

PECONIC LAND TRUST



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PECONIC LAND TRUST ANNOUNCES SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING FOR CONNECTIONS EVENTS

Connections events will begin in March, and are designed to connect the public to land conservation through educational, cultural and recreational activities on the North and South Forks.

February 22, 2007. Southampton, New York. Peconic Land Trust announces the Spring/Early Summer calendar for Connections events, the Trust's educational, recreational, and family friendly programs that "connect people to the land." *Connections* will kick off in March.

There will also be a number of special events to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Year of the Trust, including *Through Farms and Fields*, our Country Supper in early August. Additional details on Special Events will be announced in early March.

"Connections" Calendar

Saturday, March 15, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

The Care and Cultivation of Orchids

Bianchi-Davis Greenhouses, 286 Doctors Path, Riverhead

Learn how fun and easy it can be to grow orchids! All participants will receive a

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baby orchid to take home. *Program co-sponsored by Peconic Land Trust and Long Island Farm Bureau.* **\$10/person. Reservations required, please call (631) 283-3195.**

Saturday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Birdhouse Building Workshop

Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett

Bring the family to the farm for a fun-filled morning creating nesting boxes for our feathered friends. *Materials for this program generously donated by Riverhead Building Supply.* **\$10/PLT supporters, \$15/all others. Registration required.**

Rain cancels.

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Composting and Seeding at the Farm

Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett

Roll up your sleeves and plant a variety of seeds in the greenhouse. While at the farm, learn the basics of composting, how to create a fertile soil mix, and tips on enhancing your own home garden activities! **Free!**

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KeySpan Nature Walk with Mary Laura Lamont

Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead

Meet Mary Laura Lamont for a two-mile walk through some of the trails at Hallockville and the KeySpan property. Please bring your birding scope or binoculars and wear sturdy shoes. *Program is co-sponsored by Peconic Land Trust and Hallockville Museum Farm.* **\$6/person, rain cancels.**

Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mulvihill Preserve Forest Ecology Hike

820 Brick Kiln Road, Bridgehampton

Hike with Laura Smith, Town of Southampton Land Steward, and observe signs of the changing season. Easy to moderate terrain. *Program is co-sponsored by Peconic Land Trust and the Town of Southampton.* **\$5/PLT supporter, \$10/all others, rain cancels.**

Park along Brick Kiln Road, opposite Highview Drive.

Saturday, April 26, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

“Open Spaces” Exhibition and Reception

Ashawagh Hall, Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton

Meet the artists of Plein Air Peconic and hear of their experiences painting and photographing the serene landscapes of the South and North Forks, many of which were conserved with assistance from the Trust.

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Voice of the Forest” hike and craft program

Downs Farm Preserve at Fort Corchaug, Main Road, Cutchogue

Children will learn about the Native Americans of Fort Corchaug and enjoy a hands-on craft project with Tipi Ted while naturalist Dave Lombardi guides adults on a woodland hike through the trails. *Program co-sponsored by Peconic Land Trust and the Town of Southold. \$5/person, rain cancels.*

Saturday May 3, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Plein Air Peconic Traveling Exhibition and Reception

Quogue Library, Quogue Street, Quogue

The premiere of Plein Air Peconic’s traveling exhibition for 2008, art on display from May 3 – May 28.

Saturday, May 10, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak Tour of Sebonac

Southampton

Join Graham Hawks, our South Fork Land Steward, for a tour of the beautiful waterways of the Sebonac area and learn about the conservation efforts of the Trust. For information on launch site, cost and other specifics, please call (631) 283-3195.

Saturday May 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Transplanting Seedlings at the Farm

Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett

Work with Scott Chaskey to move tender seedlings from the greenhouse into the fertile soils at the farm. **No charge, moderate to heavy rain cancels.**

Thursday, June 12, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Fiddle Fun at the Farm

Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett

Musical ramble through the fields and orchard at Quail Hill Farm with Sara Gordon. Suitable for 18 months – 4 year old children with parent or caregiver.

\$5/person, rain cancels.

Friday, June 27, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Mecox Bay Dairy Farm tour and tasting

Mecox Road, Bridgehampton

Meet Cheese-maker Art Ludlow and his Jersey cows, learn of the challenges of his farming operation, and taste fresh milk and cheese made fresh daily.

\$5/person.

Saturday, June 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Plein Air Peconic Exhibition and Reception

South Street, Greenport

Exhibition in place from June 28 through July 21.

Saturday, June 28, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Bat Lecture and Mist-Netting with Professor Bill Schutt

Main Road, Cutchogue

Opportunity to meet and learn from local bat scientist and examine up-close specimens netted that evening. **\$5/person, rain cancels.**

Additional information on all *Connections* events can be found on our website,

www.PeconicLandTrust.org. The *Connections* calendar (print version) is

published four times during the year (March/April, May/June, July/August, and September/October/November). To subscribe to the print edition, or download a

PDF, visit 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 farmers and other landowners, donors, and municipalities to conserve almost 9,000 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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