



## Preserve Spotlights

### Mulvihill Preserve Bridgehampton

The fragile ecology of the Bridgehampton Moraine and nearby Great Swamp was of great concern to Dolores Zebrowski, a longtime friend of the Peconic Land Trust and many local organizations. Dolores



made it one of her priorities to protect the land she loved: in total, Dolores and her brother Bill Mulvihill protected nearly 125 acres in Bridgehampton.

This woodland is now a pristine nature preserve, the **Daniel and Anna Mulvihill Preserve** in honor of the parents of Dolores and Bill – including Bill and Dolores' childhood home, which is now the visitors center for the preserve. The Peconic Land Trust was fortunate to work with Dolores, the Town of Southampton and Suffolk County on the protection of the land.



*Daniel and Anna Mulvihill*

The woodland and wetland property straddles the Ronkonkoma moraine and serves as a groundwater recharge area, helping to protect our drinking water.

The Southampton Trails Preservation Society blazed a trail on the property, which is open to the public, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the peaceful solitude of a woodland walk and a chance to admire woodland plants and wildlife including an amazing variety of migrating birds, as well as wild blueberries and dogwoods, a white pine forest, tupelo maple trees, birch and beech trees growing alongside vernal ponds and more.

Carol Mulvihill Ahlers, daughter of Dolores' brother Daniel, told us, "The Mulvihill family is proud of Dolores' work with the Peconic Land Trust and grateful to her for preserving our grandparents land for future generations to enjoy."

Interested in taking a hike? **The preserve is located at 820 Brick Kiln Road, Bridgehampton:** drive in between the two white pillars and to the end of the driveway, and you will see the kiosk. To read more about Dolores' gift to the community, see our *Fall 2001 Newsletter* and *2011 Newsletter*, which features the original 75 acre preservation (2001) and Dolores' additional protection in 2011 — just prior to her passing in 2012 ([www.PeconicLandTrust.org/news](http://www.PeconicLandTrust.org/news)).

*This woodland would not be here if it weren't for Dolores' visionary thinking. We are truly grateful for her generosity and dedication to her community and for Dolores' trust in us. Legacy gifts are an important way to preserve the places you know and love — and can take many forms.*

To learn more, contact Rebecca A. Chapman at 631.283.3195 or [RChapman@PeconicLandTrust.org](mailto:RChapman@PeconicLandTrust.org).



*Dolores Zebrowski on the land that would later become the Mulvihill Preserve, circa 1945*





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US AT PECONINIC 2016!



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## Wilson's Grove East Hampton

The beautiful, and majestic, white pine and oak forest of Wilson's Grove Preserve, donated to the Trust by Marillyn Wilson in 2008, is a wonderful gift to the community and a vital link in the 45-mile Paumanok Path trail system that runs through Southampton and East Hampton towns to the Montauk Lighthouse.



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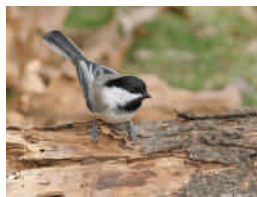
love of that property and her willingness to share it with the public speaks volumes about her humanity," said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Trust.

Interested in hiking the trails? **The trail-head for Wilson's Grove can be found in the Northwest Woods section of East Hampton on Old Northwest Road**, just south of the intersection

with Northwest Road. The kiosk is on the west side of the road. While enjoying the white pines and oaks, also keep an eye out for Wild



Downy Woodpecker



Black-capped Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



Fowler's Toad

Blueberry, Wild Geranium, Mountain Laurel, Wintergreen, Sassafras, Bayberry, Blue-eyed Grass. Visit our website, [www.PeconicLandTrust.org](http://www.PeconicLandTrust.org), for a trail map and kiosk information for Wilson's Grove.



**Stay tuned: a trail hike through the preserve is being planned for the Fall of 2016.**

*We are forever grateful to Marillyn for her generosity and her life-long commitment to conservation.*

## Nature's Preserve North Sea, Southampton

On October 24, 2009, the Peconic Land Trust joined with the Southampton Trails Preservation Society, the Group for the East End and the Town of Southampton to celebrate the life of Kurt Billing (known as Nature to many of his friends) and honor his memory with the dedication of the Kurt Billing Memorial Trailhead at the Tuckahoe Hills Preserve and with the dedication and the renaming of the Trust's Big Fresh Pond Preserve to Nature's Preserve.



Nature's Preserve – a 1.1-acre freshwater wetland and upland on Big Fresh Pond – was conserved in 1986 due, in large part, to Kurt. Only in his late twenties at the time, Kurt took out a personal loan to assist in the purchase of this property, an inspiration to other Nature lovers. Over the course of many years, Kurt led the charge to preserve Tuckahoe Woods, the pristine wetlands, woodlands, streams and creeks that make up the natural lands surrounding Big Fresh Pond. He engaged numerous public and private agencies in his efforts to promote the beauty and fragility of the area and ultimately garnered the support necessary for its protection.



*Kurt Billing, out on the water he loved*

*The conservation of over 160 acres would not have been possible without Kurt's unswerving dedication and commitment.*





## Russ McCall Protects Farmland for Food

Russell C. McCall of McCall Wines has protected 29 acres in Mattituck for growing food by donating additional restrictions on the land to the Trust. "All of us at the Trust thank Russ for his commitment to conserving Long Island's working farmland," said John v.H. Halsey, President, Peconic Land Trust.

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that it is available for food production for future generations. By applying these additional restrictions to the farmland, our hope is it serves as a model for other landowners to use in their preservation efforts," said Russ. "This direction for farmland preservation, where land use can be voluntarily specified for future use, is a direction we hope to promote."

*To learn more about the land and Russ' donation, and the new conservation tools being used to protect land for food please visit [www.PeconicLandTrust.org/News](http://www.PeconicLandTrust.org/News).*

## Southold Town Protects 35+ Acres of Farmland this Spring with 2 Farm Families: Biggane and Calabrese

Earlier this spring, the Trust assisted the Town of Southold and two local families with the protection of two farmland parcels in Cutchogue that have added to important assemblages of protected farmland in the community:

- 18.592 acres with John C. and Margaret B. Biggane: through the purchase of development rights of the productive farmland (pictured right). The Biggane farmland is located on the Eastern-most area of the expansive Oregon Road farm belt.
- 16.577 acres with John and Joanne Calabrese: through the purchase of development rights, which was in part funded by a grant from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The land, which is mostly in vines, is off Main Road to the west of Bridge Lane. The Calabrese farmland is one of the last unprotected properties off the Main Road and is adjacent to a large assemblage of protected farmland.



Thank you to the Calabrese and the Biggane families for your decisions to further conservation of farmland in Southold and to the Town for its commitment to preserve its agricultural heritage. The Trust is proud to have worked with the Town for many years on farmland preservation projects, including both Biggane and Calabrese.

*To learn more about our conservation work with Southold Town, contact Vice President Tim Caufield at 631.283.3195 or email to [TCaufield@PeconicLandTrust.org](mailto:TCaufield@PeconicLandTrust.org)*

## Come Explore Bridge Gardens! 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton

A unique public garden, Peconic Land Trust's Bridge Gardens features a wide-variety of plantings including mixed borders, native grasses, roses, shrubs and trees; a community garden with over 20 plots where individuals and families are learning to grow their own vegetables and herbs; demonstration vegetable garden and lawn beds; and a 4-quadrant herb garden featuring culinary, medicinal, ornamental and textile and dyeing herbs.

A beautiful oasis to spend the day at, Bridge Gardens also serves as an outdoor classroom, demonstration garden and community resource focused on sustainable living and ecologically sound practices for the community.



## \$30,000 Grant to Assist Riverhead in the Revitalization of its Farmland and Open Space Preservation Programs

During Earth Week, the Trust received the news that we were awarded a grant to work with the Town of Riverhead to help jump start its preservation efforts, with a specific eye toward the revitalization of the Transfer of Development Rights program.



The Trust will

also help to identify opportunities for private funding for future preservation efforts. There are hundreds of acres of unprotected working farms and natural habitat, including woodlands and wetlands, that could be protected and have a positive impact on the overall community – residents and visitors alike.

"There is still much work to be done in the Town to preserve the important farmland and natural lands that support our economy in so many ways, including jobs and tourism. We need to be creative and forward thinking in our approach to protecting our farmland and open spaces, especially as funding through the Community Preservation Fund is limited in our town. We look forward to working with the staff at the Peconic Land Trust to develop new strategies that can leverage private funding and to revitalizing our transfer of development rights program for the

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long-term benefit of our residents," said Supervisor Sean Walter.

The grant is funded through the Conservation Partnership

Program of the New York State Environmental Protection Fund. This program is administered by the Land Trust Alliance in coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.



## Committee Spotlight

### Stewardship Committee

One of the critical responsibilities of the Peconic Land Trust is the stewardship of the land. That means the perpetual care of the preserves and conservation easements held by the Trust – over 110 easements and 91 preserves ranging from as small as an acre to over 500 acres spread throughout the East End and as far west as Old Westbury/Manhasset.

#### Who's on our Stewardship Team?

- Pam Greene, *Vice President*
- Scott Chaskey, *Quail Hill Farm*
- Layton Guenther, *Quail Hill Farm*
- Rick Bogusch, *Bridge Gardens*
- Matt Swain, *South Fork Stewardship Manager*
- Dan Heston, *Senior Manager Agricultural Programs*
- Denise Markut, *North Fork Stewardship Manager*
- Brendan Minogue, *Land Steward*

To assist our stewardship staff, the Stewardship Committee, chaired by our Board Co-Chair Stephen Jones, provides input and recommendations for policies related to uses, improvements and restoration projects for preserves owned by the Trust; accompanies staff on monitoring visits to easements and preserves; and assists staff with the development of our Wildlife Management Program and Adopt-A-Preserve Program.

*Would you like to get more involved in stewardship? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Pam Greene, Vice President, at 631.283.3195 or [PGreene@PeconicLandTrust.org](mailto:PGreene@PeconicLandTrust.org)*



While the Peconic Land Trust is busy conserving working farms and natural lands, we also offer fun, family friendly **Connections** programs on conserved lands throughout the East End, including our . . .

**Quail Hill Farm** | Amagansett  
**Bridge Gardens** | Bridgehampton  
**Agricultural Center at Charnews Farm** | Southold

**Join us!** [www.PeconicLandTrust.org](http://www.PeconicLandTrust.org) | **631.283.3195**



## Farms for the Future

### Farmers Leasing in 2016: Ag Center, Deborah Ann Light & Town Lane Preserves

We are looking forward to a great growing season here on the East End, and are excited that many of our farmers are returning to the Ag Center as well as our Deborah Ann Light & Town Lane Preserves . . . along with a few new ones with innovative farming plans!



#### Ag Center, Southold:

- Sang Lee Farms: Asian vegetables and more. CSA and farmstand.
- Invincible Summer Farms: heirloom tomatoes, peppers and more. CSA and online farmstand.



- Lily's Farm: edible flowers, herbs, vegetables and eggs. Local markets.
- Akio Shoji: Japanese vegetables.
- The Growing Seed: vegetables

and home gardening services.

- The Farm Beyond: foraged herbs and greens. Farmers markets and online.
- Wild Feast Foods: vegetables and custom catering.
- From Scratch Farm: pasture-raised chickens. CSA.



- Organic Oasis: aquaponic farming of greens.
- Deep Roots Farm: hogs and mixed vegetables.
- Southold Farm and Cellar: grapes.



. . . and at the North Fork Stewardship Center in Cutchogue, Peconic Escargot, new snail farmers!

### Deborah Ann Light & Town Lane Preserves, Amagansett:

- Balsam Farms: vegetables, herbs, flowers and more. CSA, farmstand and farmers markets.
- Bee's Needs: honey. Farmers markets.
- Amber Waves Farm: vegetables and grains. CSA, farmers markets.
- Bhumi Farms: vegetables, herbs, flowers and more. CSA and farmstand.



- World Wide Le Lapin: rabbits.
- Three Sons Farmers: vegetables.
- Amagansett Sea Salt: salt from our local oceans, with local herbs. Local

shops and farmers markets.

- Juliana Duryea: vegetables and herbs.
- Summerhill Nursery: trees, shrubs, plants and landscaping services.

We are also leasing to Peter Dankowski (potatoes and corn) at Hayground Farm in Bridgehampton, to the Ludlows and Harvest Acre Nursery in Bridgehampton, and to the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative at Shellfisher Preserve in Southold.



**We wish everyone a bountiful growing season!**

For more information on our farmland leasing program, contact **Dan Heston**, Senior Manager for Agricultural Programs at 631.734.5630 or [DHeston@PeconicLandTrust.org](mailto:DHeston@PeconicLandTrust.org).

These are only a few of the farm operations on Long Island.

- Long Island Farm Bureau, [www.LIFB.com](http://www.LIFB.com)
- Edible East End, [www.EdibleEastEnd.com](http://www.EdibleEastEnd.com)

both have great resources on farmers markets and farmstands on their websites.

Check them out!







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at the farms, in the fields  
and exploring nature.

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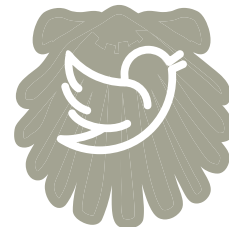
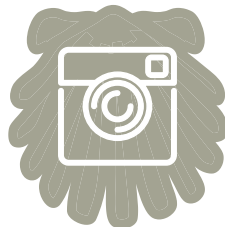
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**Peconic Land Trust conserves Long Island's working farms, natural lands and heritage for our communities now and in the future.**

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