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# PROGRAM

Welcome! Thank you for joining us at Through Farms and Fields, our annual gathering of fellowship and local food. Over the years Trust supporters have hosted us at unique locations: the Galban Barn in Sagaponack, the Klein/Byorum Good Barn in Bridgehampton, the Halsey's White Cap Farm in Mecox, the Channing sculpture garden overlooking the vines, the Port of Missing Men in North Sea. And this year, we are returning to one of our favorite locations: the Wesnofske Barn in Bridgehampton.

This property, in the Wesnofske family since 1952, includes a beautiful diary barn built by William D. Halsey. To learn more about this property, please read the profile of the homestead in this journal, artfully written by Fred R. Smith.

Your participation in Through Farms and Fields furthers our common purpose, to conserve Long Island's working farms, natural lands, and heritage for our communities now and in the future. The work we do, with your help, protects land that:

- produces food and other agricultural products,
- provides wildlife habitats, scenic vistas and miles of public hiking trails,
- protects our water and air quality, and
- sustains our communities and the economy of our region.

This year, our 2011 Event Committee, ably led by Nancy Gilbert and Hilary Leff, made a concerted effort to involve as many of our local farmers and food producers as possible to participate in the details of this evening. Local produce and decorations—from eggs and chicken to vegetables, berries and flowers—have come from Balsam Farm, Halsey Farm on Deerfield, The Green Thumb, Wickham Farm, Pike Farm, North Sea Farm, Quail Hill Farm, Salt Air Farm, Satur Farm, Bayview Farm, Catapano Dairy Farm, and Mecox Bay Dairy.

Tonight, let's appreciate the fruits of our labors and resolve to conserve more working farms and natural lands for future generations. We look forward to working with you as we press forward—you are all essential to our success!

John v.H. Halsey, President  
Peconic Land Trust

## Menu

### Passed Hors d'oeuvres:

Baby Pipes Cove oyster poor boy & mini mint julep shooter  
Mecox Bay Dairy truffle mac and cheese

Long Island potato skins with Catapano goat cheese  
and bourbon brown sugar glazed country ham

Montauk Point ahi tuna tartar cucumber square  
with sesame seeds, tobiko caviar and wasabi aioli

Carolina style pulled Long Island duck, Carolina BBQ sauce,  
corn bread crustini & butter pickle

Portobello Mushroom pizza with fontina cheese &  
local oven-roasted tomato tapenade

### Stationary Appetizer Table:

Mecox Bay Dairy segit cheese and assortment of  
Lucy's Whey domestic cheeses

Organic fruits and nuts

Crackers, bread sticks and baguettes

Imported mixed olives, peppadews and baby pickles

Southern sweet corn dip

Georgia watermelon salsa

Deviled egg dip

Shrimp and grits

Pita crisps and blue corn tortilla's

### Supper:

Arugula, frissee and red and yellow watermelon salad with a  
balsamic glaze, served with feta cheese & candied walnuts

Cornbread and black pepper Southern biscuits

Southern style farm fried chicken

Montauk style lobster popover

Grilled corn salad with cilantro, sweet onion,  
champagne vinegar & extra virgin olive oil

Beefsteak and cherry tomato salad with micro basil,  
sweet onion & extra virgin olive oil

Grilled local potatoes with parsley garlic butter

# PROGRAM

John v.H. Halsey and  
Raymond & Lynn Wesnofske  
welcome you to

## Through Farms & Fields

a Country Supper in Celebration of our Local Bounty

4:30 - 6pm Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction

6pm - 7:15 Dinner & Live Auction

7:15 - 9:30 Dessert & Dancing

(Silent Auction closes at 8:15)

Please don't forget to pick up local treat  
at the end of the evening!

Supper by **Chef Peter Ambrose** of **Food for Forks**

*Featuring*

wines courtesy of Russell McCall of **McCall Wines**

dessert courtesy of Kathleen King of **Tate's Bake Shop**

specialty cocktail courtesy of Richard Stabile of **LiV Vodka**

bar courtesy of Richard & Linda Willet of **Wines by Morrell**

coffee courtesy of Jason & Theresa Belkin of **Hampton Coffee Company**

beer courtesy of Donald Sullivan of **Southampton Publick House**

music **The Lone Sharks**

fiddler **Sara Gordon**

auctioneer **Lloyd Gerard**

*Once again, we have reached out to our local farmers and food  
artisans to make as much of the dinner locally sourced as possible.*

*The evenings special gift is locally canned vegetables prepared by  
Jeri Woodhouse of Taste of the North Fork from vegetables grown  
at Quail Hill and other local farms.*

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The Peconic Land Trust was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms and natural lands. Since its inception, the nonprofit Trust has worked conscientiously with landowners, donors, local government, partner organizations, and communities to conserve over 10,000 acres of land on Long Island. The Trust's professional staff carries out the necessary research and planning to identify and implement alternatives to outright development. While working to conserve the productive farms, watersheds, woodlands, and beachfront of Long Island, the Trust is also protecting the unique rural heritage and natural resources of the region. The Trust has Stewardship Centers in Cutchogue and Amagansett and its Main Office is in Southampton. A common misperception, however, is that the Peconic Land Trust is the recipient of the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF tax is collected by Suffolk County and then redistributed to the five East End towns, the distribution of which is based on the location of the property from which the tax is acquired. For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit [www.PeconicLandTrust.org](http://www.PeconicLandTrust.org) or call 631.283.3195.

# Through Farms and Fields 2011

## Ocean View Farm, Bridgehampton

### Home of Raymond and Lynn Wesnofske

profile by Fred R. Smith

Here, on a clear day, you can see forever, all the way from Water Mill to Sagaponack. From this spectacular site, the land's rich Bridgehampton loam slopes gently toward the Atlantic Ocean five miles on the horizon. This land has been farmed for more than 325 years, from its first settlers in 1679 down through a dozen generations that came after. It has nurtured wheat and corn, sheep and cows, and of course, potatoes.

Standing on the groomed hillside of Ocean View Farm today, one can see swaths of diminishing Long Island farmland, mixed with tree farms, horse farms and vineyards and sprinkled with the dwellings of locals and weekenders, drawn to a place where land meets sea so perfectly.

This was once an agrarian landscape, but as farms were turned into real estate, barns were often torn down. More than 50 barns vanished in the devastating 1938 hurricane that swept across Long Island. But of the rare barns that remain, none is a more handsome memorial to the farming past than the barn at Ocean View. It will be the venue for this summer's 8th annual Through Farms and Fields celebration on August 7, 2011.

This is the fourth time that owners Ray and Lynn Wesnofske will host this gala summer party. They live in a house they built 40 years ago just above the barn. Ray's parents had lived down the drive in a house built in 1840 after they bought Ocean View Farm in 1952.

Ray's great-grandfather came from West Prussia in 1874. He and his descendants established farms on Long Island, first in Flushing, Queens, then at Hicksville, then further east to Water Mill and Bridgehampton. His grandson Remi eventually tilled more than 700 acres and was among the largest producers of potatoes on Long Island.

Ocean View Farm was added to the family holdings by Remi Wesnofske in 1952, purchased from the heirs of William D. Halsey, who built this barn in 1895. If ever there was a cathedral of the land, this is it. In its present state, it is as sound as it ever was, thanks to the preserving restorations made by

Ray Wesnofske. Its post and beam timbers are sheathed in cedar shingles. Stanchions that soar 23 feet, and crossbeams that span up to 70 feet across its interior spaces are joined with original wooden pegs. There are two levels, each sheltering 4,000 square feet. At one time, the farm was a dairy and the upper was used for hay when cattle were kept and milked on the level below. For the Wesnofskes, the lower level, built into the sloping hillside, was perfect for storing potatoes.

On the day of the party, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 4:30 in the barn before a country supper in a large tent nearby. After supper, dessert will be served in the barn and there will be a live and silent auction to benefit The Trust. The Lone Sharks will fill the glorious space with music. Wear your dancing shoes!



*painting of Wesnofske Barn by Plein Air Peconic artist Casey Chalem Anderson*

## Silent Auction

Bids will be accepted until 8:15!

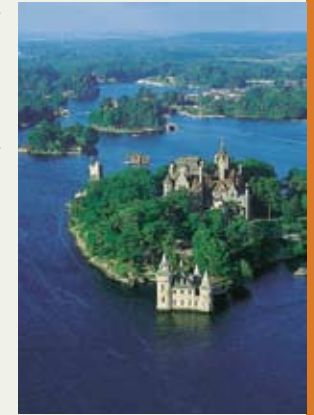
- Tickets for four to the Today Show and the Thanksgiving Day Parade, courtesy of Annette & Matt Lauer. Includes a book of 10 Jitney tickets courtesy of The Hampton Jitney.
- Two Founders Passes to the Hamptons International Film Festival.
- Two tickets and a meet & greet with singer/songwriter Brandi Carlile at Town Hall in New York City, September 23, 2011, courtesy of Elliot Groffman.
- A 2012 Quail Hill Farm summer share and a basket of food products courtesy of Eli Zabar & Devon Fredericks of the Amagansett Farmers Market.
- A tour of the Trust's Shellfisher Preserve (a unique mariculture facility in Southold) followed by a shellfish and wine tasting, courtesy of Karen & Gregg Rivara.
- A private evening at Bridge Gardens for 12 people with a BBQ pig roast, courtesy of Food for Forks.
- Donated by Sokolin LLC, America's Premier Fine Wine Merchant, a 12-bottle case of classified, back-vintage Bordeaux, 1996 Grand Puy Lacoste, in pristine condition & accompanied with the original wooden case directly from the chateau.
- A one-year 2012 weekday family membership to Hampton Hills Country Club in Westhampton courtesy of Stanley Pine.
- A private shopping experience for 20 people with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a 20% discount at Theory in Southampton or East Hampton.
- A pair of tickets to the 2011 Tony Award-winning Broadway show, *The Book of Mormon*, courtesy of Kevin Coyle and Tracey Carey of Superior Entertainment Inc., plus a book of 10 Jitney tickets courtesy of The Hampton Jitney.
- A private tour of Old Westbury Gardens followed by cocktails, courtesy of John Norbeck.
- A Quail Hill Farm winter share (2011/2012) and a selection of organic olive oils courtesy of Christine Arlotta of Aroltta Food Studio.
- An all inclusive 4-night getaway for two people to the Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge, an environmentally sensitive lodge set on a 165-acre private preserve in the undeveloped Pacific Coast Osa Peninsula region of southern Costa Rica, courtesy of resort owners Donna & Michael Butler. Includes private high-end accommodations, three exceptional meals a day, unlimited use of kayaks, snorkeling gear and fishing equipment. *Travel is not included.*
- An afternoon of tequila tasting for 10 people at Bridge Gardens with Casa Dragones Tequila co-founder and president, Bertha Gonzalez, along with hors d'oeuvres and discount coupons to purchase the tequila at Wines By Morrell. The winner will also receive a bottle of Casa Dragones.

## Live Auction

• Two mixed cases of wine, comprised of a bottle from each of the protected vineyards on Long Island, plus a pair of tickets to the HARVEST Event: "Fall for Long Island Festival Tasting" on September 17, 2011 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Ludlow Farm in Bridgehampton.



• An all inclusive, 3-night fall 2012 getaway for four people to the Thousand Islands, NY courtesy of the Thousand Islands Land Trust. You'll board an antique wooden boat for a relaxing cocktail cruise, join land trust staff & trustees for a guided "mule tour" of their 1,100 acre Grindstone Island Preserve with a picnic lunch overlooking the river, enjoy an old fashioned St. Lawrence fishing trip and shore dinner with one of the river's legendary charter captains, and get a bird's eye view of the 'Thousand Islands' iconic landscape during a plane flight of the region. Gift certificates for dinner to three of the area's finest restaurants, and water-side spa treatments also included. *Travel is not included.*



• Two tickets to a live taping of *Inside the Actors Studio*, courtesy of James Lipton. This iconic Bravo series has been on air since 1994. It is currently broadcast in 125 countries around the world, reaching an estimated 89,000,000 homes. Tapings are held primarily in Los Angeles, but also limitedly in New York City for the upcoming season.



• An amazing trip for four people to Napa, CA in the summer of 2012, courtesy of the Napa Valley Land Trust. This unique package will start with a 2-night stay at Meadowood Napa Valley in St. Helena, where you'll each enjoy a spa treatment, a game of croquet and a round of golf. Then you'll head to Brown Ranch, the Saintsbury Vineyard's guest house in Carneros for a 4-night stay. Your trip will also include guided hikes with picnic lunches to three of the land trust's stunning Preserves, VIP tastings with limo service to several protected vineyards, and gift certificates for dinner to local restaurants.



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# Plein Air Peconic: Art Exhibition & Sale

Once again, the painters and photographers of Plein Air Peconic will be displaying works of conserved landscapes in the barn at Through Farms & Fields. Please spend some time enjoying these beautiful works that represent the conservation work of the Trust. All artwork is available for purchase, with a percentage of the sale being donated to the Trust by the artist. Please visit the website for more information: [www.PleinAirPeconic.com](http://www.PleinAirPeconic.com).



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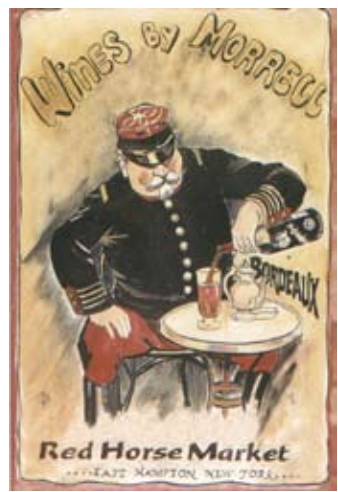
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