



NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

CoastLines

NEWS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE COAST

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Camps & Kids & Coastal Land Trust...Oh MY!

With the Coastal Land Trust's recent acquisition of the Camp Sam Hatcher Tract, the Land Trust has now saved more than 50,000 acres along the coast! This gorgeous property lies along Gales Creek in Carteret County and has been owned by the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America for many years.

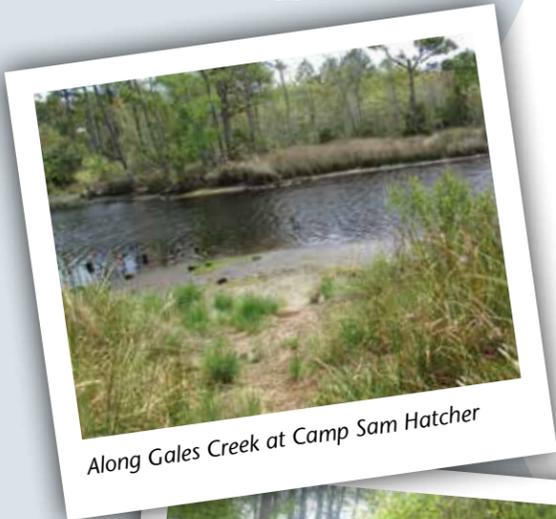
"We are thrilled to have been able to partner with the Boy Scouts to protect this ecologically significant property that has been loved and enjoyed by so many through the years," said Camilla Herlevich, Executive Director of the Coastal Land Trust. "We are also excited about working with the Boy Scouts on a plan to expand environmental and recreational use of the property in the months and years ahead."

50,000 Acres Protected!

In this case, we're proud to say that "good fences do not make good neighbors" because one of our new neighbors is the Croatan National Forest! The acquisition of this Tract will provide a great protective buffer to these adjoining public lands and high quality natural heritage area. Janice Allen, Land Trust Deputy Director, and Jesica Blake, Director of Stewardship, are particularly thrilled because our neighbor, the U. S. Forest Service, has already invited us to "play" with them – by expressing an interest in partnering with us to do a prescribed burn on the property. This exceptional tract also hosts longleaf pine sandhills (we love these!) and savanna habitat with rare plants and animals as residents. We also love the fact that the property lies along Gales Creek, a beautiful tidal creek that flows into Bogue Sound, an Outstanding Resource Water. The Coastal Land Trust will continue to own, manage and steward this lovely property.

Another new (and great) neighbor is the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The termination of a 20-year lease with the Eckerd's Youth Foundation in 2010 raised the threat of a sale of the entire property, and the loss of much-loved and well-used recreational facilities at the coast. Fortunately the Coastal Land Trust was able to step in. The Boy Scouts sold 201 acres to the Coastal Land Trust and donated a conservation easement over 20 additional acres; the Boy Scouts retained title to the adjoining 122 acres.

We love to create new and lasting friendships and are delighted that this closing gives us the opportunity to partner with the Boy Scouts and the Forest Service. The Land Trust has two primitive camp sites on our part of the property which include screened in areas for camping. There is also a primitive Chapel overlooking Gales Creek. This all translates into lots of potential for environmental education and outdoor activities!



Along Gales Creek at Camp Sam Hatcher



Screened Cabin



Alex Chuman spotting for birds' nests

Fred Stanback Receives National Conservation Award HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO 10 COASTAL LAND TRUST PROJECTS

Fred Stanback, long-time conservationist and philanthropist, was awarded the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)'s first-ever Sequoia Award. The new award, presented to Stanback at a reception in Washington, D.C. on May 17th, honors individuals who have enhanced the advocacy organization's efforts to protect the National Park System or individual national parks.

The Sequoia Award recognizes extraordinary commitment to the NPCA and its work through philanthropy, volunteer service, programmatic efforts, or policy work for a sustained period of time. "Fred Stanback embodies the very definition of the Sequoia Award, and it's fitting that he is our initial recipient," said NPCA Senior Southeast Regional Director Don Barger.

The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust also has benefitted from the leadership shown by Fred Stanback and his wife Alice. The Stanbacks have not only made generous annual contributions to our operating fund,

but have also provided \$3.5M in capital grants to specific Coastal Land Trust projects since 2008. "Fred and Alice Stanback are the most generous conservation donors of their generation," said Camilla Herlevich, Executive Director. Coastal Land Trust projects which have received grants from the Fred and Alice Stanback Fund include Clarendon Plantation, Magnolia Farm, Meherrin River, Camp Sam Hatcher, Town Creek, Lea Island, Pettigrew State Park, and Brown's Island.

Fred and Alice Stanback also established the Stanback Internship Program within the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. The program, established in 1995, enables students to intern at conservation organizations during the summer. The Coastal Land Trust has benefited from the assistance of Stanback interns for many years. This year's "Stanback Interns" are Allison Fox and Alex Chuman, who are introduced on page three in this issue of Coastlines.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanback also support a host of other non-profits with their time and advice, both in their hometown of Salisbury and throughout the state of North Carolina. Mr. Stanback is currently on the boards of the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, Catawba College and the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation.

Photo courtesy of NPCA



Pictured with Mr. Fred Stanback, second from left, are Tom Kiernan, Don Barger, and Jay Lutze, all of NPCA.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

STAYING THE COURSE

With this issue of Coastlines, we celebrate the milestone of 50,000 acres protected! There are dozens of potential conservation transactions each year here at the coast – but without organizations like the Coastal Land Trust, they wouldn't be protected. You, our members, who support us with your annual gifts, sponsor or attend Land Trust events, volunteer your time, buy our license plates, or remember us when it comes

time for making a special gift – you're the ones who keep us ready for the next project.

And as a former Eagle Scout, I'm so proud that the Coastal Land Trust was able to save the Camp Sam Hatcher tract. *Here's to staying the course and the next 50,000 acres saved!*



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

LEGACIES FOR THE LAND

This spring, I've been reminded of the power of legacies – of things left to us by others. A legacy can be a family picture, or a personal memento. But the more compelling legacies are the values and ideas that others give us, which will last through time.

for those who love the Venus Flytrap. John Thomas, Jr. has honored the memory of his sons and granddaughter through a charitable gift to the Coastal Land Trust. And volunteers throughout the coastal plain have come forward to build trails, sponsor fundraising events, introduce children to nature and participate in countless other events to ensure that the Coastal Land Trust will continue to thrive.

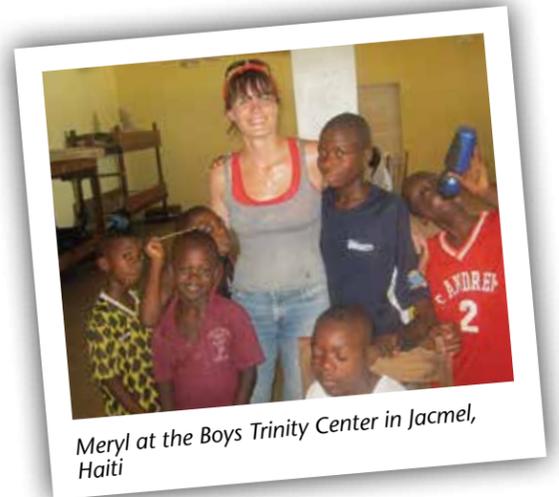
Fred and Alice Stanback, for example, have created a green legacy of conserved lands throughout the state and nation, by giving generously to conservation groups. Corporate leaders like Hannah Holt have created better communities by instilling a corporate culture of giving back. Stanley Rehder created an enduring garden

We give thanks for all these legacies, and for blessings yet to come.



MURTAGH JOINS STAFF

Meryl Murtagh joined the Land Trust as Legal and Administrative Assistant in the spring of 2013. She is an attorney with prior experience working with community development and human rights in Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar and Haiti, as well as with domestic non-profits. She moved to Wilmington in 2012 and she is excited to be able to help contribute to conservation of the beautiful coastal lands in NC. She enjoys the beach, traveling, yoga and camping.



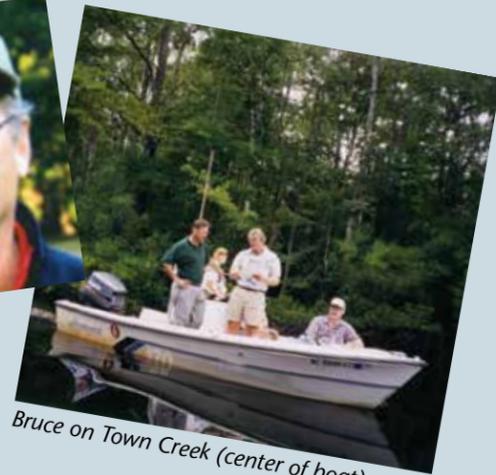
Meryl at the Boys Trinity Center in Jacmel, Haiti

In Memory...

BRUCE WATKINS

April 16, 1954 – June 19, 2013

*A True Renaissance Man...
Conservationist, Businessman,
Community Volunteer, Sportsman*



Bruce on Town Creek (center of boat)



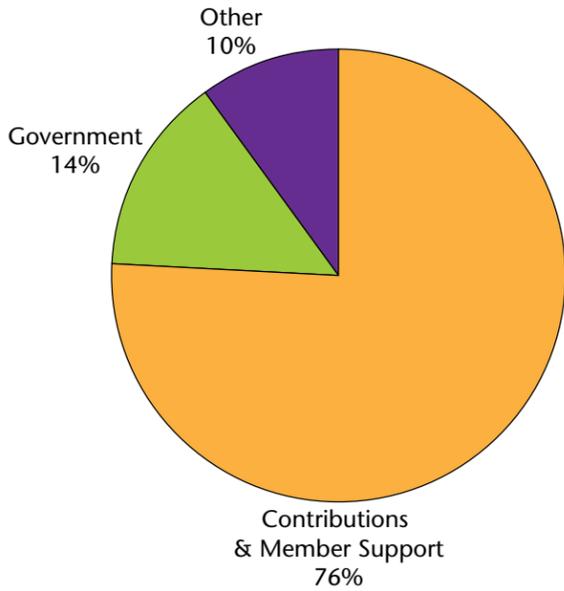
BILL ROGERS

March 17, 1963 – June 17, 2013

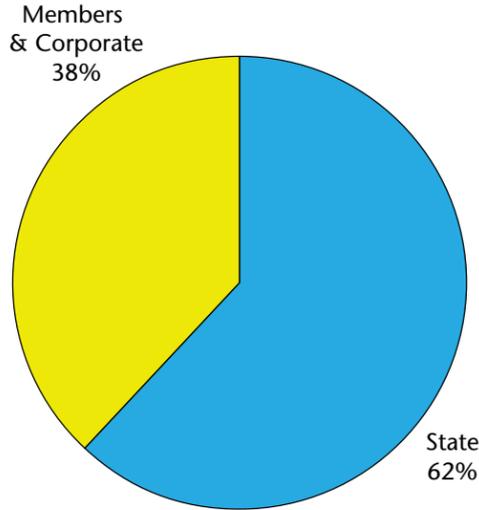
*Leader of the Land Trust's
Conservation Partnership with the
Marine Corps*

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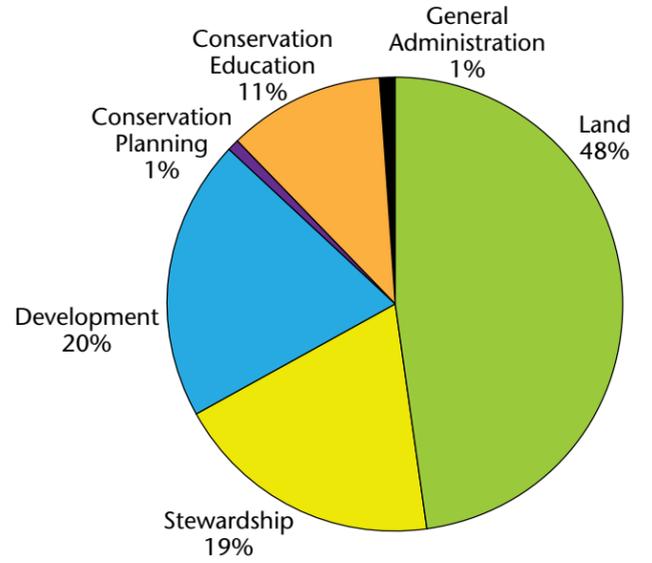
Operating Revenue



Land Grants



Expenses



CLT Office Explodes with Intern Talent!

Allison Fox

Allison Fox joined the Land Trust as a summer intern, after finishing the first year of her master's degree at Duke University. She is assisting the Stewardship staff with their barrier islands work, including projects on Bird Island, Brown's Island, and Springer's Point. Allison developed a love for the coast during her summer trips to Long Beach Island, NJ. That passion deepened during her semester abroad in Australia. In her free time, Allison enjoys reading, skiing, and traveling.



Llogan Walters

Llogan is 24 years old and was born in North Carolina, but grew up near Atlanta, Ga. Wildlife has been a passion of hers since she was very young, beginning with interest in the Canadian Geese she often saw in her backyard. For a while she pursued the veterinary sciences, and then took some time off to work in the veterinary industry, dog training and childcare. She received her bachelor's degree in Animal Science at the Ohio State University, and is currently attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's law school. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, cooking and music, and this summer she plans to finish learning how to hang glide.



Alex Chuman

Alex Chuman is a Duke University Stanback intern working with the Land Trust for the summer. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in environmental management from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment. Alex is working to help develop a GIS based conservation management and land prioritization plan for the northeastern coastal plain. Alex grew up in Rhode Island where his love of coastal areas first developed, and enjoys hiking, sports, and tasty foods. He is excited to further explore the coast in his free time.



Brice's Creek

Croatan Missing Piece... Brice's Creek

The acquisition of a conservation easement within the headwaters of Brice's Creek in Craven County provides a great protective buffer to adjoining public lands and high quality natural heritage area. This 636.27 acre Tract is surrounded on three sides by the Croatan National Forest. In addition to providing connectivity to other conservation lands, the permanent protection of the Brice's Creek Tract will help to restore and protect the headwaters of Brice's Creek.

The Brice's Creek Tract is owned by Weyerhaeuser Company and, has been used for timbering in the past. Weyerhaeuser has recently replanted the site with native hardwoods, such as swamp chestnut oak, ash and bald cypress and plans to plug some existing ditches to restore the natural ecosystem, non-riverine swamp forest (a low area not directly adjacent to a river but with similar features). Under the terms of the Conservation Easement, Weyerhaeuser reserves the right to use the Tract for passive recreational use, including hunting, fishing, walking and hiking.

The acquisition of this conservation easement will protect the open space character and the restored habitat on the Tract. The project ties in with other conservation work completed by the Coastal Land Trust along Brice's Creek and nearby Anderson Creek.

IRA Tax Rollover

Oh, the Great Thing you can do at 70

One of the Land Trust's loyal donors recently decided to make a larger gift than usual because *direct and qualified* charitable donations from traditional and Roth IRAs are once again allowed by the Tax Payer Relief Act of 2012. These donations, if administrated properly, can satisfy your required minimum distribution, eliminate having to pay taxes on the distributed amount, and have no effect on your current income.

In order for your IRA distribution to qualify:

1. You must be 70 ½ years or older;
2. Your distribution must originate from a traditional or Roth IRA;
3. Your IRA custodian must write your IRA distribution check directly to the NCCLT; and
4. Your distribution cannot exceed \$100,000 in the 2013 calendar year.

For example:

A donor who is now 70 ½ has a traditional IRA.

His or her required minimum distribution is \$10,000.

He or she is in a 28% income tax bracket.

If the donor takes his/her \$10,000 required minimum distribution as income, the donor will have to pay at least 28% (or \$2,800) in income taxes on this distribution.

If the donor instructs his/her IRA custodian to send the \$10,000 required minimum distribution check directly to the NCCLT, the donor will avoid paying the \$2,800 income tax due on the distribution.

Please contact your tax advisor or the Coastal Land Trust if you have any questions about making a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA.

Nature Trivia

Answer: C. Lake Waccamaw

FLYTRAP FROLIC - APRIL 20TH

Carnivorous plant lovers traveled from as far as Denver Colorado (via Sunset Beach, NC) to see Venus Flytraps, Pitcher Plants, and Sundews in a natural habitat at the 3rd Annual Flytrap Frolic. Richard LeBlond (NCCLT volunteer) and Phil (Dr. Rocks) Garwood spoke at the event. Other carnivores showcased were a Red Tailed Hawk and Brown Pelican from Seabiscuit Wildlife Shelter and a King and Corn Snake from Halyburton Park.



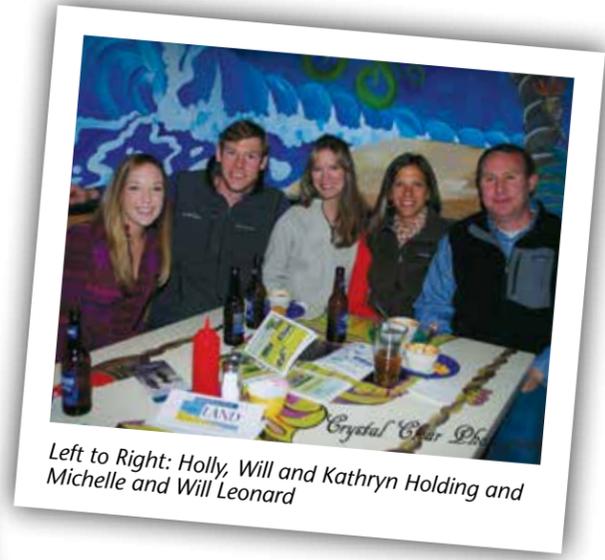
What do you think he's looking at?



That's a mouthful for a flytrap!



Flytrap Frolic is a family event



Left to Right: Holly, Will and Kathryn Holding and Michelle and Will Leonard

RED BEANS & BLUEGRASS

In the fall, Bryan and Kendell Stange and Cliff and Holly Ray hosted a fundraiser, Red Beans and Bluegrass, for the Coastal Land Trust.

HOLT CSTORE GOLF TOURNAMENT APRIL 23RD

CYCLISTS GOIN' COASTAL - MAY 4TH



On the Greens



David Hamilton sports the Goin' Coastal jersey.

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Billie Jo Edwards
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First Place Winners

RECENT BOARD MEETINGS INCLUDED FIELD TRIPS TO PLACES PROTECTED BY THE LAND TRUST



Board members gather on the back porch of the house at Jubilee Farm near Edenton



Board Members and Friends



Board members tour Jubilee Farm before their Board meeting in Edenton.



Latham Whitehurst Nature Park Hike during meeting of the Board in New Bern

Now being seen all over the state: The Coastal Land Trust license plate.

Contact the DMV license plate agency to get yours!

EVENTS AT SPRINGER'S POINT

May Work Day

A hearty, hard-working and fun group of volunteers helped the Coastal Land Trust with maintenance of the oyster sill at its living shoreline project at Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island. Over the fall and winter, several of the bags of oyster shells were damaged by storms. This group removed the busted bags, re-bagged the shells, and used the new bags to restore the sill.



Erin Fleckenstein, Coastal Scientist with North Carolina Coastal Federation, explains the living shoreline project and how to bag the oyster shell.



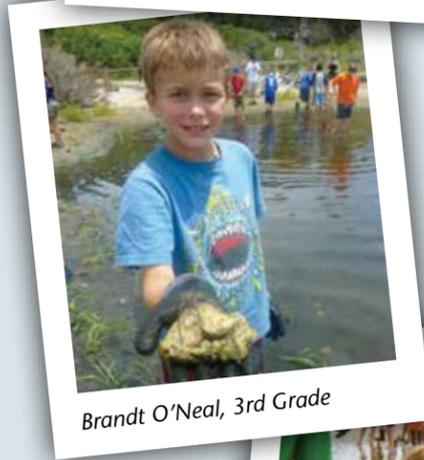
Gene Ballance and Delores Gilbert work to replace oyster bags on oyster sill.

Planting at Springer's

In June, the Coastal Land Trust partnered with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes at Ocracoke School and North Carolina Coastal Federation's Erin Fleckenstein, Coastal Scientist, Sara Hallas, Education Coordinator, and Bree Tillett, intern, to plant marsh native marsh grasses, *Spartina alterniflora* and *Spartina patens*, for the Coastal Land Trust's Living Shoreline Project at Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island.



Busy planting, from left are Hayden Austin, 3rd Grade; Dylan Esham, 4th Grade; and Lee Winstead, 4th Grade



Brandt O'Neal, 3rd Grade



Gretchen Stern, 3rd Grade, and fellow schoolmates

May 11th - Happy Birthday!!

North Carolina Coastal Land Trust hosted a birthday party for the Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island on Saturday, May 11th, 2012. Members of the community joined in to celebrate the Preserve's 10th Anniversary.



Jessica Blake, Coastal Land Trust's Stewardship Director, leads a tour of Springer's Point Preserve and explains the ongoing living shoreline project.



Photo courtesy of Julian Leidy

PARTY FOR THE POINT MAY 8TH



Board Member Ed Norvell and wife Susan (far right) hosted a "Party for the Point" on May 8th in their home on Ocracoke. This social event raises money for the maintenance of the Springer's Point Nature Preserve.

GRANT SUPPORTS FUN DAY



Camilla Herlevich, second from left, receives a check from Patricia Lawler with the NC Community Foundation. The grant comes from the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Endowment for Brunswick Family Fun Day. Enjoying the Park's bike trails are Don Brown and his son Fisher.

Save the Date!

- Aug. 1 Land Trust Movie Night
For details, call (910) 790-4524, ext. 209
- Oct. 5 Coastal Land Trust Annual Celebration and Lawn Party
- Oct. 13 BW Wells Wildflower Walk led by Retired Biologist Richard LeBlond
- Oct. 19 Family Fun Day at Brunswick Nature Park

Visit the Coastal Land Trust website at www.coastallandtrust.org for more information on these upcoming events



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The Coastal Land Trust is proud to be a member of EarthShareNC!



EarthShare NC partners with businesses across the state to engage employees in the work of over 70 environmental organizations. Giving campaigns educate employees about the value of protecting North Carolina's natural resources and promoting participation in the work of these organizations brings much needed support. It is an opportunity for environmentally-conscious employees and workplaces to support hundreds of environmental groups through a charitable giving drive. ESNC participates in campaigns at public and private sector workplaces across the state and has raised over \$7.5 million to preserve our natural heritage.

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!

North Carolina
 LAND TRUSTS
Saving the Places You Love

Nature Trivia

Carolina bays are isolated wetlands in natural shallow depressions that are largely fed by rain and shallow groundwater. These bays have an elliptical shape and generally a northwest to southeast orientation. They are found primarily in Georgia and the Carolinas, but range from Florida to Delaware. While there is no conclusive evidence, some scientists support the theory that Carolina bays were formed by a meteor that hit Earth thousands of years ago, breaking into pieces that made dents as they skipped across the planet's surface. The largest Carolina bay in North Carolina is:

- A. Jones Lake
- B. Lake Phelps
- C. Lake Waccamaw

Answer on page 3.

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