



THE LANDMARK

WINTER 2008



Check out some stunning landscape shots of our beautiful Piedmont region in this edition of The LandMark!

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THE PUZZLE FITS TOGETHER



**Andrew Waters,
Operations Director**

My three-year-old likes to put together puzzles. Dinosaurs are his preference, although a John Deere tractor has become a recent favorite. He's gotten pretty good, too, even if he relies on me to piece together the borders so he can focus on the middle—the interesting part where all those Tyrannosaurs and farm vehicles reside.

The LandTrust might be said to resemble a puzzle, and even though this newsletter emphasizes the land we've conserved—over 1,740 acres this year—the land only provides the border. The interesting part, the middle, is the people.

I'm in charge of two committees at The LandTrust, stewardship and finance, and never has a spacey English major been more out of his element. Our finance committee is made up of people like Dan Williams and Dyke Messinger, pillars of the Salisbury business community. It's always an adventure explaining The LandTrust's screwball finances,

which often involve funding from state and federal grant funds, as well as private sources, to finance multi-year, multi-part land transactions with narratives more complex than a Dickens novel, to such astute financial minds. I'm amazed, however, by the patience and kindness with which these busy and important men endure these ramblings, and the keen insight they provide in keeping our finances on track.

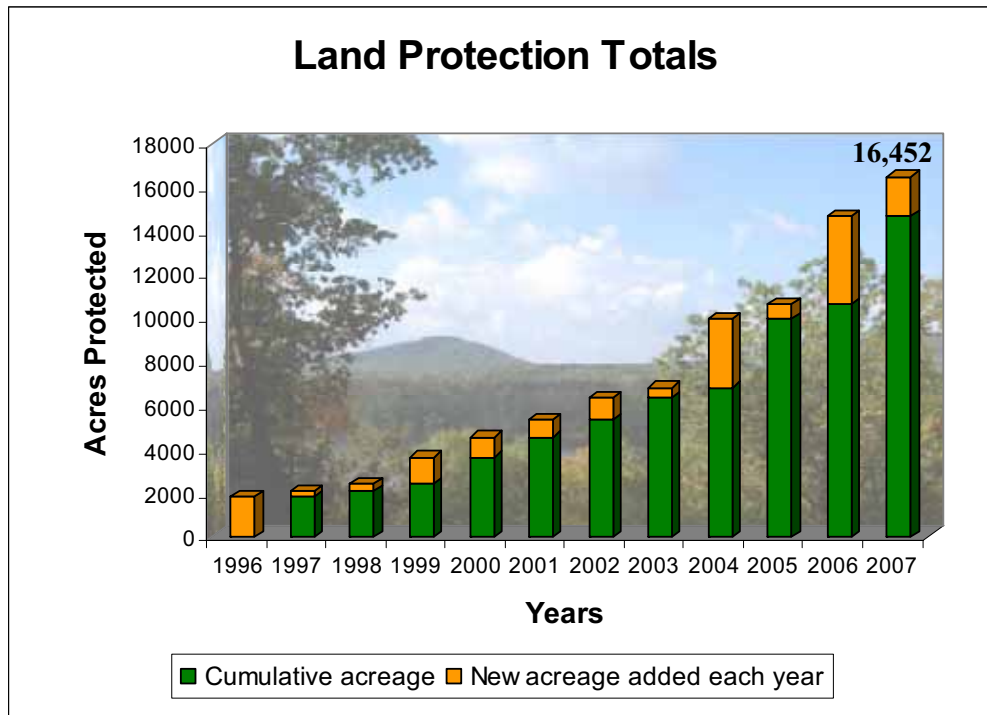
If the finance committee can be mystifying, the stewardship committee is, for me, another universe. Here is where we discuss and plan for issues like wildlife habitat enhancement, farm leases, and invasive species. I can barely say *Lespedeza*, let alone recognize it, but luckily we have folks like John Isenhour to help me out. John works for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is just one of the extremely knowledgeable conservationists and land managers who serve on this committee and help us steward and enhance the land and natural resources in which we've been entrusted.

In fact, work at the LandTrust can often seem like one long committee meeting, but how else could I get to know fantastic women like Meredith Sullivan and Kelly Goodman. Meredith oversees all LandTrust events as Special Events Coordinator, and Kelly served as Chair of the RiverDance 2007 Committee. Both recently became new mothers and both obviously have plenty to fill up their time, but both showed up at our office a few Fridays ago to plan ways to make this year's Riverdance—mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9th!—better than ever.

Then there's Dennis Testerman, the most recent addition to our Priority Lands Committee, which reviews potential conservation easement donations and land acquisitions. There's a pretty steep learning curve on this committee, where lingo like “conservation value,” “tax benefits,” “buffer,” and “building envelopes” gets thrown around without much explanation. But Dennis, the soil and water conservation district officer for Cabarrus County and a longtime LandTrust supporter, has jumped right in, offering his own unique and thoughtful insight into these potential projects.

And that's not even mentioning the people who come through our doors on a regular basis. Folks like Dave Davis, Jack and Maria Thomson, Jim Foltz, Bruton Allen, Linda Errante, Boon Chesson, Bob Pendergrass, John Hart, Brent and Wanda Parks, Kurt Cribb, Jill Fisher, Laura Fogo, Mark Lewis and many, many more, all of whom create the rich, colorful mosaic that makes The LandTrust the most successful kind of jigsaw puzzle, the kind that stimulates and, ultimately, rewards. Thanks to them, and you, for supporting The LandTrust—you all fit right in.

Land Protection Update - Over 1,740 Acres Conserved in 2007!



The LandTrust for Central NC has been working hard again this year at “Saving the Places You Love” in our Piedmont Region. This edition of *The LandMark* highlights some of the great properties that were protected in 2007. As you peruse this newsletter, you’ll see that these protected properties vary from farmland protection to riparian and wetlands preservation to open space conservation and more, with each project unique in background and purpose. Thanks to dedicated landowners and supporters, The LandTrust saw its land protection totals in the year 2007 rise above not only 15,000 acres, but even 16,000 plus.

However, the land protection totals do not by themselves tell the whole story, as for each project completed, there are several dozens more in various stages. A surprising number of these projects are a result of landowner contacts from previous easement donors; some are surrounding landowners; and even a few are past easement donors themselves who want to conserve even more of their beautiful property in this region. And although some of these great projects may not see comple-

tion for years to come, the fact that existing projects roll into other projects, and that most of the properties we protect come from landowners who *seek us out*, is truly a tribute to the importance that you all place on the conservation of our beautiful Piedmont region.

For that and so much more, we’d like to say thank you. Thanks to the landowners who so willingly preserve their beautiful landscapes for future generations to enjoy. Thanks to our board and committee members who help us make these important conservation decisions. Thanks to our volunteers who assist us in the office and the field and allow us the ability to complete tasks like stewardship and management that our staff could not do alone. Thanks to our conservation partners who work with us in our efforts to conserve these wonderful properties in a strategic and efficient manner. And thanks to our supporters and members who allow us the opportunity to work with these great landowners in what we consider the greatest job on earth. Thanks for letting us be *your* land trust!

Third Phase of Adams Farm Conservation Efforts

Following up on his second donation last year, Dr. Richard Adams has now completed his third conservation easement donation to The LandTrust! This most recent easement protects 300 acres, with portions of the property located in both Iredell and Rowan Counties.

Located off Cool Springs Road, a portion of this year's donation possesses stream footage on the South Yadkin River, which has been identified as important for drinking water supplies, migratory wildlife, public recreation, and also for Native American history.



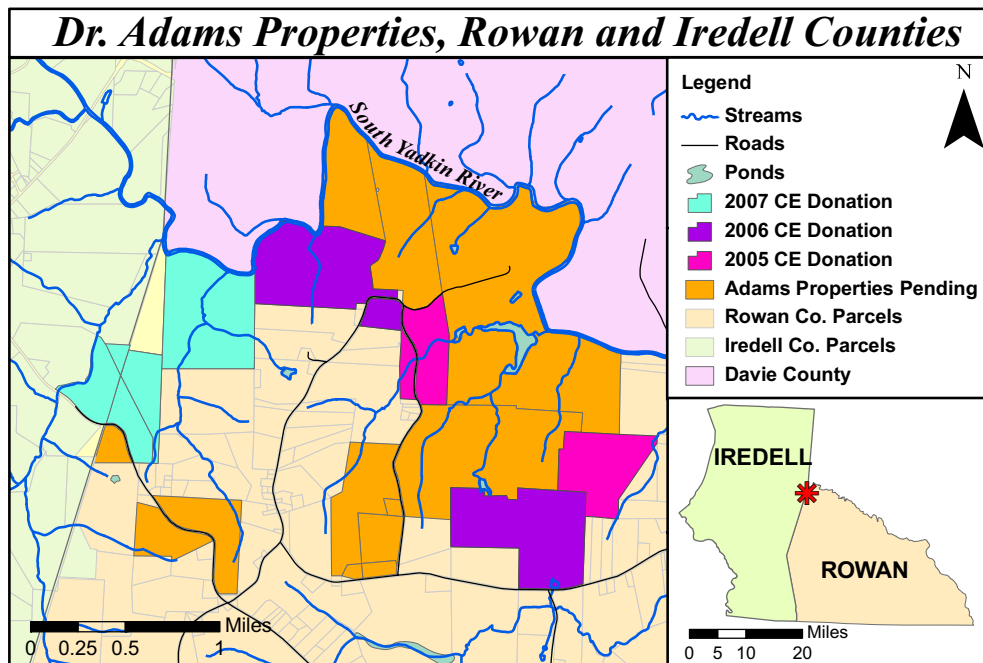
A serene tributary located on one of Dr. Adams protected properties.



Prime agricultural soils can be found on the newly conserved property.

This most recent donation brings the total acreage Dr. Adams has protected to an amazing 831 acres, including a state significant natural heritage site, a Piedmont/Coastal Plain Heath Bluff identified as the South Yadkin River Heath Bluff in the Rowan County Natural Heritage Inventory.

Dr. Adams hopes to donate conservation easements on even more of his wonderful properties in the future. These will compliment these previous donations and conserve a wonderful large-scale habitat for wildlife for generations to come.

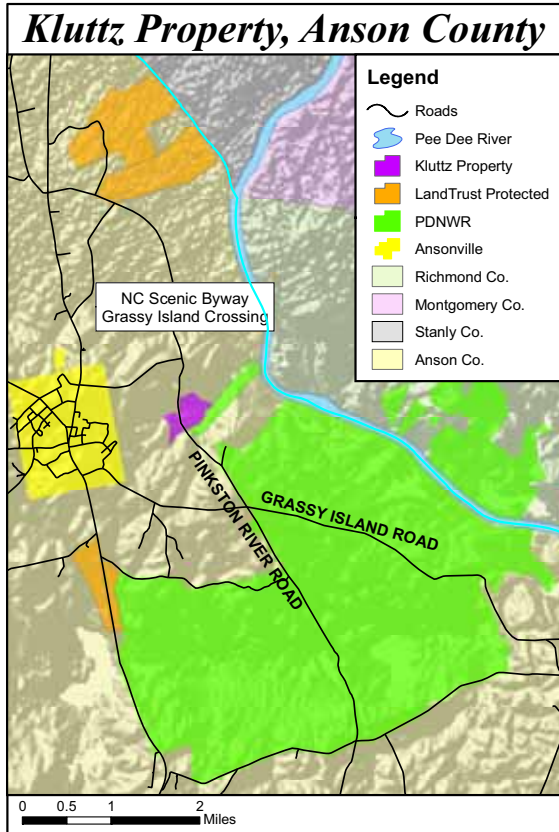


Kluttz Property Conserved in Anson County

At a stop on the NC Scenic Byway of Grassy Island Crossing off Pinkston River Road, the canopy suddenly opens up a few hundred feet into the dense green wilderness. You find yourself in front of an immense wetland, with screeching great blue herons (in no small way) letting you know you've invaded their turf. But they are not the only occupants of this watery paradise, as frogs chime in with the chorus. A flock of wood ducks, not to be outdone, join in as well with their drum-like wingbeats.

This wonderful property, located immediately adjacent to the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge in Anson County, was placed under permanent conservation easement this year by Bob Kluttz and his mother, Nancy. The superb wetland, complete with a diversity of waterfowl and flora, such as the beautiful water lilies pictured, is found off Pressely Creek, which forms the southern boundary of this property.

But the wetland is not the only significant feature of this great place. Down one pathway from the wetland, you'll find a canopy of large pines and a unique cardboard box in the top of one of these. Bob explains that this is used to entice swarming bee hives, as you saunter on down the lane to find five hives, bees eagerly buzzing around them. Although becoming a lost art, beekeeping is not only a fun and tasty hobby, for large-scale pollination it is pivotal to the agricultural lands on which we all depend.



Across the scenic byway, a stand of hardwoods also contributes to the beauty and natural character of the property. The protection of this 90-acre refuge is a perfect compliment to the migratory waterfowl that utilize the adjacent refuge, and the landowners' willingness to preserve this great property ensures that another portion of what makes Anson County so unique is now protected in perpetuity.



This huge wetland is home to a plethora of waterfowl, reptiles and amphibians.



Water lilies on the newly protected Kluttz Property in Anson County.

Pence Property in Rowan County Conserved

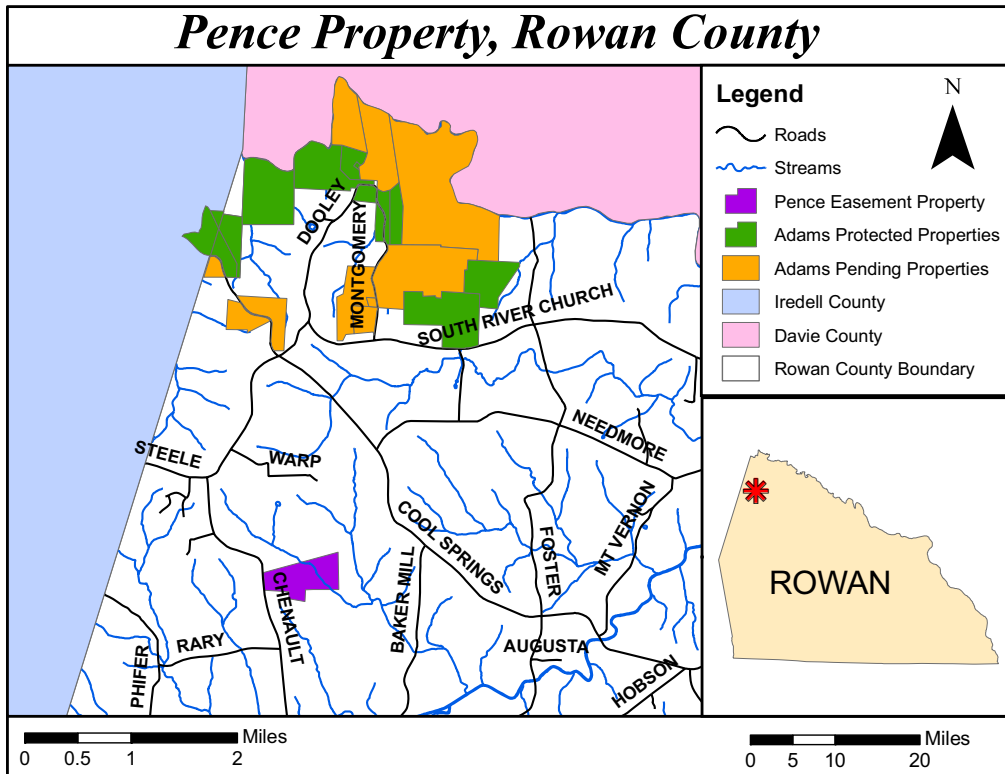
A section of the beautiful rolling farmland and hardwood forest in northwestern Rowan County was permanently conserved in December thanks to a conservation easement donation by Carla and Eric Pence. Eric, a full-time farmer, and Carla, a physician practicing in Statesville, donated a permanent conservation easement on a 126-acre tract near Chenault Road just north of Cleveland. Aside from protecting a scenic viewshed, the donation also protects prime agricultural soils; wildlife habitat for turkey, deer, and other small game; and over 2,200 feet of vegetated frontage along a perennial tributary to Fourth Creek.

“We are extremely excited to work with the Pences on the conservation of a portion of their farm,” says Andrew Waters, The LandTrust’s Operations Director who worked with the family on their conservation easement donation. “In addition to the conservation values of the tract itself, this easement donation was made in a part of Rowan County where there are



A beautiful sunset over the newly protected Pence Property in Rowan County.

several other conserved properties, making it an important and emerging project area for The LandTrust.” Other conservation properties nearby in northwestern Rowan County include the 248-acre Brown Farm conservation easement, the 35-acre Berger Third Creek tract, and the Adams Farm project, now totaling almost 831 acres.



Troutman Property Conserved in Iredell County

The Troutman community in Iredell County is growing rapidly thanks to development from Lake Norman and Statesville, but those traveling on Troutman Farm Road alongside the historic Troutman Family Cemetery will forever be able to enjoy the scenic vistas made possible by an 80.28 acre conservation easement by Ray Kent and Jo Ann Troutman. The easement protects significant frontage on Powder Spring Branch, a perennial stream that crosses into Lake Norman State Park. The LandTrust has been working with the Troutman family



Powder Creek on the Troutman Property



Historic Troutman Family Cemetery.

for several years to complete this donation and hopes to make this the cornerstone of a much larger project area. Several other landowners in the area have expressed interest in conservation easement donations, notes Jason Walser, executive director of the LandTrust and an Iredell County native. “I feel a special connection to Iredell County and look forward to future easements in Troutman,” says Walser. “Our thanks to the Troutman family for leading land conservation efforts in this community.”

Gatlin Property Preserved in Iredell County

The 107-acre Gatlin conservation easement, donated by Keith and Lisa Gatlin, may be in eastern Iredell County, but its proximity to several Rowan County conservation easements, including the Adams and Pence easements highlighted in this newsletter, make it a significant addition to what is emerging as an important conservation corridor in northwest Rowan County and eastern Iredell County.

LandTrust staff worked with the Gatlin family for over two years to complete this project. The conservation values of this



Pastoral views on the Gatlin Property.

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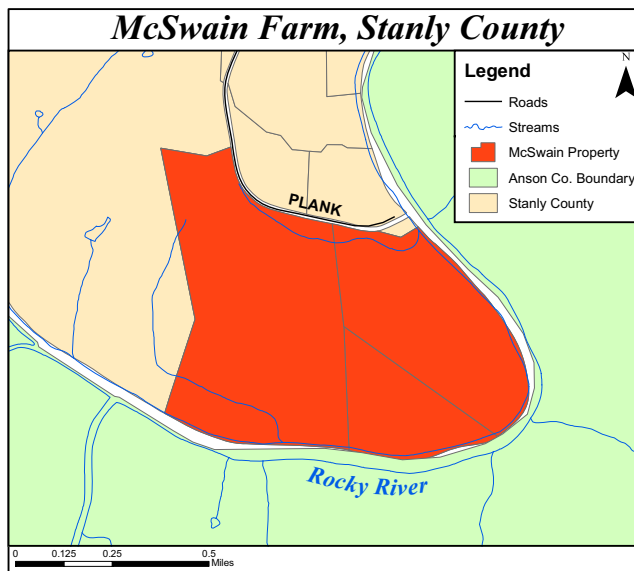
McSwain Farm Protected in Stanly County

The rolling hills of pasture and cropland might well be the most defining characteristic of Stanly County in the minds of LandTrust supporters. Thanks to Barry and Angela McSwain, 320 acres of this fabulous farming character is permanently protected by a conservation easement.

This property epitomizes the popular phrase of “No Farms, No Food.” With a rotation including corn and soybeans, this property is a remaining part of North Carolina’s breadbasket. Managing a farm requires a great deal of skill and experience, particularly when faced with unex-



Rolling agricultural landscape of the farm.



pected weather conditions such as this year’s drought. As many acres of farmland are lost each year in North Carolina, few realize the true importance of and work that goes into keeping our state’s farms viable and in production. For this we should all be appreciative to our farmers, particularly those as dedicated as the McSwains.

The donation of this easement marks the largest individual property under conservation easement in Stanly County, and one of the largest easements in The LandTrust’s history.

Gatlin Article Continued...

easement donation are diverse, as it preserves open space, farmland, hardwood forests, wildlife habitat, and scenic vistas from West Page Hager Road.

The donation, made in late December 2007, brings the total land protected by The LandTrust in Iredell County to just over 2,100 acres. Preserving properties that are adjacent to other conservation lands is an efficient and effective way to conserve large-scale habitat many species rely upon. The LandTrust is fortunate to have so much interest in conservation within this important corridor.



Lush green fields located on the property.

The LandTrust Partners to Protect Lincoln County Property

Although Lincoln County is not within our regular service area, The LandTrust for Central North Carolina played a key role in protecting an important conservation and recreational resource in the eastern portion of that county in late 2007.

In December The LandTrust accepted an 85-acre conservation easement donation on a tract adjacent to a YMCA facility under construction near the new U.S. Highway 16 corridor. The easement will protect a buffer of over 4,000 linear feet on Forney's Creek and includes over 40 acres of floodplain. Known as Sally's Y in honor of Sally Clark, a young woman who tragically lost her life in an automobile accident with a drunk driver, the YMCA facility also will utilize the conserved area for low impact recreational and conservation education programming.

The LandTrust partnered with Catawba Lands Conservancy, who received the underlying fee title to the property from the

donors, to complete this project. "By donating the conservation easement to one land trust, and the fee title to another, the donors better insure the permanent conservation of the property," says Jason Walser, executive director of The LandTrust. Walser explained this is a common arrangement between land trusts when a donor wants to donate both a conservation easement and the fee title for a piece of property. "We are excited about this opportunity to partner with a neighboring land trust while enhancing the protection of a wonderful conservation and recreational resource in a Piedmont North Carolina community," notes Walser.

"Once again, The LandTrust for Central NC has proven a great partner in a great conservation project," adds Dave Cable, executive director of the Catawba Lands Conservancy. "We are extremely grateful and indebted to The LandTrust for their support on this project."

Holton Farm in Randolph County Permanently Protected

If the John Holton Farm sounds familiar, there's good reason. Although he worked with The LandTrust back in 2002 to ensure the protection of his farm as a planned conservation gift, in October of this year he decided to make his conservation easement permanent. With this easement, he has forever ensured the preservation of his beautiful 244-acre farm located in the town of Trinity in Randolph County.

This property has significant historical, agricultural, and water quality resources, which all contribute to the conservation values of this easement. This property is located in a rapidly growing area, with a new high school going in across the road from the farm. The preservation of this wonderful property will be a great example to these students and the local commu-



The Holton Farm, in addition to agriculture, also has beautiful forestland.

nity. The farm will forever remain as a beautiful viewshed, a safehaven for wildlife, and a reminder of the agricultural heritage of the area.

Landscape Views of Our Beautiful Region



Uwharrie Mountains - Oldest mountain range in North America.



Falls Reservoir - Future Morrow Mountain State Park Expansion.

Saving the Places You Love in the Piedmont



A foggy morning over Badin Lake.



Tuckertown as seen from Bald Mountain.

Falconry Demonstration at Dan Nicholas Park



LandTrust friends and supporters got to meet some of nature's most majestic creatures up close and personal on November 17th at Dan Nicholas Park in eastern Rowan County.

Longtime LandTrust friend and supporter Bob Pendergrass of Rowan Wildlife

Adventures, along with fellow falconers Larry and Cynthia Dickerson, introduced a spellbound crowd to their red-tailed hawks, Cooper's hawk and peregrine falcon, and gave a fascinating presentation on the history and practice of this ancient sport.

LandTrust Hike at the 2nd Uwharrie Mountain Festival

The LandTrust led a wildflower and forest management hike again this year at the 2nd annual Uwharrie Mountain Festival. Local landowner and LandTrust volunteer Boon Chesson again graciously hosted us on his beautiful longleaf pine working forest. This landscape was the perfect exemplum of the fact that spring is not the only season with a monopoly on wildflowers, as the yellow goldenrods, purple aster, other native plants, and endangered Schweinitz's sunflowers put on quite a show under the beautiful open canopy of the longleaf.

Thanks to Boon for hosting and all those who came out both for the hike and the festival. If you missed out on the



Host Boon Chesson shows attendees historical maps of the property.

Festival this year, make sure to mark your calendars for next year! The Uwharrie Mountain Festival is held annually at Kings Mountain Point on the 2nd weekend in October. Hope to see you there!

Ornament Making at Green Goat Gallery & Greenway Tree Trimming

On Saturday, December 1st, the Green Goat Gallery in Spencer hosted approximately 50 children and adults for a Christmas tree ornament making party featuring all natural, biodegradable and edible ornaments. A special visit by that jolly old elf himself, St. Nick, topped off the party. The ornaments were put to good use on



Monday, December 3rd, at the LandTrust's Fifth Annual Tree Trimming Ceremony on the Salisbury Greenway, featuring remarks by Salisbury mayor Susan Klutz. Families from throughout the LandTrust service area came out to celebrate the gift of nature in this annual kickoff for the holiday season.

Upcoming Excursions and Events

- **Pee Dee Refuge Walk, Saturday, February 16th**
Staff from the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge in Anson County will graciously host us for a brief overview of the Refuge followed by a walk to see some of the thousands of ducks that use this great resource every year.
- **LandTrust Open House, March 6th**
Rescheduled from January due to inclement weather, join us on March 6th at the Salisbury office for hors d'oeuvres and time for catching up with staff and friends.
- **Birkhead Property Hike, Sunday, March 16th**
Join us for a moderate hike on our protected Birkhead Property, adjoining the 6000 acre Wilderness Area. With close to 300 acres of hardwood forests and a rare hillside seepage bog, this property is another example of what's unique about the Uwharries.
- **Yadkin River Canoe Trip, Sunday, April 20th**
The LandTrust celebrates Earth Day weekend with a Sunday afternoon canoe trip on one of our region's most significant natural resources, The Yadkin River. RSVP required, space is limited. To reserve a spot, please call Andrew at 704-647-0302.
- **Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, Bull Hole "River Park," Cooleemee, North Carolina**
The Bull Hole River Park on the South Yadkin River will be the site of this year's annual meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy this beautiful park in the heart of our "Two Rivers Preserve" and learn about The LandTrust's recent successes and the River Park. Back by popular demand: Port-a-Pit Chicken!

*To receive updated information on LandTrust events, subscribe to our electronic newsletter by sending your e-mail address to andrew@landtrustenc.org. Or check our Web site for event details and directions: www.landtrustenc.org/calendar_events.asp.

Thanks To Our Supporters!

Your donations will allow us to continue "Saving the Places You Love" in the Piedmont Region. The following are **new** or renewing members from **January 1, 2007** through **December 31, 2007**. Every effort has been made to ensure that these names are correct. Should there be an error, or if you have questions or comments, please contact us at (704) 647-0302. Thanks for supporting The LandTrust!

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Stewardship Committee Clean-Up Day Success

The LandTrust for Central NC hosted a clean up day for members of our stewardship committee on November 2nd on our newly protected Birkhead Property. As a condition of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) grant that assisted with the purchase of this property, we were required to remove a trash pile that was identified on the interior of the property prior to our purchase. Our stewardship committee stepped up and assisted us with this project, filling over 20 garbage



Keeping our land and waterways clean.

bags with various trash debris, a task that took well over 5 hours to complete.

After removing the trash, most of which was glass or metal, we were able to recycle almost all of the trash we collected. Thanks so much to all who came out and helped us with this project. If you'd like to assist The LandTrust with stewardship or management projects, contact us at landtrust@landtrustenc.org.

Volunteer Profile

Bob Pendergrass

Bob Pendergrass is one of The LandTrust's most inspiring volunteers. He sincerely believes in land preservation, particularly in light of the growing and expanding human population, and emphasizes the importance of retaining a connection to the natural world.

Bob is married to Darlene and they have a 12 year old son, Liam. Bob is originally from Rowan County and other than attending college at NC State University, where he obtained a bachelors degree in Engineering Operations, he has lived here all his life. He is employed at the Nature Center at Dan Nicholas Park, and his favorite part of his job is being able to share excitement with all kinds of people about the natural world. Bob says, "I feel very fortunate to be able to do this. It is a privilege."



When asked about why he offers his volunteer time to The LandTrust, he states "In my opinion, the Land Trust locally and the Nature Conservancy nationwide will do more in the long run for conservation of species than most if not all other organizations. I am very proud of the cooperative work that we have done together on Eagle Point Nature Preserve and Dunn's Mountain. It has been a personal pleasure to work with the Land Trust." Thanks Bob!

Board Member Profiles

Lindsey Dunevant

As an employee of the city of Albemarle's Parks and Recreation Department for over 30 years, Lindsey Dunevant brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our board. He joined our board in 2006, and with his background and insight has been a great addition.

He attended West Albemarle Elementary, Albemarle Junior High and graduated from Albemarle Senior High School in 1971. He achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Parks Administration from North Carolina State University in 1975. After graduation, the City of Albemarle Parks and Recreation Department hired Lindsey as a Program Supervisor. In 1977, he was promoted to Assistant Director. He was promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation in 1985. Lindsey continued his education by taking accounting courses and by receiving a Masters in Business Administration from Pfeiffer University in 1989. Lindsey is married to Sherry and they have two chil-



dren, Catherine and Charles.

Lindsey was elected as a Stanly County Commissioner in 2006, and has been a strong recreation and conservation advocate in this leadership position. He has also served on numerous civic committees and initiatives in Stanly County, including the Morrow Mountain State Park Advisory Committee and the Stanly County Comprehensive Recreation Study.

John Peeler

John Peeler also joined our board in 2006. He was born in Rowan County and raised in Faith and Granite Quarry. After graduating from East Rowan High in 1970, he received a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management in 1974 from NCSU. Upon graduation, he moved to the Pacific Northwest and worked as a Forest Engineer for USFS and later for Sealaska Timber Corporation. After spending some time away, he and his wife moved back to North Carolina to Davie County in 1983, where they now have a tree farm and nursery. He is a partner in J&J Forest Services LLC, which specializes in reforestation and wildlife plantings. He has been a supervisor with the Davie County Soil and Water Conservation District for the past 10 years. This position allows him to assist with putting conservation practices on the ground.

John is married to Becky, and with four children (three daughters Jerrine, Carly, Rebekah, and son Holden), John strongly



believes that conservation of our natural resources is vital to the quality of life that we are passing on to future generations.

When asked why he serves on The LandTrust Board of Directors, John states "I hold in great respect what Jason and others at LTCNC do on a daily basis. As a lifelong conservationist, I have come to realize that land preservation may in some cases be the only way to conserve our natural resources." The LandTrust is fortunate indeed to have both John and Lindsey on our board.



Bob Pendergrass explains intricate relationship between falconer and bird.



The federally endangered Schweinitz's sunflower on the Uwharrie Mountain Festival Nature Walk.



Glenn Hudson and son Briggs enjoy fishing on Badin Lake.

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