

PECONIC LAND TRUST



MEDIA ALERT

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PECONIC LAND TRUST'S THROUGH FARMS & FIELDS COUNTRY SUPPER AT CHANNING RESIDENCE ON AUGUST 2, 2009

A COUNTRY SUPPER CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL BOUNTY

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

The Peconic Land Trust's 7th Annual "**Through Farms and Fields**" Benefit, a spectacular Country Supper at the residence of Molly and Walter Channing in Bridgehampton, overlooking the vines of Channing Daughters Winery, and within the wonderful sculpture garden of the Channings. This year's dinner celebrates the local bounty of the East End – from the wonderful salad greens and vegetables of our farms, to the fresh fish from our shores, 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 incredibly excited about this year's event. Having the location of the Channings sculpture gardens overlooking the vineyard and the support of our hosts Molly and Walter, who could not be more generous, will make Through Farms and Fields a truly

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magical evening in support of land conservation in our community,” said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust.

The supper will feature local foods, prepared by Southampton caterer **Thyme and Again**, and wines from Channing Daughters Winery. Joining our hosts for the evening – Molly and Walter Channing and John v.H. Halsey -- is our event chair, Harriet H. Dresher, a member of the Peconic Land Trust Board of Directors since 2007. Generous support for the event has come from our sponsors: **The Corcoran Group** (*for the fifth year in a row*), **Bridgehampton National Bank, Tiffany & Co., Tommy Hilfiger, Treewise, Artisan Mortgage Company, Bridgehampton Equity Group, Wines by Morrell, Bridgehampton Florist, Joe and Liza’s Ice Cream, Camp Quinipet, and Edible East End.**

And, we are also pleased to announce that **James Lipton**, host of *Inside the Actors Studio* on Bravo, will be returning as Auctioneer for our distinctive Experience Auction – featuring wonderful activities on Long Island as well as NYC. The Trust’s live and silent auction will include a wonderful array of unique and memorable experiences, including: a private tour followed by cocktails and dinner at **Bridge Gardens** in Bridgehampton; a hike and brunch at **Wilson’s Grove** in East Hampton; a weekend stay at **Winds Way** in Jamesport with dinner, birding expedition and kayak tour; a tour and cocktails at **Old Westbury Gardens**; private vineyard tours and wine tastings at north and south fork **vineyards**; and a private tour of **Shellfisher Preserve** with an oyster and beer tasting; among others.

Mr. Lipton will also be auctioning tickets to his highly acclaimed series, *Inside the Actors Studio* along with a dinner at **Almond NYC** – a crowd favorite – as well as tickets

to the New York **Friar's Club's Annual Sports Comedy Night** honoring NY Rangers' Adam Graves.

And **Tiffany & Co.** has donated for auction a spectacular diamond necklace – a vision to behold.

Founded 1983 by **John v.H. Halsey** and a small group of local residents, the Trust works to ensure the protection of Long Island's working farms, natural lands, and heritage. Since its inception, the Trust has worked diligently with landowners, donors, local government, communities, and partner organizations to protect over 9,500 acres of land on Long Island.

The Channing property, protected with a conservation easement between 1993 and 1998, is an amazing location for Through Farms and Fields. The sculpture garden and vineyard vista will provide a dramatic setting for the summer evening sunset.

Through Farms & Field Country Supper Details

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm til . . .

Where: Channing Residence, Scuttlehole Road, Bridgehampton

Cost: \$3,000 for a Benefactor-level table of ten (10); \$600 for a Patron-level ticket for two (2); Individual tickets at \$250; children's tickets are \$50.

Hosts: Molly & Walter Channing, John v.H. Halsey

Chair: Harriet H. Dresher

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To Benefit: The Peconic Land Trust

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

Attachment: article on Molly and Walter Channing and the sculpture garden and vineyard by Fred Smith for *Through Farms and Fields*

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 9,500 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*

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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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