

Dear Friends,

1997 has come and gone! What happens to time?? Our Land Trust had another good year.

In the late winter and early spring, we planted wildflower patches along Highway 174 and placed EIOLT signs on these various flower plots. Nothing bloomed last summer but we anticipate lots of color this summer.

During the fall of 1997 we hosted 2 events on Bailey Island: In September, 40 plus participants from around the U.S. who were attending the Land Trust Alliance Meeting in Savannah and in November, the Edisto Island Open Land Trust annual meeting.

Our goal is to surpass the accomplishments of the past. We thank all who responded to the call for additional money. We look forward to receiving from any who were not able to do so during 1997.

Please remember our mission is to protect the scenic views and vistas of Edisto Island, and to that end we are grateful to those of you who have been able to support us financially. We look forward to even greater support and participation in 1998.

Sincerely,

I. Jenkins Mikell, Jr.  
President  
Board of Directors

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR LAND TRUST:

What are the different ways lands can be included in a Land Trust?

We use a variety of flexible and creative conservation methods that achieve conservation goals while meeting the specific needs of the community and landowners;

- Donation - The landowner gives property to the land trust by gift or will;
- Purchase - The land trust buys the property from the landowner;
- Life Estates - The landowner sells or donates the land, but retains the right to live on it throughout his/her lifetime;
- Limited Development - The land trust arranges a strategy whereby the least significant portion of the property is carefully developed in order to finance conservation of the rest;
- Conservation Easement - The landowner enters into a perpetual legal agreement with the land trust that permanently restricts harmful uses and development of the property. The land remains in private ownership and use.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust is committed "to preserving the scenic views and vistas of Edisto" for future generations.



## LAND OWNER SEMINAR

EIOLT and the Low Country Open Land Trust (Charleston) held a joint seminar for Edisto landowners on Sunday, October 12, 1997. Sharon Richardson, Lewis Hay, Heyward Carter and board and staff members of the LCOLT shared their experiences and knowledge with the more than 40 Edisto families represented.

The presenters explained to the group several items that concern us all: What is a conservation ease-

ment? How does it effect the decisions I might make? What are the tax benefits of an easement. After the presentations, a questions and answer time was allowed for additional information.

Our thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Tommy Leland of Gun Bluff Plantation for allowing us the use of their home and grounds for the seminar.

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WINTER 1998



## EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST NEWS

### EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting took place on Saturday, November 8, 1997 at Bailey Island and was attended by 130 people. The weather cooperated beautifully.

Our special guest was Rudy Mancke, of SCETV Nature Scene fame. The Department of Natural Resources' research vessel the "Anita" was available for short boat rides. A brief business meeting was held, a delightful luncheon was served and then all participated in the tours.

While taking the group on a walking tour of the Island, Mr Mancke spoke to the assembly about the beautiful surroundings and various plants, trees, etc. The "Anita" pulled her nets along the bottom of Bailey Creek to display the wonderful treasures held captive by the water.

### UNGERS DONATE PROPERTY

Forty-four acres of highland and marshland to the left of Big Island Road have been donated to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, Inc. by Mr. and Mrs. H. Wayne Unger, Jr. The area donated is a natural habitat for species indigenous to the area. The area is a refuge for numerous marsh birds and wildlife.

In addition to providing a wildlife refuge, the view from Big Island Road, Marsh Aire subdivision and Shell House Road will be preserved.

Our thanks go to all the sponsors who helped to make this a successful event: NationsBank, Cox Lumber, Dockside Restaurant, Pavilion Restaurant, Edisto Seafood, Edisto Beach Racquet Club, Heron House Restaurant, Gracie Mansion Restaurant, Sunset Grill Restaurant and Buck's Pizza.

### LAND INVENTORY CONTINUES TO GROW

The donation to the EIOLT by the Ungers brings a total of 346 acres that have been transferred to your land trust for the preservation of Edisto:

Unger  
Big Island Causway  
44 Acres

Adjacent to the  
Edisto Island Museum  
4 Acres

Pendarvis  
Corner of Oyster Factory and  
Crisp Road  
5 Acres

Pond and marsh area  
in the Neck  
281 Acres

Old King's Highway  
along Hwy 174  
12 Acres



## LAND TRUST ALLIANCE RALLY '97 - SAVANNAH

The Land Trust Alliance was established in 1982 to increase the effectiveness of the many diverse, independent and geographically widespread land trusts throughout the United States. The Alliance provides a broad range of services from training to acting as the voice of member land trusts in Washington DC. The Alliance will host a yearly meeting bringing together these various groups for meetings, open discussion groups, and educational trips.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust and the Bailey Island Club were featured hosts of a trip in September, 1997 to Bailey Island. Forty land trust members from California, New York, Colorado, Texas, New Jersey, Arizona and many other states joined us for a water and walking tour of the island. The day began overcast and brisk,

but by the time our guests arrived, they were treated to a wonderful "Edisto" day. Dr. Richard Porcher, Professor of Biology at The Citadel and author of books on the flora and fauna indigenous to the low country, was our special host for the walking tour. The Department of Natural Resources kindly lent the research vessel the "Anita" for the water tour. An old-fashioned "low country boil" was served to one and all. During the next two days, four members of the EIOLT Board and staff attended the Rally '97 in Savannah

where we attended seminars on topics such as Wetland Management for Land Trusts, Preserving Family Lands with Land Trusts, News from Congress, the States, and the Courts on Property Rights, and other topics that enable us to act in the best possible interest of EIOLT.



Rally Tour, Dr. Richard Porcher in hat.

## 1997 FUND RAISING DRIVE

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of you who responded to the December, 1997 fund raiser drive. The purpose of the fund raiser was to help reduce the mortgage on the Old King's Highway property. To date we have received \$4,290 in donations plus the \$1,440 from the annual meeting silent auction, for a total of \$5,730.00. It is never too late to make a tax-deductible donation; we still need your support to help reduce this debt.

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