

PECONIC LAND TRUST



MEDIA ALERT

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PECONIC LAND TRUST'S THROUGH FARMS & FIELDS COUNTRY SUPPER AT OCEAN VIEW FARM, BRIDGEHAMPTON AUGUST 7, 2011

A COUNTRY SUPPER CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL BOUNTY

*Spectacular Location, Fabulous Local Food,
Live & Silent Auction featuring wonderful experiences,
make **Through Farms and Fields** a Unique East End Event*

JULY 21, 2011. SOUTHAMPTON, NY. The Peconic Land Trust's 9th Annual "Through Farms and Fields" Benefit, a spectacular Country Supper, will be at the property of Raymond and Lynn Wesnofske, Ocean View Farm, in Bridgehampton. Ocean View Farm sits on land that has been farmed for more than 325 years and this farmland and historic dairy barn will provide the perfect backdrop for a lovely summer evening in celebration of conservation.

"Standing on the groomed hillside of Ocean View Farm today, one can see swaths of 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," writes Fred R. Smith, a longstanding member of the event committee, in his profile for the event program.

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Through Farms and Fields celebrates the local bounty of the East End – from the amazing salad greens and vegetables of our farms, to the fresh seafood and meats from our land and sea, to the wonderful wines of our vineyards. Please join us as we celebrate all the wonders we are so fortunate to enjoy and the people who make it all happen – our farmers, our fishermen, and our winemakers.

“We are thrilled to be returning once again to Ray and Lynn’s farm, Ocean View, to celebrate the work we have been able to accomplish with the support of our donors, as well as local landowners, government officials, and partner organizations,” said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust. “The view from Ocean View, combined with the dramatic impact of the barn and farm fields, makes this location for Through Farms and Fields very special to all of us at the Trust and conveys the Trust’s story in a very compelling way.”

The supper will feature local foods, prepared by Chef Peter Ambrose of Food for Forks, and wines from McCall Wines in Cutchogue. Joining our hosts for the evening are our event co-chairs, Nancy Gilbert (*who is also co-chair of the Peconic Land Trust Board of Directors*) and Hilary Leff.

Generous support for the event has come from our sponsors: **The Corcoran Group, Tate’s Bake Shop, BNY Mellon Wealth Management, Hamptons International Film Festival, Bridgehampton National Bank, Artisan Mortgage Company, Herrick’s Hardware, The Bridgehampton Equity Group, Susan Gullia, GreenLogic Energy LLC, The Hampton Jitney, Wines by Morrell, Southampton Publick House, Hampton Coffee Company, and LiV Vodka.**

And, we are also pleased to announce that we will once again have our distinctive **Experience Auction** – featuring wonderful activities locally, nationally and internationally. **Lloyd Gerard** is joining us once again as auctioneer. The Trust’s live and silent auction will include a wonderful array of unique and memorable experiences, including: trips sponsored by land trusts in **Napa Valley, CA** and **Thousand Islands, NY** with deluxe accommodations and visits to local protected preserves, dinners at local restaurants, and tours of local experiences. Other items include a **Costa Rica** eco-resort stay, wines from two dozen protected East End vineyards, golf membership, NYC experiences, including a tour of the **Today Show**, tickets to the **Thanksgiving Day Parade**, tickets to *The Book of Mormon* and tickets and a meet and greet with singer/songwriter **Brandi Carlile**. (A full list of auction prizes can be found on our website.)

The evening’s entertainment will include live music and dancing with **The Lone Sharks** and an exhibition of works by the artists of **Plein Air Peconic**.

Through Farms & Field Country Supper Details

Date: Sunday, August 7, 2011

Time: 4:30 pm til . . .

Where: Ocean View Farm, Scuttlehole & Brick Kiln Roads, Bridgehampton

Cost: \$3,500 for a Benefactor-level table of ten (10); \$650 for a Patron-level ticket for two (2); Individual tickets at \$275.

Hosts: Raymond & Lynn Wesnofske, John v.H. Halsey

Co-Chairs: Nancy Gilbert and Hilary Leff

Auctioneer: Lloyd Gerard

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Event Committee: Paige Campbell, Tracey Carey, Emma Clurman, Susan D'Alessio, Harriet Dresher, Barbara Frerichs, Ronnie Grill, Melissa Pearsall-Hirsch, Shira Kalish, Linda Lacchia, Matt & Annette Lauer, Pingree Louchheim, C. Edward Marr, Patty Orben, Christina Lowris-Panos, Cristina Pepper, Lisa Rose, Bob Schaeffer, Eileen Dawn Skretch, Fred Smith, Rand Stoll, Liza Tremblay, Richard Udice, Sally Van Erk, Paula Yount

To Benefit: The Peconic Land Trust

To Purchase Tickets: Contact the Peconic Land Trust at 631.283.3195 or email to events@peconiclandtrust.org. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.PeconicLandTrust.org/store. Additional information is also available on the Trust's website, www.peconiclandtrust.org.

About the Peconic Land Trust: 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 or call 631.283.3195.

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