised with an appreciation for the outdoors, Bacon developed a respect for the natural world, which has driven his enthusiasm for land and water

conservation. In 1992, he created the Moore Charitable Foundation to support organizations that preserve and protect wildlife habitat. The foundation has provided significant funding to more than 200 local, national and international conservation organizations.

Also receiving awards for Conservation Leadership from the land trusts were: NC Senator Harry Brown of Jacksonville, who was recognized for his work protecting the state’s conservation trust funds; Bull City Running in Durham, a local business known for its efforts to get people out on trails; the town of Davidson, which is dedicated to preserving open space; Muddy Sneakers, a thriving nonprofit in western North Carolina that introduces nature to 5th grade students; and Tim Sweeney, a dedicated volunteer passionate about protecting the eastern Blue Ridge Mountains and foothills.

Duke Energy Supports Military Encroachment Project



Millie Chalk (center wearing vest), District Manager for Government and Community Relations at Duke Energy, presents a check for \$50,000 to the North Carolina Land Trust which will be used for its “Military Encroachment Project.” The goal of the project is to acquire significant coastal conservation properties, which, if developed, would encroach upon the mission and growth of military bases, airfields, bombing ranges and flight paths.

Accepting the check (from left) are Havelock Mayor Will Lewis, Coastal Land Trust Executive Director Camilla Herlevich, Havelock Commissioner and Land Trust Board member George Liner and Havelock Commissioner Brenda Wilson, who also serves on the Craven Community Foundation Board.

Trivia Answer - B (Painted Bunting)

Nonpareil in French means “without equal,” a reference to the male bird’s dazzling plumage. Painted Buntings are medium-sized finches with stubby, thick, seed-eating bills. They often come to feeders. Painted buntings breed in the coastal Southeast, including NC and in the south-central U.S.

SCRAPBOOK

First Colony Inn, Nags Head | February 27, 2014

Roast for the Coast



Burr.... What a great month to eat oysters!



From left: Jim Soles, with event hosts Bob Oakes, George Wood and Beth Storie.

Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden | April 25, 2014

Press Conference Calls Attention to Flytrap



Kevin Hicks, president of the Board of the Coastal Land Trust, Dr. Charles Tita, Director of Continuing and Distance Education at UNC-Pembroke and Land Trust Executive Director Camilla Herlevich attended a press conference called by Representative Ted Davis to bring attention to the need for legislation to increase the penalties for poaching flytrap plants and seeds.

Ocracoke | May 17, 2014

Party for the Point



Left: The Party for the Point event included an invitation to tour Springer's Point, "The Jewel of the Northeast," earlier that afternoon.

Left: Ed and Susan Norvell hosted a party to benefit Springer's Point at their home on Ocracoke. With Ed and Susan is Lee Leidy, Northeast Region Director for the Coastal Land Trust.

Rocky Point | March 8, 2014

Field Day at Five Eagles Farm



From Top: Lab swims to retrieve decoy; Falconer Dr. Joni Gnyp, is a veterinarian and the owner of the Rocky Point Animal Hospital; It's time for a shuckin'!; If there's a ditch, you just have to jump it.

Carteret County | April 18, 2014

Trail Maintenance at Seagate Woods



The Seagate Woods preserve annual trail maintenance day with Bob Reed (who was visiting from Boyne City, Michigan), former board member Don Hoss, new employee Tatum Justice, Stewardship Biologist Jen Avesing, former intern Michelle Lopez and volunteer Michael Snyder. Over a mile of trail was improved after last winter's ice storms.

Wilmington | March 27, 2014

Be My VaLANDtine Cruise



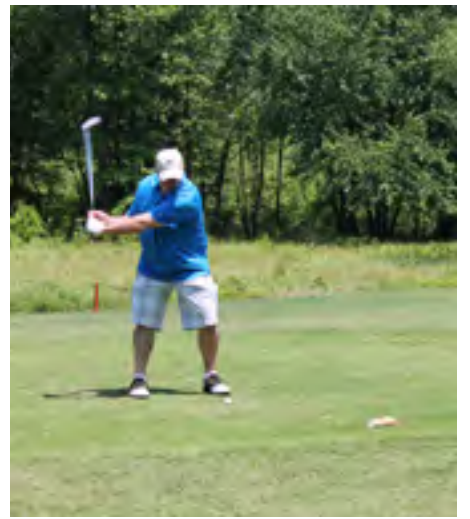
Right: Randy and Betty Ann Beardsworth provide a "captive" audience for "Captain" Doug.

Photos courtesy of Jenn Moore.



River Landing | Wallace | May 20, 2014

Holt CStore Golf Tournament



Clockwise from top left: S&D Coffee Golf Team members Gary Sheetz, Gary Edwards and Alan Hilton; The swing's the thing; Hannah Holt, Camilla Herlevich and Richard Stafford, representative for Coca Cola, a major sponsor of the tournament.

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Summer Interns Bring Great Skills to Coastal Land Trust

Anastasia Bond - Legal Intern



Anastasia is a summer 2014 legal intern with the Coastal Land Trust. She is a rising second-year law student at Wake Forest University School of Law and is interested in exploring the property law, tax law and corporate law markets. This summer, Anastasia is assisting the legal and business staff at the Coastal Land Trust with corporate record-keeping and compliance, Board of Directors and Executive Committee matters, as well as various legal research, drafting and editing projects. Before attending law school, Anastasia worked for two years as a paralegal in a law firm, and before that she worked for a year as a project manager in a textiles firm. With her past professional experiences and passion for the outdoors, Anastasia is very enthusiastic about spending her summer working for the Coastal Land Trust. In her spare time, Anastasia loves running, reading, traveling and spending time with her family and her Shih Tzu, Petunia.

Tommy Caggiano - Duke Stanback Intern



Tommy is interning with the Coastal Land Trust this summer through the Stanback Internship Program. He is a rising second year graduate student at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. He is currently pursuing dual master's degrees in Environmental Management and in Forestry. Tommy is working to assess potential threats that climate change may have on the Coastal Land Trust's preserves and is conducting research to aid the Coastal Land Trust in developing a climate adaptation strategy. He is very interested in climate change and how humans will respond to environmental issues in the coming decades. Tommy grew up in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, which greatly influenced his love of hiking and passion for the care of our natural environment.

Racheal Hammond - Legal Intern



Racheal began working with the Coastal Land Trust in May 2014 as a legal intern. As a rising second-year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she is both a Juris Doctor candidate as well as a Master's candidate in the City & Regional Planning program. Her duties with the Coastal Land Trust include assisting with land acquisitions, purchase agreements and conservation easements. Through her work with the Coastal Land Trust, she hopes to contribute to its dedication of preserving the heritage and historic value of North Carolina's lands for future generations. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, blogging and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

Message from the President

Our Mission: Enriching Coastal Communities

Although I travel throughout the country each month on business, I always look forward to coming home to my family and to my own community of Wilmington. Our family enjoys the Flytrap Frolic and the Field Day at Five Eagles Farm, both of which are hosted on properties protected by the Coastal Land Trust.

As President of the Coastal Land Trust, I enjoy seeing how our conservation projects contribute to the quality of life in other coastal communities, too. In New Bern, the Veterans Garden project will provide healthy local produce and a place for disabled veterans to find transitional employment. Near Greenville, the Bray family has created a place for kids in their community to enjoy nature while learning about science, at their own family nature preserve, protected with conservation easements. And on Ocracoke Island, the community comes together each year to support Springer's Point Preserve.

The mission of the Coastal Land Trust is: *To enrich the coastal communities of our state through the acquisition of open space and natural areas, conservation education and the promotion of good land stewardship.* Let's keep at it!



Message from the Director

Creating Communities for Conservation

Land and nature matter to us as individuals—we enjoy a solitary walk in the woods or a paddle down the river. But land and nature can also bring us together and enrich our communities. The stories in this newsletter celebrate such places and such communities.

I am grateful for those who've joined the Coastal Land Trust's giving circles—the communities of donors who are members of the Tidewater Society, the Live Oak Society or the William Bartram Leadership Circle.

And I'm also grateful to be a member of the community of land trusts. It's incredibly inspirational to see how the research and scholarship of Dr. Stan Riggs can be used to make our coastal communities safer and more resilient places. Or to see how Dave Allen's technique to "create a better bird box" was used to save literally hundreds of magnificent red-cockaded woodpeckers after Hurricane Hugo. Or to welcome young people, and their fresh ideas and enthusiasm, to land trust work.

You, too, as a member of the Coastal Land Trust, are a part of the larger community of conservationists in our state and nation. It's thanks to you that our coastal communities are enriched!



Stewardship Duties Swell
Justice Joins Staff



Tatum Justice has been with the Coastal Land Trust since January 2014 in the position of Stewardship Assistant. Her duties include assisting the Stewardship Department with annual monitoring, trail work, restoration efforts and development activities. Tatum obtained her B.S. in Biology from Salem College and has worked with agencies such as the Carolina Beach State Park and AmeriCorps in Colorado. Her favorite aspect of working in land conservation is preserving the ecological habitats unique to the North Carolina coast where she grew up. When she's off the clock she enjoys traveling, hiking, camping and looking for her next adventure!

Board on the Move - A Time for Science



Left: In the wagon (left to right): Board members Kevin Hicks, Ann Simpson, Merrie Jo Alcock, Jason Kesler; staff Camilla Herlevich and Lee Leidy. Land Committee member Randy Beardsworth is hidden behind Camilla.

Right: John Bray, who with his wife, Nancy, owns A Time for Science Nature and Science Learning Center near Ayden, points to Contentnea Creek during a "tractor pull and wagon tour" of the property. The field trip was incorporated into the April Board meeting in Greenville. A Time for Science is under conservation easement to the Coastal Land Trust.



The Coastal Land Trust preserves the forests, waterways, beaches and farms that make our coast such a great place to live, work, and play. Since 1992, we've protected more than 61,000 acres in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina.

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Look for the Coastal Land Trust in your workplace giving campaign (SECC #1113, CFC # 91392) or contact Vann Pearsall (910) 790-4524 x210 for information on how your business can get involved!



Nature Trivia

Photo Credit: James Parnell

The French name for this bird species is "nonpareil." Which bird is it?

- A. Ruby-throated hummingbird
 - B. Painted Bunting
 - C. Prothonotary Warbler
- Answer on Page 2

Save the Date

September 20, 2014

Coastal Land Trust Annual Celebration and Lawn Party

October 4, 2014

Family Fun Day at Brunswick Nature Park

SOME LIKE IT HOT!

Prescribed Burning at Everett Creek

The Coastal Land Trust contracted with Premier Forestry to carry out a prescribed or controlled burn over 65 acres of our Everett Creek Preserve in Onslow County on March 14th, 2014. The purpose of the burn was to clear out small trees and brush to open up the forest floor to sunlight which will allow the growth of grasses and forbs (herbaceous flowering plants) that attract a diversity of wildlife.

Fire in the forest can be very useful and even essential to the health and productivity of many wildlife habitats in the Coastal Plain. Indeed, many of our native Coastal Plain plants and animals are adapted to periodic fire. The benefits of fire include: killing back of certain plant species, nutrient recycling, opening up the forest floor to sunlight, the stimulation of new plant growth, and controlling pests and/or invasive plants. Even when fire kills some trees there are positive wildlife benefits because many cavity nesting birds and their insect prey depend on dead, decaying trees. Frequent fires help maintain habitat structure, for example, an open park-like setting in a longleaf pine forest.

Fire once occurred naturally on a regular basis on the Coastal Plain, ignited by lightning and fueled by an understory of grass and pine straw found in many habitats in this region. Native Americans once used fire intentionally to clear land, improve habitat



for wild game and reduce insect populations.

Within the last century, fires were suppressed because of fear for loss of human structures and health. Many wildlife species declined because of the removal of fire in their habitats. Now that the science of prescribed burning allows for safe and controlled fires, land managers are using the tool as a way to restore and maintain important native habitats like longleaf pine forests and the wildlife species that depend on them.

If you like to watch wildlife, many songbirds such as Bachman's sparrow and pine and prairie warblers as well as many other non-hunted wildlife such as pinewoods tree frogs and mimic glass lizards live in fire-adapted forests. Some cool wildlife species occasionally need a hot forest!

Above: Prescribed burn at Everett Creek Preserve.
Right: A mimic glass lizard finds a home.

Board of Directors

Board members serve three, three-year staggered terms. Board members are elected each year by the membership during the annual meeting.

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61,986

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