

PECONIC LAND TRUST



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PECONIC LAND TRUST TO HOST PLEIN AIR PECONIC ARTIST EXHIBITION AT FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

*A collaboration between Artists and the **Peconic Land Trust**, an opening reception on September 1 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm will feature a presentation by Trust Vice President Tim Caufield and artist Kathryn Szoka on the Trust/Artist Connection*

August 27, 2007. Southampton, NY. The Peconic Land Trust is proud to announce the opening of its latest traveling exhibition of Plein Air Peconic this Friday, September 1 at the Floyd Memorial Library located in the heart of Greenport Village. The opening reception, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm will include many of the artists participating in the exhibition, along with a presentation by Trust Vice President Tim Caufield and artist Kathryn Szoka on the Trust/Artist Connection. A wine and cheese reception will accompany the presentation.

“The artists participating in Plein Air Peconic events donate a portion of the sale from their work on display to the Peconic Land Trust, which is extremely generous. Of even more value to the Trust, is the attention this collaboration brings to our conservation

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work – the artists are in essence volunteer field ambassadors for land conservation. We look forward to continuing our association with these dedicated artists in order to help keep the East End the beautiful place it is today,” said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust.

Since 1983, the Peconic Land Trust has worked to conserve Long Island’s working farms, natural lands, and heritage. To date, the Peconic Land Trust’s work with landowners, communities and municipalities has resulted in the conservation of over 8,600 acres of land, including more than 5,000 acres of farmland, miles of hiking trails, and over 5,000 acres of preserves and natural land that provide protection and sustainability for watersheds, ocean fronts, wildlife habitats, and scenic vistas.

The Trust, a nonprofit organization, raises funds for operating and conservation projects primarily through donations from the public. The work presented by Plein Air Peconic was created in the late summer and fall of 2006 and 2007. The artists secured access through the Trust to many conserved landscapes, including: Reel Point, Quail Hill Farm, Quogue Preserve, Dam Pond, Berglund marshes, Scallop Pond, and Reeve Farm to mention just a few.

Artists participating in the Greenport exhibition are: Casey Anderson, Susan D’Alessio, Terry Elkins, Aubrey Grainger, Scott Hewett, Gail Kern, Michele Margit, Gordon Matheson, Joanne Rosko, Tom Steele, Kathryn Szoka, and Ellen Watson.

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, donors, municipalities, and other landowners to conserve over 8,600 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.