

# PECONIC LAND TRUST



## MEDIA ALERT

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### PECONIC LAND TRUST'S THROUGH FARMS & FIELDS COUNTRY SUPPER AT WHITECAP FARM ON AUGUST 3<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

#### CELEBRATING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRUST

*Spectacular Location, Fabulous Food, Children's Festivities, Fireworks and Surprise "Experiences" for Auction Make **Through Farms and Fields** a Unique East End Event*

The Peconic Land Trust's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "**Through Farms and Fields**" **Benefit** is adding a special twist this year in celebration of the organization's 25<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary**. This year's event will be a spectacular Country Supper at the famed **Whitecap Farm** on Mecox Road in Water Mill owned by **John L. and Evelyn Halsey**, and their daughters **Amy Halsey** and **Jennifer Halsey Dupree**. **Celebrating Past, Present and Future Generations** of land conservationists, this year's supper will be a **family event**, with a children's activity area and a special **fireworks** display capping the evening. **Kelly Klein** and **Stormy Byorum Good**, the hosts for the 2004 Through Farms and Fields, have joined us as Honorary Co-Chairs for this, our special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

"We are incredibly excited about this year's event. Having the location of Whitecap Farm and the participation of John, Evelyn, Amy and Jennifer really brings home the theme of "Generations," and the importance of conserving the heritage of the East End," said John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust.

The supper will feature local foods, prepared by local caterer **Brent Newsom**, and wines from the region; and our event chair for this special year is **Emma Clurman**. In addition, for the fourth year in a row, **The Corcoran Group Real Estate** is the main sponsor for the event – donating since 2004 over \$100,000 to the Trust in support of its conservation work.

“Corcoran is very proud of its association with the Peconic Land Trust and their Through Farms and Fields event,” said Corcoran CEO Pamela Liebman. “The work they do is essential to maintaining the unique character of the East End, and is dear to the hearts of everyone at our company.”

Founded 25 years ago 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, communities, and municipalities to protect almost 9,000 acres of land.

The Whitecap Farm is an amazing location for Through Farms and Fields. This orchard and horticulture farm on Mecox Bay will provide a glorious vista for the evening. A surprise celebrity auctioneer will be on hand to guide the “Experiences” Auction, a crowd favorite that features unique prizes from purveyors both on the East End and from New York City.

### **Through Farms & Field Country Supper Details**

**Date:** Sunday, August 3, 2008

**Time:** 5:30 pm to sundown

**Where:** Whitecap Farm, Mecox Road, Water Mill

**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.

**Honorary Chairs:** Kelly Klein and Stormy Byorum Good

**Hosts:** John L. and Evelyn Halsey, and daughters Amy Halsey and Jennifer Halsey Dupree

**Chair:** Emma Clurman

**Sponsored by:** The Corcoran Group Real Estate

**Gift bags donated by:** Magaschoni Apparel Group

**To Benefit:** The Peconic Land Trust

**To Purchase Tickets:** Contact the Peconic Land Trust at 631.283.3195 or email to [events@peconiclandtrust.org](mailto:events@peconiclandtrust.org). Additional information is also available on the Trust's website, [www.peconiclandtrust.org](http://www.peconiclandtrust.org).

**About Whitecap Farm:** Located on Mecox Road in Water Mill, Whitecap Farm is the family homestead of John L. and Evelyn Halsey, and their daughters Amy Halsey and Jennifer Halsey Dupree, a 12<sup>th</sup> generation farm family decedent from the founders of Southampton. The homestead is a 65-acre farm, with beautiful farmhouses, barns, greenhouses, and an orchard of 11,000 espaliered apple trees. The Halseys also run a farm with peach trees and the Milk Pail farm stand on Montauk Highway.

**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 nearly 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](http://www.peconiclandtrust.org) or call 631.283.3195.*

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