

TLC's mission is to protect important open space – stream corridors, forests, wildlife habitat, farmland and natural areas – in Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange and Wake Counties to help keep our region a healthy and vibrant place to live and work.

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**"Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world."
~ John Muir**



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A nature photography workshop led by photographer David Blevins was held in May at White Pines Nature Preserve in Chatham County. David took this photo of participant Kim Hawks capturing the overhead canopy. Join us on Facebook for more great photos!

Legacy, Urgency and the Future by Chad Jemison, Executive Director

Last month a woman shared a story on Triangle Land Conservancy's Facebook page about a powerful memory she had of White Pines Nature Preserve back when TLC was just getting started. She told of how on a cold February day in the mid-80s, a group went out to the Preserve on the day that TLC purchased another key parcel of land that added significantly to the total acreage. She recalled how the group tromped joyfully through a foot of snow down to the confluence of the Rocky River and the Deep River in celebration of what had been accomplished.

I suspect there was a great deal of pride that the nascent TLC was truly able to accomplish big things and protect amazing places. I also imagine they may have felt humility, knowing that generations upon generations would be able to visit this site to connect with its natural wonder and awe. This dynamic – the urgency to protect and the long-term legacy TLC's work provides our fast-growing region – is a key reason that I am so passionate about community-based conservation.

Together we are building on TLC's incredible 30-year legacy. Our five Nature Preserves in five counties are open to the public year-round, offering a variety of opportunities for visitors to engage in activities such as paddling, bird-watching, photography and enjoying nature trails. One preserve – Irvin Farm – has received national recognition for how TLC promotes educational, environmental and agricultural programming through innovative partnerships. To date TLC has protect-

ed over 16,000 acres of strategically important land. And perhaps most impressive, you – TLC's community of supporters – donated an incredible \$5.5 million during the Our Water, Our Land capital campaign to ensure that TLC would thrive in the years to come. Thank you!

And thrive we will.

Of course half the fun in building movements to accomplish big things is tackling herculean challenges together in the years ahead. And there is no shortage – believe me!

The Triangle is one of the fastest growing regions in the country, so our window of time to protect key areas is, essentially, now. Our major drinking water supplies (Jordan Lake and Falls Lake) are severely impaired and challenged by recent droughts, while projections estimate another million people will depend on them in the near future. Yet, we face 90% cuts in state funding, and state tax incentives for conservation easements will expire on December 31, 2013. Similar legislation is pending at the federal level.

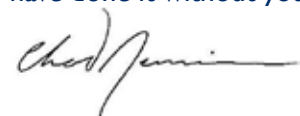
One of the things that I have heard again and again from people during my first year as executive director is that they wish me great success – I know that it's obviously not about me personally. They believe there is such a sense of urgency that they desperately hope TLC is successful in accomplishing its mission in the coming years: safeguarding clean water, supporting farmers and local food, protecting wildlife habitat and connecting people with nature. I deeply believe that TLC can and will accomplish wonderful

things in the years ahead as we work to be ever more relevant to the communities of the Triangle.

Over the last century, North Carolina's population has shifted from 80% rural and 20% urban to just the inverse. In order for people to care about nature and conservation in the future – from the mountains to the coast – we need to provide ample opportunities now to build a love for nature near where they live. With the Triangle's population nearing two million, a vibrant economy requires smart development in smart places and critical conservation lands protected.

This is where we come in! In order to have a greater impact on the Triangle and its residents, we have plans to improve our internal organization to take it to the next level. These plans include: stabilizing and strengthening our finances in the coming 18 months; sharpening our program goals and priorities; building deeper partnerships with local governments, corporations and other NGOs; and continuing to attract and retain outstanding volunteers, members and staff who want to be part of this important movement.

As we reflect on the past 30 years, we embrace the spirit of the mission and enthusiasm that prompted our founders 30 years ago. A new energy is evident as we work to reconnect with our most passionate and dedicated supporters (you!). We encourage you to join us and recommit to this critically important and meaningful venture. Thank you for your years of support that has led to TLC's many successes. We couldn't have done it without you!



Neuse River Greenway Opens

By Leigh Ann Hammerbacher



© Leigh Ann Hammerbacher

In April, Raleigh opened its longest stretch of Neuse River Greenway, connecting 20 miles of trail to the Johnston County Line. This greenway allows citizens to see and experience the Neuse River. The greenway connects people with nature and bridges communities.

At mile 27.5, one can actually stand on the greenway with one foot in Johnston County and one foot in Wake County. In addition you can roll, run, walk, or stroll along the scenic corridor for about a mile with views of mountain laurel bluffs to your east as well as rolling forested countryside.

TLC played a key role in protecting this segment of the greenway and making the connection

between Wake and Johnston counties. In 2008 TLC worked with the Trust for Public Land, the State of North Carolina, the Town of Clayton and Johnston County to acquire this 330-acre property at the confluence of Marks Creek and the Neuse River. The property was slated for development, but through this partnership TLC was able to secure funding to protect the most critical portions of the property along the stream corridors.



In addition, TLC closed on an easement across the river that permanently protects the scenic viewshed of the trail. These efforts laid the early groundwork for this amazing community asset.

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(July 1, 2013)

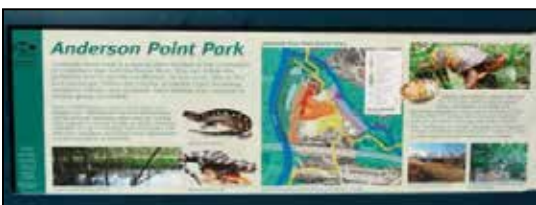
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We appreciate the service and dedication of all our board members! Thank you to the following board members who are rotating off:
Michael Mankowski (Orange)
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TLC plays a critical role in greenway development by working to protect key tracks that can link communities. We work to protect viewsheds and significant habitats along the trail corridors to improve the natural experience of the greenway. These efforts also help create larger corridors that protect flora and fauna along the trails.

So next time you are on the new greenway, take a look at the beautiful views into Wake and Johnston counties and know that your support of TLC helped make this possible.

Leigh Ann Hammerbacher has been with TLC for six years and is Associate Director for Stewardship and Planning.



Working with the WakeNature partnership, TLC helped with the design and funding of these new interpretive signs at Anderson Point Park in Wake County.
Photos by George Hess



TLC Plants White Pine Seedlings at DuPont State Forest

In April of this year, TLC's Walt Tysinger and Matt Rutledge planted 150 white pine seedlings – which originated from the population in the White Pines Nature Preserve in Chatham County – in the DuPont State Forest. DuPont, consisting of more than 10,000 acres of public recreation land, is located near Brevard in western North Carolina. Walt sat down with a TLC staffer and offered insight into this fascinating project.

First of all, why is TLC planting white pine seedlings up in the mountains, so far outside of our six-county region?

The rationale is to create a “refugium” of the unique ecotype of white pine that currently exists in our White Pines Nature Preserve for two reasons. One, the refugium is a geographically separate colony of the same white pine ecotype – a backup, if you will – in case something catastrophic should happen to the original population (in Chatham County) due to dis-

ease, fire or climate change. Two, since these white pines have adapted to drier and warmer temperatures, they may be more resilient to the effects of global climate change than other white pine ecotypes currently found in the mountains of North Carolina.



How did this all come about?

This project is the brainchild of Jesse Perry, a longtime supporter and volunteer with TLC as well as a member of our Stewardship Advisory Council. Jesse and I worked with the Conservation Corps (a group of dedicated volunteers who help provide stew-

ardship to TLC properties) to dig-up seedlings at the White Pines Preserve. These seedlings were placed in pots and nurtured for the past three years at a local nursery in Raleigh. We contacted several potential sites to plant the trees in the mountains of North

Carolina and settled on the DuPont State Forest. The trees were then transported to DuPont and planted in three open areas. Deer protection was placed around each individual tree to help ensure their survival.

Why is this project important?

The white pine ecotype growing naturally at the White Pines Nature Preserve is genetically unique among other east coast white pines in that it has a longer needle length and produces more chlorophyll, thereby making it more shade tolerant than other white pine ecotypes. This population of trees survived the centuries in

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AVEDA

the art and science of pure flower and plant essences

Since 2007 TLC has partnered with Aveda Institute Chapel Hill as part of the annual Earth Month campaign in April that raises awareness and funds to support clean water projects across the Triangle. Over the past six years, the campaign has raised roughly \$154,000 to benefit TLC – and also earned the Aveda Institute the 2011 Corporate Conservation Partner of the Year award from the North Carolina Land Trust Assembly.

Aveda Corporation, a leader in developing plant-based beauty products since 1978, embraces environmental responsibility and sustainability as guiding principles of its corporate philosophy. This shared commitment

for environmental stewardship in the local community is at the core of this Aveda/TLC partnership.

The Earth Month campaign educates the community about regional clean water issues and supports projects that safeguard the drinking water of more than 500,000 Triangle residents. Proceeds from this year's campaign benefit Johnston Mill Nature Preserve in Chapel Hill. Events throughout the time period included haircut-a-thons, Beauty for the Earth, the Earth Jam Fashion Benefit and other fun programs led by students, faculty and staff.

Patrick Thompson, owner of the Aveda Institute Chapel Hill spearhead-

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Aveda Institute -- Giving Back to the Earth

ed the partnership. “Our mission at Aveda is to care for the world we live in, from the products we make to the ways in which we give back to society. At Aveda, we strive to set an example for environmental leadership and responsibility – not just in the world of beauty but around the world.” The mission – to give back to the community where the school is located – was the spark that drove Patrick to seek out a local conservation organization the Institute could partner with as part of the annual Earth Month campaign. In 2007 the partnership was formed, and the greater community has benefited tremendously ever since.

“Our strongest partnerships have

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"Nature always makes me feel closer to God."
~~ Participant on the Blindfold Walk



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"I liked stopping everything and listening to the sounds. It allowed me to really hear what was around me."
~~ Participant on the Reflective Hike

See as an Owl, Walk as a Fox, Listen with Deer Ears

Kids Enjoy Enriching Adventures on TLC Land

Since 2011 the Center for Human-Earth Restoration (C.H.E.R.) has partnered with TLC to provide hands-on restoration ecology projects and nature awareness activities on TLC nature preserves. C.H.E.R.'s program with Wake County Schools – CORES (Character education through Observation, Reflection, Ecological restoration and Scientific Literacy) – connects school youth and their families to natural areas in their local communities, many of which are TLC lands.

C.H.E.R. has proven to be an effective provider of much-needed environmental education, land conservation awareness and character growth for local youth. Their work also provides assistance with management tasks on TLC owned lands such as Temple Flat Rock, Martin Tract and MacNair's Country Acres.

C.H.E.R.'s nature camps, in conjunction with the YMCA's Camp High Hopes, provide new, meaningful experiences and lasting character growth for over 120 underserved youth in Wake County each summer. Last year the camp lasted two weeks and this summer was expanded to six weeks. YMCA directors, who've described the camps as "transformative experiences" for the youth, have expressed interest in expanding into neighboring counties in 2014.

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been built with companies aligned with TLC's mission – companies that share our commitment to the environment and engaging the community," said TLC Executive Director Chad Jemison. "That's why the partnership with Aveda has been such a good match, and we are grateful for all the energy,

creativity and hard work of the Aveda Institute."

**Aveda Institute
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is located at 200 W.
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Wildlife Spotlight

Spring Chapel Hill Bird Count at Johnston Mill Nature Preserve

by Bo Howes

Each spring, fall and Christmas, in conjunction with the National Audubon Society, the Cornell School of Ornithology and local bird clubs, a count of all birds seen and heard is conducted across the country. The Christmas Bird Counts garner the most attention, but the spring and fall counts tend to have the widest variety of migratory species as they pass through the count areas.



TLC's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve is part of the Chapel Hill bird count area. This year's Spring Chapel Hill Bird Count in May tallied 59 species and 366 individual birds in the area. Highlights from Johnston Mill include Prairie Warbler, Indigo Bunting and Hooded Warbler.

A wide variety of habitat for birds exists at Johnston Mill Nature Preserve. New Hope Creek is a water source that attracts both migrant and year-round birds; the

Duke Power line provides a prairie like habitat that attracts a whole different variety of species; and the upland woods provide a unique habitat particularly attractive to woodpeckers and nuthatches.

Bo Howes has been with TLC for five years and is the Senior Land Project Manager.



Visit triangleland.org to learn more about our periodic outings with staff and volunteers!

TLC Chosen to Monitor Carolina North

Carolina North is a 947-acre portion of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus that currently houses the Horace Williams Airport. The University plans to close the airport and develop a portion of this land for new academic uses. As part of this development process, the University has set aside 258 acres of the parcel for permanent conservation to be comprised of three "conservation areas." The selection of these sites was based on a comprehensive ranking of the most sensitive natural areas of Carolina North.

TLC entered into a fee-for-services contract with UNC-CH in January for two district functions. First, TLC will produce a Baseline Documentary Report (BDR) for the Conservation Areas of Carolina North. A baseline documentary report is a written record or snapshot of the condition of a property at a certain date and will serve as the starting point for gauging any changes to the property. Second, TLC will annually monitor the conservation areas to ensure the University upholds the agreed upon conservation principles. TLC's contract with the University runs for three years.

Baked Kale Chips

Kale Chips are a delicious and healthy alternative to potato chips and other snacks. They are low-cal and packed with beta carotene, vitamins K and C and numerous antioxidants. And they are easy to make! Here's the basics:

- 1 bunch Kale
- 1 tablespoon Olive Oil*
- 1 teaspoon seasoned or Kosher salt**

Remove stems from kale and tear or cut into bite-size pieces. Wash thoroughly and dry well in a salad spinner. Place in single layer on baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil (you can turn leaves to coat lightly). Sprinkle with salt. Bake at 350° until edges are crispy but not burnt, about 10 – 20 minutes (keep a close eye on them), turning the chips halfway through baking.

* You may prefer to use a Misto sprayer to lightly coat the leaves with a “mist” of olive oil, as this could produce more uniform results.
** The sky's the limit when it comes to seasoning! You can use any spice or herb to add some real zest. Think: crushed red pepper flakes, garlic or onion or curry powder, Old Bay seasoning, smoked paprika ... you get the idea. Enjoy!

What's Cookin'? Summer Recipes

By conserving farmland, TLC ensures land in the Triangle will be available for farming forever to provide fresh local food for generations to come. In that spirit, we offer a few recipes for your summer enjoyment, using local ingredients that are readily available. So if you don't grow your own, be sure to visit one of our region's many fabulous farmers' markets – the NC Dept. of Agriculture lists 29 in our six-county area – for all your fresh meat, dairy and produce needs!



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From Kitchen in Chapel Hill:

Summer Gazpacho

Yield: ½ gallon

The recipe is adaptable! Add whatever fresh vegetables and herbs suit you.

Freshness is key!

Ingredients: 1 medium red onion finely diced, 8 ripe tomatoes chopped, 2 cucumbers peeled seeded and chopped, ½ cup chopped celery, ½ cup fresh sweet corn (off the cob), ½ cup cooked garbanzo beans, 1 quart tomato juice, ¼ cup good quality red wine vinegar, 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, 2 dashes of Tabasco, ¼ cup fresh basil leaves chopped, ¼ cup fresh parsley finely chopped.

Method: Combine all the ingredients in a chilled glass bowl. Check seasoning for salt and pepper. Garnish with fresh chopped herbs and a splash of extra virgin olive oil.

Serve in chilled soup bowls.

Thank you to Dick and Sue Barrows of Kitchen for contributing this delicious summer recipe!

Visit Kitchen: 764 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill; 919-537-8167

Durham Voted Tastiest Town



Accolades continue to prove that the Triangle is, indeed, one of the finest places to live, work, play... and eat. Recently, Durham was voted the “Tastiest Town in the South” by readers of *Southern Living* magazine. Local foodies already know this. In fact, with almost half a million votes cast, we'd say the word has reached well beyond our region.

The magazine recognized Durham for its locally sourced food and artisan restaurants for making the culinary scene so exceptional, along with a “reverence for everyday pleasures (we're talking coffee, beer, pizza, and pie, here).” With more than 700 restaurants – over 50 of which are regionally or nationally recognized, including four James Beard nods – the Bull City offers distinctive flavors, creative flair and delicious fare to residents and visitors alike.

Obviously, our Triangle chefs know just what to do with that fresh produce, dairy and meats from local farms. And we are blessed! Preferences for regional sustainability, along with a grassroots organic farming movement begun decades ago, end up in front of us as fine art on our plates.

Discriminating diners in the area have kept up with the sweeping evolution and have come to expect and fully appreciate the Bull City as a culinary destination. Indeed, the pioneering spirit of local chefs, farmers, bakers, brewers and artisans has elevated the level of casual dining to a lofty plane. Bon appétit!

TLC Lands Spotlight: Black Patch Farm

Easement in Wake to Become a Nature Park

By Leigh Ann Hammerbacher

“Did you see that bird on the wire back there? I think it was a loggerhead shrike,” said John Connors, a retired naturalist and member of TLC’s Stewardship Advisory Council, as he hopped out of his car at the Sugg Farm. “Wait, look up! Those are purple martins and chimney swifts.”

These sightings started a recent field visit to Black Patch Farm. Situated on Sugg property, the farm is a 112-acre easement just minutes from downtown Holly Springs. TLC has protected the Black Patch Farm since 2008, when Jefferson L. Sugg made a very generous donation of the easement to TLC.



TLC holds easements on over 5,000 acres of conservation lands across the Triangle. Black Patch Farm stands out, however, as it was recently purchased by a local government. The Town of Holly Springs purchased the property as a bargain price this winter. TLC will continue to hold the easement on the property. The easement plays two key roles. First, it protects the conservation values of the site and keeps the tract from being sold for development. Second, the terms and restrictions of easement ensure that the property will remain a nature preserve.

The remainder of the site visit continued to excite and included an encounter

with a painted turtle laying eggs along the lake path, hearing the sound of a Kentucky warbler, discovering a cove of beech ferns and finding one of the largest yellow poplars I have ever seen in Wake County. It may even be a champion tree!

TLC is working with the Town of Holly Springs and community members to help plan for the future nature park, and we look forward to the day when residents can come and experience the wonder of this amazing natural area in Holly Springs.

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.” ~ Rachel Carson



VOLUNTEERS make a critical difference in local conservation!

Every year volunteers play a key role in fulfilling TLC’s mission. Please consider joining us on the trails, in the fields, along the waterways, in the woods or even in our office. Contact us at info@triangleland.org, if you’d like to explore volunteer opportunities with TLC.

Thank you to these members of the Conservation Corps and others who helped with the White Pines restoration project:

Andy Preston
Jean Hodder
Joan Curry
Peter Burch
Rich Mckelvie
Walt Jennette
Bob Sowa
Denise and Bob Verba
Nancy Hillmer

Kurt Reensburger
Paul Young
Rudy Juliano

Also, heartfelt thanks to the following workday groups:

Jesse Perry (who led the Yale Alumni day of service at White Pines)
Yale Alumni group
Burt Bees
Raleigh Charter High School
Durham Academy

Closing on 27 Acres Adjoining Lake Benson By Bo Howes

In December TLC participated in the conservation of a 27-acre parcel in Wake County. This land, adjoining Lake Benson, is a City of Raleigh water supply reservoir. Its conservation will decrease sedimentation running to the lake and protect Raleigh's water quality.

This project is an example of a new form of cooperative conservation. The ultimate owner of this parcel is the City of Raleigh. The funder of the project is the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative. The facilitator of the project is Triangle Land Conservancy. The landowner contributed a significant amount of land value to make the project work. And, the Town of Garner has the right to place a greenway on the parcel.

Five very different individuals and entities found a way to make this project work for all of our competing interests. Often our projects involve multiple parties but rarely with such disparate interests, and this was truly a group endeavor. We are grateful to the many people whose efforts were instrumental in the completion of this project.

If you would like information on how to include TLC in your estate plan, please contact Sandy Sweitzer, Director of Development, at 919.908.0051 or ssweitzer@triangleland.org.

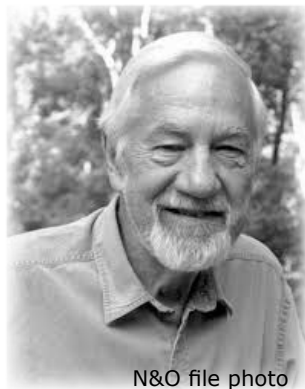
In Memorium

We have lost two inspirational members of the conservation community recently. Each made a profound impact on conservation in the Triangle.



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Bill Dow was committed to the advancement of organic farming long before it became a widespread practice. The physician-turned-farmer helped organize farmers' markets across the Southeast before settling here. Claiming he was motivated by the high standards of local chefs, he was one of the first farmers to sell directly to restaurants. Bill was a founding member of Carrboro Farmers' Market and owner of Ayrshire Farm in Chatham County, the first certified organic farm in North Carolina. He granted a 22-acre conservation easement to TLC in 2010 to ensure his farm would never be developed. He passed away on December 4, 2012, at the age of 67.



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Ritchie Bell was a dedicated, award-winning botanist and author. Ritchie passed away March 6, 2013, at 91. He was a Professor in Botany at UNC-CH for over 35 years and helped establish the North Carolina Botanical Garden, where he was the founding Director (1961-1986). Ritchie also co-authored several books on flora along the east coast, including the popular, *Wild Flowers of North Carolina*. He was passionate about the native flora of North Carolina and in 1996 donated a conservation easement of 39 acres to TLC adjoining New Hope Creek in Orange County.



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MacNair's Country Acres

Caroline MacNair Carl had already donated 39 acres of her urban farm land as a conservation easement to TLC in 2011. When she passed away on July 24, 2012, she bequeathed full ownership of the property to TLC.

This Steep Hill Creek Bottomlands area is part of the Swift Creek Watershed. The easement protects 24 acres of floodplain forest and over one mile of Steep Hill Creek, feeding into Swift Creek and Lake Benson, a water supply for Wake County. We are grateful to Caroline, a member of TLC's Heritage Society, for her generous contribution to preserving land and water supply for future generations.

Honorary and Memorial Gifts from December 2012 through May 2013

In Memory Of...

Catherine MacNair Midyette
a gift from Mr. M.H. Wood

Cecile Burrus
a gift from Dr. Fabienne Worth

Ellen Marie Caparella
a gift from Angelo Caparella

Hildegard Ryals
a gift from Nan and Bob Keohane

Dorothy Onisko
a gift from Francine and Don
Stephenson

Ivor Collins
a gift from Mrs. Shirley Collins

Margaret Reid's 101st birthday
a gift from Margie Reid

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a gift from Ms. Kathleen E. Scharl

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a gift from Anne Landin

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a gift from Dr. Amy J. Lewis

William Joslin
a gift from Mr. Charles Blanchard

In Honor Of...

David Williams
a gift from Mr. Ted Dossett

Marie Hammond's May 1st
birthday
a gift from Marie and Ted Ham-
mond

Scott A. Rogers
a gift from Catherine Inabnit

TLC Staff
a gift from Alison Hill and Tandy
Jones

Happy Birthday Judith Valerie
a gift from Ms. Beverly J. Miller

Don Stephenson
a gift from Sarah A. Sasser

Tom McGuire
a gift from Triangle Community
Foundation

Anne Stoddard's dedicated
service to TLC
a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Worth

Grand Trees of Chatham
a gift from Ms. Margaret Tiano

For White Pines directional
signs
a gift from Bill Causey

White Pines *continued from page 4*

Rocky rivers. It has adapted to survive the warmer, drier conditions of the Piedmont, and we feel it is critical to preserve the ecotype for future generations. Planting these unique trees in the mountains of North Carolina will allow us to see how they will grow in



© Matt Rutledge

this new environment, especially with future climate change. This ecotype may have certain traits that will allow them to deal with the warmer, drier weather predicted.

How will this be monitored?
TLC will monitor the development

and growth of these seedlings once or twice a year, as well as keep the understory clear. Bill Pickens, a North Carolina State Forest Silviculturist, will also participate in monitoring the growth of the trees over time.

Are there any other refugia for white pines?

Actually, yes, right here in our region. For the same objectives of monitoring and preserving, we have planted 30 seedlings at Irvin Farm and Nature Preserve, 30 at Johnston Mill Nature Preserve (along the trail), and 20 at Brumley Preserve, all of which are protected from deer. These plantings will help further protect these unique white pines by ensuring that all of our eggs are not in one basket. The idea being that if anything were ever to happen to the trees growing at the White Pines Nature Preserve, we would have a seed source that could be used to replant.

This is an interesting project, and it's easy to see you are enthusiastic about it. Tell us, what you like best about working at TLC?

I like the variety of projects I get to work on, especially the ecologi-



© Walt Tysinger

cal restoration projects. The White Pines Nature Preserve restoration project is a particular favorite, as it makes me feel like I can really make a difference there and that I am playing an instrumental part in restoring the population of these unique white pines. Beyond that, I love working with all the committed volunteers we have, especially our Conservation Corps, and managing the Corporate Workdays and other workday events.

Walt Tysinger has been at Triangle Land Conservancy for six years and works as TLC's Land Manager.

Have you ever thought about how you can protect your land for future generations?

easement donations, which help provide and protect clean water and preserve wildlife habitat and/or farmland for generations to come. Donating a conservation easement (i.e. the development rights) on your land to TLC often provides donors considerable state and federal tax benefits and can be helpful with planned giving and managing estate taxes.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Due to a change in NC state tax code, NC Conservation Tax Credits for donated easements will only be available through 12/31/13. If you would like more information on how conservation might help your family's goals, contact Bo Howes at 919-908-0052 for a confidential discussion.

Or wondered how you can keep your family's property from being developed if it is sold to someone else? Would you be interested to learn how you can help conserve your land – whether on your own or with assistance from TLC?

Many people talk to us to see if land conservation is right for them and their property. In fact, TLC regularly receives conservation



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TLC Welcomes New Staff

TLC is happy to announce the addition of three new positions to our organization in July. We hope you will have the opportunity to meet them!



Ben Blankenship

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration
Education: BS in Business Administration (Finance), University of Denver
Recent Positions: V.P. of Finance & H.R., Marbles Kids Museum; CFO and Director of Operations, Triangle Community Foundation
Fun Fact: Ben is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Word is he makes a mean crème brûlée.



Lisa Rainwater, PhD

Title: Director of Communications and External Affairs
Education: PhD in German, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Recent Positions: Executive Director, The Catskill Center for Conservation & Development; Campaign & Policy Director, Hudson Riverkeeper
Fun Fact: Lisa runs and bikes to ward off the delicious evils of Julia Child's passion for butter.



Sandy Sweitzer

Title: Director of Development
Education: BA in Political Science, Earlham College
Recent Positions: Associate Director of Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy; Director of Development, Habitat for Humanity of Durham; Development Officer, Durham County Library
Fun Fact: Sandy loves to road bike and is an avid gardener and cook. Her favorite dish is pesto made from her own fresh basil.

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“Not just beautiful, though — the stars are like the trees in the forest, alive and breathing.
And they’re watching me.” ~ Haruki Murakami

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Looking Forward to Looking Back: Our 30th Anniversary Issue

It's hard to believe, but 2013 marks Triangle
Land Conservancy's 30th Anniversary!

In the fall we will publish our 30th Anniversary
newsletter issue, packed with nostalgia,
memorable people and places, beautiful
photographs, landmark accomplishments
and more.

With over 16,000 total acres permanently
protected since 1983, it is time to celebrate
30 years of hard work and successful
conservation in the Triangle. Thank you for
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