

# PECONIC LAND TRUST



Comments by John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust

Village of Sagaponack, Village Hall, Saturday, December 8, 2007

Celebration of John C. and Betty Jeanne White

It is my pleasure to share in this celebration of John and Betty White. The White family of Sagaponack represents the history of this community, its agricultural heritage, and its people. I have known the White family from the days of my youth. Since 1983, when I founded the Peconic Land Trust, I have done everything possible to help John, Betty, and their family hold onto their legacy. As property values soared, John and Betty were well aware of the challenges they would face in passing down their family farm to future generations. Thanks to their commitment, patience, and perseverance, they have successfully protected the bulk of their farm from future development. No doubt, challenges remain, but their determination in the face of many obstacles is an inspiration to all. The fruits of their labor benefit many, not only in the Village of Sagaponack, but beyond. It is my honor and privilege to celebrate the lifetime achievements of John and Betty White.