



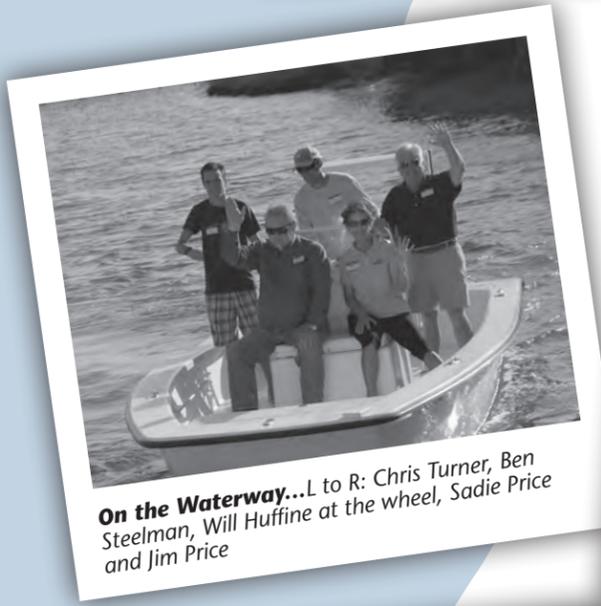
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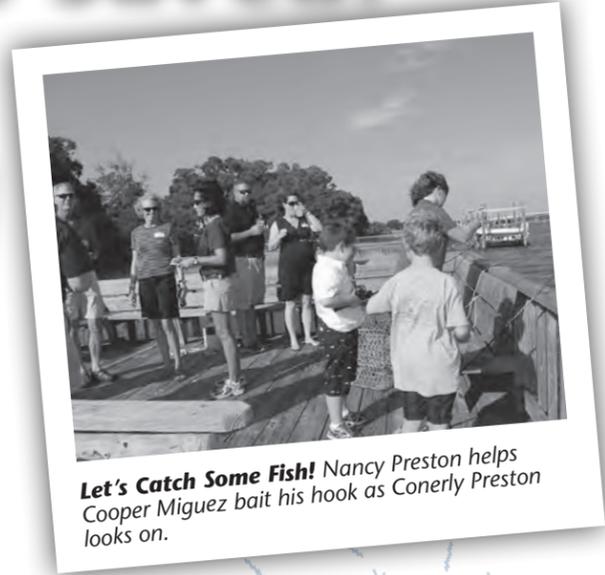
## Celebrating 20 Years and Closing in on 50,000 Acres Saved!



**On the Waterway...**L to R: Chris Turner, Ben Steelman, Will Huffine at the wheel, Sadie Price and Jim Price



Here's to 20 years of saving those special places for everyone to enjoy!



**Let's Catch Some Fish!** Nancy Preston helps Cooper Miguez bait his hook as Conerly Preston looks on.



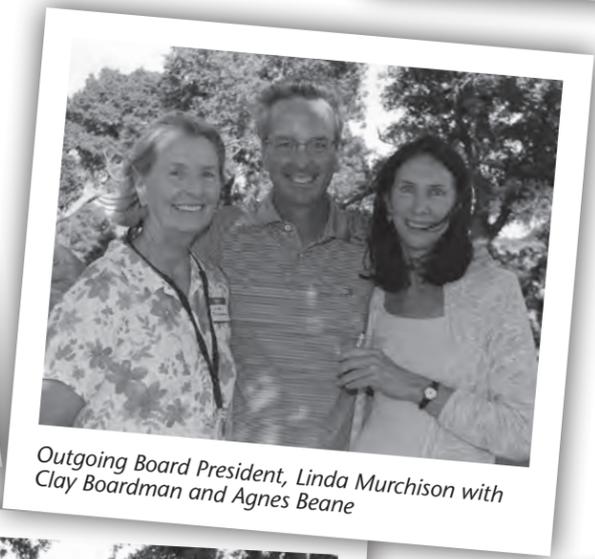
Liz and Paul Hosier



Back porch music from Masonboro Sound



Gerry and Pete Schulz compete in a friendly game of Corn Hole.



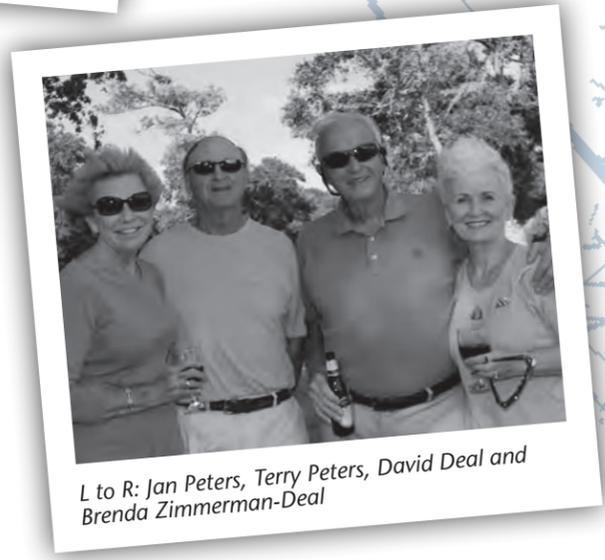
Outgoing Board President, Linda Murchison with Clay Boardman and Agnes Beane



L to R: David Brownlow, Betsy Leonard, Hannah Brownlow, Sadie Price, John Leonard and Jim Price



David and Susan Stern Huffine hosted the 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Stern-Anderson Big House on the lawn overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Relaxing on the porch with them are, from left: John Haley, David, Ann Rozycki, Susan, Rhonda Willett and Stephanie Haley.



L to R: Jan Peters, Terry Peters, David Deal and Brenda Zimmerman-Deal

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## KEEPING OUR PROMISE – THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS & BEYOND

Conservation Easements are intended to last forever – and, as the saying goes, forever is a long time! So it's been really great for me, as a member of the Board of Directors, to learn about all the ways that the Coastal Land Trust works to take care of its portfolio of conservation lands. Here are a few examples:

- Two full-time biologists monitor almost 50,000 acres of land the Coastal Land Trust has protected.
- At our Springer's Point Preserve, a local preserve manager helps manage visitor use.
- Volunteer attorneys have helped defend our preserves against threats from third parties.
- Our Stewardship Endowment's investments are overseen by an independent Finance Committee.
- To make sure we are following best practices, we have taken the time and effort to become accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.
- Our staff attorneys take care with all new projects that we have good title and good surveys.

As time passes, however, and land subject to conservation easement passes to new owners, the risk of easement violation increases, a problem that land trusts in many places have experienced. So I'm a strong supporter of a great idea that land trust leaders have come up with – to "self-insure" against this risk – creating an entity called Terrafirma. I'm thrilled to have been appointed to the Board of Managers of Terrafirma, and to have met my fellow Board members this past month.

As newly-elected President of the Coastal Land Trust, I couldn't be more proud of this organization and its people. I'm so happy to say I am a part and to be able to contribute! And like the Coastal Land Trust, other land trusts throughout the nation, you can be sure, are looking toward the future. Because perpetuity is indeed a very long time!



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## UNLOCKING ASSETS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

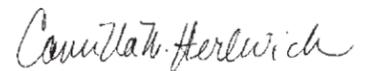
It's great fun to see the faces of kids who visit places like Brunswick Nature Park or Springer's Point Preserve for the first time! The Coastal Land Trust has saved dozens of other great places, too – woods and creeks, meadows and bogs, waterfronts and beaches.

It takes a huge amount of time, planning and money to transform tracts of undeveloped land into a nature preserve, with access for public, trails, kiosks, and perhaps a picnic shelter or bathroom facility. Fortunately, the Coastal Land Trust is able to partner with many local parks and recreation departments, who have access to state grants for park development, which we don't.

Our Board and Staff are committed to doing even more to "unlock our assets" for children (and grown-ups, too), and several of our

funders, like Wal-Mart and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation are supporting us in this effort. We've got several great tracts of land near towns that would be wonderful nature preserves and parks, and some great new partners, too.

The good news is that every new park or preserve opened up means hundreds of children get outdoors to enjoy nature! Organized environmental education programs are great, but the easiest and best way to create a lifelong sense of engagement with the outdoors is simply make sure that kids have access nearby – places to get muddy, climb trees, plant gardens, go fishing, camp out, or explore in unstructured ways. We're all in favor of making more of our places available for kids to unplug and enjoy nature – and your support makes it all possible.



# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## A Toast to the Coastal Land Trust – a Creative Conservation Partnership

Sanctuary Vineyards, participating in the Coastal Land Trust's Coastal Partners program, contributed \$1 from the sale of each bottle of its award-winning peach Muscadine wine to the Coastal Land Trust to support its land conservation work. Sanctuary Vineyards grows a variety of grapes and produces award-winning wines on a coastal Currituck County farm worked by the Wright family for generations. "The winery is a working lands stewardship model," said Leidy. "It pays tribute to the past because it showcases the preservation of the farming and natural heritage of Currituck County. At the same time, it looks to the future and embraces agritourism."



John Wright, vintner of Sanctuary Vineyards, (left) presents a check for \$3,801.00 to North Carolina Coastal Land Trust's Northeast Region Director and Attorney, Lee Leidy. Also pictured are (second row, right to left) Beth Storie, Peter Rascoe, and George Wood, North Carolina Coastal Land Trust Board Members.

## Waving Flags of Accreditation!

The National Land Conservation Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah. At the conference, the Coastal Land Trust received national recognition as newly accredited land trust.



Coastal Land Trust Executive Director Camilla Herlevich, Board Member Linda Murchison and Development Committee Member Cris Point are all smiles at Rally.

# NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST PROTECTS WATERMELON FARM ON BOGUE SOUND

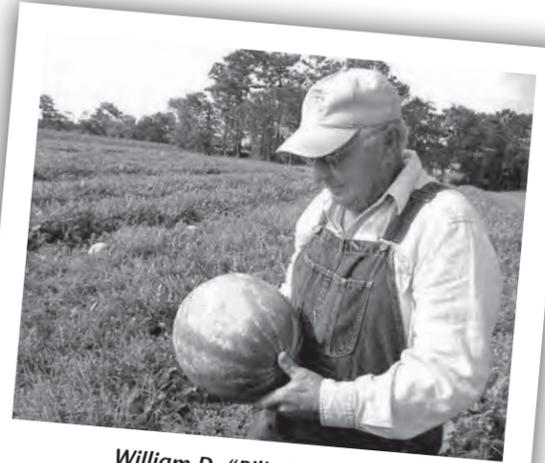
The Coastal Land Trust is proud to have helped protect a 50-acre farm in Carteret County on Bogue Sound in May 2012. We were awarded grants from the NC Attorney General's office, the NC Agricultural and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, Golden LEAF Foundation, Progress Energy Foundation, and Wal-Mart to work on this project, which enabled us to partner with the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and, together, purchase farmland easements to protect the property.



Guthrie family from left: Shirley Page (the late Mr. Billy Guthrie's sister), Tajuana Hill (Mr. Billy's daughter), Sherry Guthrie (Mr. Billy's wife), Brittany Hadden (granddaughter of Mr. Billy), Doug Guthrie (Mr. Billy's son), and Ema Hadden (Mr. Billy's great-granddaughter).

The Guthrie Farm is a family-owned farm that has been in operation for over a hundred years. The farm has produced a number of crops over the years including tobacco, but its recent claim to fame is as the premier producer of Bogue Sound watermelons. The protection of the farm not only conserves valuable farmland, but assists the MCAS Cherry Point buffer their Outlying Landing Field at Bogue. The Outlying Landing Field provides the only location for Cherry Point's fleet carrier landing practices. Protecting Guthrie Farm will help the Marine Corps sustain training operations uninterrupted without the pressures development creates while preserving a local family's farming tradition. A dedication event to celebrate the project was held at the farm on August 31st, 2012. Over 50 friends, family members, government officials, funding representatives and members of the media were in attendance.

In July, 2011, the Coastal Land Trust lost a wonderful friend and conservation partner, Mr. Billy Guthrie. We will always remember Mr. Guthrie's passion for his land and farming. Perhaps, that happens when you are literally born on the farm (in the now restored barn)! Mr. Guthrie devoted his career to, and was a leader in, agriculture



William D. "Billy" Guthrie, Sr.  
January 15, 1940 – July 14, 2011

Photo credit: Chuck Beckley

serving as past President of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association, President of the Bogue Sound Watermelon Association, and a conservative candidate for the NC Commissioner of Agriculture in the late 1990's. The Coastal Land Trust would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Guthrie Family: Shirley and Herbert Page; his wife, Sherry Guthrie; daughter, Tajuana Guthrie Hill; and son, William Douglas "Doug" Guthrie, Jr. for continuing to work with us, after Billy passed away, to carry out his wishes for this beloved farmland.

## TO EVERYONE HE WAS "MR. FLYTRAP"



Stanley Rehder  
1922-2012

Photo credit: Jayme Bednarzyk

Stanley Rehder, known as "The Flytrap Man" died on January 28, 2011, at the age of 90 in his home town of Wilmington. He followed his father and grandmother in the florist business, getting a degree in horticulture from NC State. But what he loved best was to roam the woods of southeastern North Carolina in search of the carnivorous plants that fascinated him—venus flytraps, pitcher plants and sundews. He became so adept at propagating carnivorous plants that he developed a business selling flytrap seeds; at its height, he was selling a million seeds a year.

Mr. Rehder was also a zealous advocate for protection of his favorite plants, and an enthusiastic promoter and educator. He realized that

their rarity in the wild made them vulnerable to poaching, and he succeeded in getting statutes and local ordinances passed to protect flytraps from poachers. He was interviewed scores of times, including a national TV appearance on the "Today Show" with Barbara Walters in 1968.

Perhaps his most significant legacy is the profusion of flytraps and pitcher plants located in the heart of the city of Wilmington, at a boggy area near Alderman Elementary School. Mr. Rehder first visited the site in the 1960's, having heard that flytraps could be found there. Having received permission from the landowner, Mr. Hugh MacRae, to improve habitat for flytraps, he began to sow seeds and grow carnivorous plants of all sorts: flytraps, pitcher plants and sundews. Mr. Rehder brought several new varieties of pitcher plants to his Wilmington "garden" and even cross-bred them with our native plants to create new varieties. This area is protected by a conservation easement held by the Coastal Land Trust.

Mr. Rehder, along with his special plants, was the star attraction of the Coastal Land Trust's annual "Flytrap Frolic", sharing his stories with hundreds of children from the neighborhood and the nearby school. This past spring, the Coastal Land Trust and the City of Wilmington honored Mr. Rehder by dedicating the area in his honor, and naming it the "Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden." He will be missed by many.

## SPRING, SPRINGER'S AND SPARTINA!

Volunteers gathered on May 18th at the Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island to learn how to plant *Spartina alterniflora* to help stabilize the shoreline and decrease the effects of erosion behind the new oyster shell sill constructed through a creative partnership with local fisherman.



Debbie Wells and Springer's Point Preserve Steward, Len Skinner, assist with the marsh grass planting at Springer's Point Preserve.

AFP Cape Fear Region  
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### Nature Trivia

Answer: *B Dionaea muscipula* was named for the Greek goddess Diana, known as Venus to the Romans. *Muscipula* or mousetrap refers to the trap-like action of the plant's modified leaves.

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*The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust expresses our gratitude to the families, foundations, and corporations who made a gift during our fiscal year (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012). Your support helps us fulfill our mission: protecting the beauty, history, and the natural treasures of the NC coastal plain. Thanks for your support!*

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Jason is an attorney and is partner in the firm of Rountree, Losee & Baldwin. His primary areas of practice are admiralty and maritime law, civil litigation and construction law. He previously worked with the American Legion, NC High School Athletic Association and the local District Attorney's Office. Jason is an enthusiastic bicyclist and is a member of Wilmington's National Multiple Sclerosis Society bike team.



## J. Peter Rascoe, III Southern Shores

Peter is Town Manager for the Town of Southern Shores. An attorney, he is also a 29-year veteran and current Commander in the US Coast Guard Reserve. Peter served two terms on the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund's Board of Trustees; and currently serves on the Board of the UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation and other groups. This will be Peter's second time to serve on the Coastal Land Trust Board.



## Current Directors

Current Directors elected to a full 3-year term are Paul Hosier of Wilmington and Edward Norvell of Salisbury and Ocracoke, both current members of the Board.

## Officers

Officers elected for the 2012-2013 fiscal year are Kevin Hicks, President; Edward Norvell, Vice President; Kenneth Shanklin, Secretary; Sadie Price, Treasurer; and Cassie Gavin, Assistant Secretary.

## Thanks to Outgoing Directors

The Coastal Land Trust wishes to express its great appreciation to the following volunteer leaders, who have completed their terms on the Board of Directors: Sam Dixon of Edenton; Noel Fox of Wilmington; Chandra Hawkins of Columbia SC; Linda Murchison of Wilmington; and John Thomas, Jr. of Rocky Point. Thank you for your wisdom, energy and commitment to conservation!

## The Hon. George Liner Jr. Havelock

After serving his country as a US Marine for 29 years including two tours of duty in Vietnam, George retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He has worked at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point in a variety of positions, including Real Estate Manager. As Real Estate Manager, he was responsible for over 1,200 facilities including over 26,500 acres of land and airspace rights. Currently, George is a Commissioner for the City of Havelock, an elected position, and serves on several community Boards.



## George Wood Kill Devil Hills

George is President of Environmental Professionals, Inc. and Decision Support Professionals, a consulting group specializing in coastal environmental and planning issues and is designated as a Professional Wetland Scientist. He has 33 years experience, having worked with the NC Coastal Management Program and in the private sector. He has served as a volunteer on a variety of Boards, including the Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Coastal Resources Advisory Council.



# FEED ME, SEYMOUR!

The 2012 Flytrap Frolic committee followed its 2011 outline of simplicity, allowing the carnivorous plants to be main attraction. The April 28th date was perfect; the carnivorous plants were in full bloom! "Frolicers" aided by Dr. Rock's (aka Dr. Phil Garwood) geology students from Cape Fear Community College, were able to identify all four of the carnivorous plants in the garden: gold and purple pitcher plants, sundews, and Venus' flytraps.

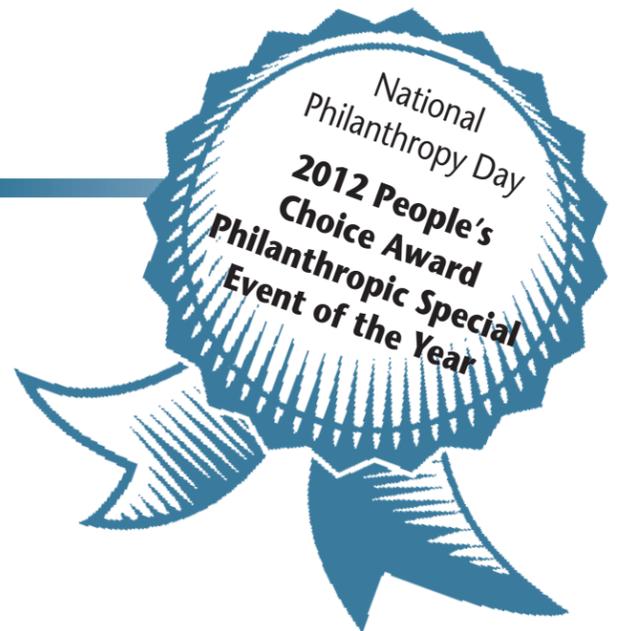
More than 400 people attended the dedication of the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden on Friday and the Flytrap Frolic on Saturday. One surprise visitor was William Ormond, an eight-year-old student from Utah, who had been learning about carnivorous plants in school. He wanted to see them in their native habitat. His mom obliged and together they flew to southeastern North Carolina. They attended the Frolic in the morning and headed to the Green Swamp in the afternoon.

This year an educational component was added to the Frolic. Alderman Elementary Principal Bob Maxey allowed all of the third graders from Alderman Elementary to attend Friday's dedication and naming ceremony and to explore the carnivorous garden. Dr. Rocks also visited all of the second and

third grade classrooms at Alderman to talk about the flytraps. Each student turned in a paper that answered the question, "Where do flytraps come from?" "Chicago" was a frequent answer.

Live snakes drew a lot of attention! Andy Fairbanks (NHC's Halyburton Park) bought a king snake and corn snake for "show, tell and touch." Sally Bray and Mary Lyda Fisher entertained the younger "Frolicers" with origami Flytraps.

Local Wilmington media played a large role in the success of the 2012 Flytrap Frolic. Jemila Ericson (91.3 WHQR) interviewed Dr. Rocks and Diana Corbett for the mid-day edition. Claire Hosman (WECT-TV6) frolicked – pre-dawn – with Nancy Preston (NCCLT staff) and Diana Corbett, the "genius" behind the Frolic, in the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Garden. And, CeCe Nunn (StarNews) wrote a lead story for the LIVE section of the StarNews.



"Hey Flannery, don't get too close!" Flannery Nunn and her family, father Scott, mother CeCe and little sister Isabell meet Ms. Flytrap.



"A snake in the hand is worth" what? Andy Fairbanks, left with Dr. Rocks.

## 1st Annual Cyclists Going Coastal – May 5, 2012

Over 150 riders enjoyed light traffic, beautiful scenery, moderate temperatures – what a day to choose one of three cycling routes around Historic New Bern. Plan now for Cyclists Going Coastal on May 4, 2013!



These participants were obviously enjoying themselves. Front (L to R): Anne Marie Lathan, Merriejo Alcoke, Cheryl Smith, Lauralyn Bunn. Back: Mike Davis and Rex Willis

## From Farm-to-Table

On Friday, June 28th Terry and Tenny Tait graciously opened their house for a Farm-to-Table themed fundraising dinner for the Coastal Land Trust. More than 60 members and guests were treated to a delightful evening of regional cuisine. The Coastal Land Trust was also able to “kick off” our license plate sales that night to great success. More than \$5,000 was raised and several license plate applications were returned.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### An Evening at the Depot

The Historic Morehead City Train Depot was the setting of another friend-raising event for our mid coast members on August 17th. Our Lukens Island partners were the hosts of this evening’s party. We had a great time with everyone who joined us and enjoyed the conversations shared. Thanks to everyone who made this evening such a wonderful success!

### Conservation a Tool to Assist Counties and Municipalities



Jimmy Johnson, N. C. DENR, Harry Lee, Currituck County GIS Coordinator, and Chelsea Richardson, Currituck County Planning Dept. Intern, discuss and evaluate options during the site design planning exercise during the Green Growth Toolbox Workshop. The Workshop, hosted by the Coastal Land Trust in Elizabeth City on May 22, focused on how landowners can place lands in conservation as a tool to assist municipalities and counties in conservation planning efforts. The day-long event also included a field trip to the Sample’s Farm located outside of Elizabeth City, which has been permanently conserved under an agricultural conservation easement held by the Coastal Land Trust.

### There’s a Place for You as a Land Trust Volunteer!

Whether your interests lie in the great outdoors or at the conference table, we have a volunteer opportunity for YOU! To learn more, contact: Beth Steelman at 790-4524 ext. 200 or bsteelman@coastallandtrust.org.

Coastal Land Trust volunteers meet, greet and even sell license plates at the Annual Meeting and Celebration!



Ina Riehs



Cathy Halligan



Tina Ablang talks with Brant and Tina Nicks about the Coastal Land Trust license plate.

## We’re This Close to Hitting the Road!

ONLY 50 APPLICATIONS NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL

Thanks to many of you who replied, we only need 50 more registrations to satisfy the DMV requirements to get our license plate on the road. This has been a long process, but well worth it, as this will provide a new revenue stream that can greatly enhance our land protection efforts. For each plate purchased, the land trust will receive \$20 to support our work in the coastal plain of North Carolina.

Help us reach our goal by December 31st. Sign up today, or pass it on to a friend – or two! We are so close – too close to let this opportunity slip away.

Contact Vann Pearsall (910) 790-4524 ext. 210 or download the form from our website, [www.coatallandtrust.org](http://www.coatallandtrust.org), and mail it in!

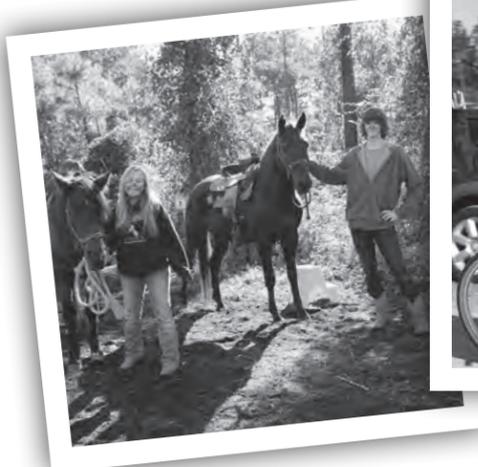


## WHAT A GREAT DAY AT THE NATURE PARK!

In 2012, over 700 visitors came out to play in the park at our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day at Brunswick Nature Park, in Win-nabow, NC. Families had the opportunity to go kayaking with the Adventure Kayak Company, ride the trails with the Carolina Classic Horseman’s Association, take family bird hikes (and watch the meal worm races!) with Wild Bird and Garden of Wilmington, and mountain bike with the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association. The kids made bird feeders from pinecones, learned about wild mustang training, and enjoyed a great day outdoors! Our partners provided the equipment and instruction for families to not just visit the park, but actually everything

the park has to offer! But you don’t have to wait until next year to visit - the park is open 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk - head out and have fun in the outdoors! Congratulations to Banks Wilson, winner of the new mountain bike, courtesy of Two Wheeler Dealer!

This event remains free to the public, thanks to our sponsors: The Orton Foundation, International Paper, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, the Brunswick County Community Foundation, Mailbox Express, Two Wheeler Dealer, Great Outdoor Provision Company, and 98.3 the Penguin.





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## SAVE THE DATE!

- December 8, 2012** Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Cookout
- February 2, 2013** Coastal Land Trust Giving Societies Cocktail Reception
- April 20, 2013** Flytrap Frolic – Alderman Elementary School in Wilmington
- May 4, 2013** Cyclists Going Coastal

Visit the Coastal Land Trust website at [www.coastallandtrust.org](http://www.coastallandtrust.org) for more information on these upcoming events

## Coastal Land Trust Needs

### 4-Wheel Drive Truck

Monitoring our properties is one of our most crucial tasks here at the land trust. We must visit every parcel (more than 100!) spread out across the coast (31 counties!). Our old Ford has seen better days, so we're looking for a reliable 4-wheel drive truck to assist our stewardship staff with their work.

### Kayak and Paddles

Some of our properties require monitoring via the water – and one parcel can only be accessed by water! We're asking for someone to donate a kayak and paddles to help us more effectively monitor those properties.

If you are interested in donating either of the above items, please contact Jessica (910) 790-4524 ext. 203.

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*On to a Friend!*



*Saving the Places You Love*

## Nature Trivia

Governor of North Carolina John Ellis (1859 to 1861) wrote a letter to Carl Linnaeus, an early botanist, describing the Venus flytrap and he came up with the name (*Dionaea muscipula*) because...

- A. The plant occurs on nutrient poor soils like what we may find on Venus.
- B. The pretty white flowers represented the goddess of Beauty.
- C. He wanted to name the plant after his great-aunt, Diana.

Answer on page 3.

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