



Edisto Island OPEN LAND TRUST

SUMMER 2013

Preserving Edisto's Natural Character

BACK TO NATURE FALL EXCURSION SERIES

Saturday, September 21st & Saturday October 5th



This fall's Back to Nature Excursion Series kicks off with a Boat Tour on Store Creek led by local biologist and EIOLT Board member, Meg Hoyle. The excursion will include lunch and beverages at historic Sunnyside Plantation, along with a great chance to view many of our protected properties along Store Creek. Two trips are scheduled

for September 21st; the first trip is from 10 AM to 1 PM (lunch afterward), and one from Noon to 3 PM (lunch prior to the tour). You will embark from and return to historic Sunnyside Plantation on Peters Point Road. Each trip is limited 12 people and the cost is \$75 per person.

Also featured is a special Birding Trek on October 5th, conducted by EIOLT Board member and renowned ornithologist, Dr. Sid Gauthreaux. We will visit Bear Island Wildlife Management Area, owned by the SC Department of Natural Resources. It has the National Audubon Society designation as a "South Carolina Important Bird Area" and is managed to provide quality habitat for wintering waterfowl and other wetland wildlife, including threatened and endangered species such as woodstorks and bald eagles. This is an all-day trip with lunch and beverages provided. The cost is \$75 per person and is limited to 15 participants.



*Advance payment is required for both of these fantastic excursions.
Call 843-869-9004 or visit www.edisto.org for more information*

OYSTER ROAST & ANNUAL MEETING *MOVES TO EXCITING NEW LOCATION*

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Although it may be hard to top our past Oyster Roasts, we are confident you will be thrilled with our new location this year – historic Sunnyside Plantation! Built around 1870, this beautiful post-bellum home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is situated on picturesque Store Creek. Local band Edisto Gumbo will once again provide the music and Jamie Westendorff will serve up his famous steamed oysters, along with a buffet of fried chicken and all the fixins'. You and your friends can enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon, eat

delicious oysters, and hear the best band around. So find your oyster knife and mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3 at 2 PM. Advance tickets on sale now; check out our website, www.edisto.org, or call 843-869-9004.



EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST

Mission

*To preserve and protect lands,
scenic vistas, heritage and
conservation resources of Edisto
Island for future generations,
including education and outreach.*

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EDUCATION OUTREACH

Our Board of Directors has realized the need to expand EIOILT's mission to include education and outreach opportunities relative to our efforts to protect and preserve the lands, heritage, scenic vistas and conservation resources of Edisto Island. Educating our children and young adults is a crucial element in our effort to reach out to the community and begin building the foundation of future conservationists. In that regard, EIOILT established and initially funded a restricted account called "Education and Outreach". The first project undertaken by EIOILT was "The Conservation Exchange Program".

The Conservation Exchange Program is an ongoing effort dedicated to informing, educating and encouraging local high school students to enthusiastically pursue awareness and stewardship of the natural resources of Edisto Island and the ACE Basin. Through contrasting the conservation efforts and natural resources found in large cities and their urban surroundings with those found on Edisto and in the ACE basin, we believe our younger generation will come to recognize the depth, breadth and vulnerability of the conservation resources in our local environs. We initiated a joint project in 2012 with The Center for Conservation Leadership (CCL), which is an educational initiative of Lake Forest Open Lands Association based in Lake Forest, Illinois. During the summer of 2012 EIOILT hosted 10 students from CCL for three days of service projects and field work on Edisto Island.

Continuing our Exchange Program this summer, EIOILT sent 11 local students to Chicago to experience the habitat of a big city/urban environment. They were exposed to a myriad of new ecologies, including one of the few remaining tall grasslands prairies, a black soil savanna, the Great Lakes and the Chicago River. Work projects encompassed invasive species control, constructing great horned owl nests, and trail building. In addition to teaching the students about conservation efforts and success in the Chicago area, it gave them a new and renewed appreciation of our own island environment and a desire to participate in protecting Edisto Island.

If you would like to become a partner in helping us in this very important initiative for our young people, please designate a special donation to the Education and Outreach Fund.

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COCKTAIL PARTY & AUCTION



EIOLT hosted our Annual Cocktail Party & Auction on Friday, June 21st at the Club Room at the Plantation Course on Edisto. The event saw record attendance

this year and included several exciting additions. From DJ John Quincy and a beautiful outdoor tent donated by Atlantic Tent to emcee Tom Crawford from Channel 4 as the auctioneer, the event was lively, entertaining and a great success. The silent auction was filled with wonderful local items and packages and the live auction featured a Napa Valley wine trip, amazing handcrafted artwork and a special presentation from two local students helping to raise money for the EIOLT Education Outreach Program.



Thanks to the outpouring of generous donations to the event and the energetic crowd who attended and bid on all the items, the event exceeded our expectations.

6TH ANNUAL TOMATO OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



It was a perfect day for the Tomato Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 22nd at the Plantation Course. We were fortunate to dodge all the rain we had been having this spring and the players enjoyed temperatures in the mid 80s. Over 80 players teed off and played for a chance to win all sorts of prizes, including a chance at a new Honda and Subaru. After the tournament, the players enjoyed lunch provided by PoPigs Bo-B-Q



while winners were announced and loads of raffle items were given away!

These two events together comprise the largest fundraising weekend of the year for EIOLT, income that is needed to cover a large portion of our operational costs in order to continue our land

conservation and stewardship efforts. Once again, the community businesses and residents came out in support of the Land Trust and the results were inspiring. We know this community has a tremendous passion for giving back, and when you pair that with everyone's genuine appreciation for the work the EIOLT does, it results in a truly successful fundraising event.

The Title Sponsor for this year's events was Edisto Real Estate Company. Lead Sponsors were the Huffines Company and Stokes Honda North. Additional sponsors included Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company, Edisto Sales and Rentals Realty, Crews Subaru of Charleston, Carolina One Sea Island Group – Jim Kempson, Sea Spirits Liquor & Ice, Atlantic Tent, Group Dynamics, Southern Affairs Catering and the Plantation Course at Edisto.



Please visit our website at www.edisto.org, for more information about our upcoming events, to make online donations and to find out about our land protection progress and achievements.

"Name Our Newsletter" CONTEST



We have a brand new look and we love it, but we are stumped when it comes to naming our newsletter. Help us out by coming up with a name and if your choice is selected, you will win two tickets to our upcoming Oyster Roast on November 3!

E-mail your name selection to info@edisto.org
Winner notified by October 11, 2013

EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR 2013 – STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES VIA EMAIL OR ON OUR WEBSITE.

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