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March 5, Sunday

LT Spring Oyster Roast & Annual Meeting

An Edisto tradition, come enjoy one of the lowcountry's finest delicacies with your friends and find out what your Land Trust is doing to preserve the "Edislow" quality of life

April 1, Saturday

EdistoPride Great American CleanUp

From 9 a.m. to 12 Noon volunteers will pick up roadside litter on Edisto

July 1, Saturday

LT Shrimp Bazaar & Festival

Take home shrimp for your table or freezer in preparation for your Fourth of July celebration, while supporting Edisto land conservation!

LT Fall "Surprise" Fundraiser

Date TBA

Community Workshops on Land Conservation and Protecting our Eco-system

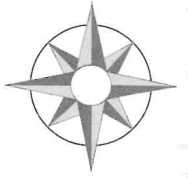
Dates TBA

LT Board Meetings – Members are welcome (dates are subject to change)





Tidal Tales



EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SCENIC VIEWS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF EDISTO ISLAND

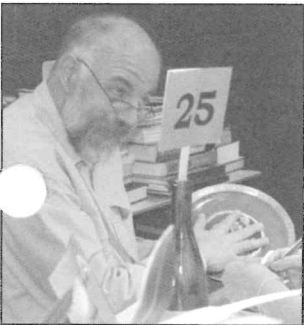
FALL 2005

“EDISTO ROAD SHOW” A SUCCESS

More than 500 people turned out for the Land Trust’s first “Edisto Road Show” weekend, and it was fabulous fun and deliciously decadent. On Friday night, the Edisto Road Show Soiree was held at Cedar Hall plantation overlooking the expansive marsh of Russell Creek. Rain was in the air, but not a drop fell on the party, and the excitement was palpable under the big tent as the live auction swung into high gear. Artwork, trips, antiques and oriental rugs were sold by auctioneer, Pat Hamilton, elegant cuisine was served by Southern Affairs Catering, and live music by the John Tecklenburg trio was enjoyed. Guests departed with treasures and memories of a spectacular evening.



On Saturday, festival attendees came to Jane Edwards School and brought their heirlooms and curiosities for assessment by eight of the State’s best appraisers, who donated their time and expertise: Dr. John Bryan, Dr. Jack Meyer, Ron Bridwell, Pat Hamilton, Dr. Roger Stroup, Frank Sarnowski, Jr., Holly McGee Roberts, and Carroll McGee. All day there was a steady stream of valuable and unusual objects, including jewelry made of human hair, a signed Audubon print of a Brown Pelican, a late 18th century miniature portrait on ivory of a member of the Middleton family, an English Pre-Raphaelite table, rare porcelain, and much more. Lunch was served to the crowd, and many shopped at the vendors’ booths for wearable art, sea grass baskets, paintings and oriental rugs. Dozens of door prizes were given away to lucky winners.



In addition to the generosity of the appraisers, many others contributed to the Road Show’s success – Executive Director Brailsford said, “This success was measured in several ways. One of the most important was the galvanizing of an army of community volunteers, without whose hard work and expertise, this event could not have happened.” They have nicknamed the Land Trust volunteers, “Roadies,” and there will be a special celebration for the Edisto Road Show Roadies, the appraisers, the donors, and the sponsors on Nov. 21 at the Edisto Yacht Club.

Thanks to our sponsors and all who contributed to the success of this first-class event, much of the cost was underwritten. All proceeds from the Edisto Road Show were allocated to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust’s *Property & Easement Acquisition Fund*, to help finance the preservation of scenic views and open spaces on Edisto Island.



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(Live Auction items, Door Prizes and In-Kind Services)

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LOAN PAID OFF THANKS TO THE ROAD SHOW SUCCESS!

Just 18 months ago, the Land Trust purchased the 15-acre Sand Creek property and restored it back to nature — it is now known as the “Sand Creek Sanctuary.” A loan of \$90,000 was secured to purchase this scenic land right at the island’s gateway, and donations from Land Trust supporters have steadily chipped away at this debt. Using some of the proceeds from the Edisto Road Show event, the Land Trust

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Mission Statement:

*preserve and protect the scenic
vistas and natural resources of*

Edisto Island through:

*conservation easements, gifts
and purchases of strategic land;*

*(2) stewarding this land into
perpetuity; and*

*(3) elevating community
awareness of our fragile island
environment.*



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Cindy Baysden, Executive Director of Beaufort Open Land Trust, and I were recently interviewed by Walter Edgar on his radio show — topic “viewpoints on preserving land and scenic views in the SC Lowcountry.” It was a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about our proactive work to save a disappearing way of life; and the following highlights are from this interview.

Walter Edgar: How much land is permanently protected on Edisto Island?

Marian: Approximately 8,000 acres is protected, if you include the State Park land and Botany Bay Plantation, which has been willed to the SC DNR and hopefully will never be developed. This is in addition to acquisitions and easements held by EIOLT, TNC, Ducks Unlimited and Low Country Open Land Trust, which will be permanently preserved. The Edisto Island Open Land Trust focuses on Edisto Island exclusively because it is such a special place — in many ways it resembles the SC Coast 30 years ago, and we have a narrow window of opportunity to keep it that way.

Walter Edgar: There’s a lot of misunderstanding about what land trusts do — people think you are opposed to private property rights, and that donating conservation easements entails giving up all rights to their land.

Cindy: On the contrary, land trusts respect landowners’ private property rights and each tract preserved is done through voluntary cooperation between the landowner and the land trust. . .

Marian: Land protection is usually initiated by the property owner — to preserve land he loves for now and for future generations. A landowner does not give up title to his property with an easement — only the right to subdivide it. He

continues to own the property and use it in all the traditional ways, such as hunting or farming. When title passes to a descendant or to a buyer, the conservation easement goes with it.

Walter Edgar: With farmland and open space disappearing at a rapid rate throughout the country, how are you doing in your areas? Are you winning the battle?

Cindy: We are making progress, but we cannot slow down — the threat to our coast is dire. We must be vigilant — you can’t just throw up your hands when you see yet another commercial building going up in your area — get active in your local land trust!

Marian: People who love the land are becoming empowered. They now recognize that government is not going to save the land from sprawl — we have to do it ourselves by giving voice to our vision of what our future landscape should be, voting for political candidates who are sympathetic, and by each setting aside his own property for protection, if that property could be threatened. People now realize that if a majority doesn’t insist on planned growth, our communities may someday face a natural disaster like Katrina.

Brailsford Appointed to ACE Basin NERR Committee

The EIOLT has a policy of collaboration with like-minded stakeholders intent upon preserving the natural heritage of the ACE Basin and Edisto Island, which is encompassed within the Basin’s eastern edge. Recently Director Brailsford was invited to serve on the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve (ACE Basin NERR) Advisory Committee. The third largest reserve in the nation, the ACE Basin was designated as a National Estuarine Research Reserve by NOAA in 1992.

The mission of the ACE Basin NERR, managed by the SC Department of Natural Resources, is to protect the natural beauty, abundant wildlife and unique cultural heritage of the area. Their work involves education, management, research and stewardship of this pristine area. Brailsford said “It is an honor to be a part of the work of the ACE Basin NERR, which overlaps perfectly with the mission of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.”

The ACE Basin NERR Advisory Committee met at the Edisto Island Interpretive Center on October 6 and is working on an update to the original management plan approved in 1992. The plan articulates visions, goals, and priorities, and encourages public involvement in the management processes. The committee

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MEMORIAL LEGACY LIVE OAKS TO BE PLANTED

A Legacy Live Oak will be planted in early 2006 to honor the memory of Ernest David Gibbons, husband of Cornelia (Nela) Gibbons of Columbia and Edisto Island. The Edisto Island Open Land Trust expresses thanks to those who paid tribute to David with memorial donations to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.

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A Legacy Live Oak will be planted in early 2006 to honor the memory of Jeffrey Scott Fripp, husband of Ashley R. Fripp of Rock Hill, SC, son of Paul and Barbara Fripp of Edisto Island. The Edisto Island Open Land Trust wishes to thank those who paid tribute to Scott with memorial donations to the EIOLT.

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NEW EIOLT "Corporate Allies"

EIOLT is pleased to announce that three business members have become EIOLT Corporate Allies.

Coldwell Banker Sea Island Realty — Sea Island Realty, a loyal supporter of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, was one of our Supporting Sponsors for the Edisto Road Show event. In 1984 Century 21 Sea Island Realty was established on Edisto Island, and in 1994 they became affiliated with Coldwell Banker and have achieved the Coldwell Banker "Premier Office" award every year since. Their offices are located at 134 Jungle Road, Edisto Beach (telephone 843-869-3163). For more information visit their website at www.seaislandrealty.com or email Al McCormack, Broker in Charge, at Edistois@SEAISLANDREALTY.com. Thank you for your alliance with the EIOLT to protect Edisto's future!

Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company — A long-time supporter of the Land Trust, Piggly Wiggly was a Supporting Sponsor for the Edisto Road Show by provided funding for the event's food and

since 1947. For more information, contact Ms. Rita Postell, Manager of Community & Employee Relations, at 843-554-9880 or email ritapostell@thepig.net. You may also visit their website www.thepig.net.

The Land Trust values the partnership we have with Piggly Wiggly and hope to continue to work together to maintain the unique quality of life we all enjoy on Edisto.

Edisto Real Estate Company, LLC - a Supporting Sponsor for the Edisto Road Show event, is the newest real estate company on Edisto, and the business is owned by Jerome Kizer and Marie Bost. Marie, broker in charge, has been active in Edisto real estate for over 25 years. She has received the unique recognition of "Executive Level Realtor Distinction" by the Charleston Trident Multiple Listing Association for the last three years. Edisto Real Estate Company offers expert advice in all factors of Edisto Real Estate: professional listing services, rentals, and selling all types of properties, including oceanfront waterfront and resort. Visit their new office at 143 Jungle Road, Edisto Beach, SC 29926. Phone: 843-869-3163. Fax: 843-869-3164.

RECENT EIOLT COMMUNITY EVENTS

Live Oak Legacy Dedication

In spite of the summer heat, a goodly number of family members and supporters turned out for the second Legacy Live Oak Dedication, held Sunday afternoon, August 14 at the Land Trust's Sand Creek sanctuary. Many came to pay tribute to the people honored by the 60 Legacy Live Oaks planted along Highway 174 over the last year and a half.

The attendees gathered around the *Live Oak Legacy* monument, which prominently displays the names of the honorees, EIOLT Executive Director, Brailsford, thanked the families and individuals who have donated Legacy Live Oak trees in honor of loved ones and friends. She also expressed gratitude to First Federal of South Carolina for their contribution and the *Live Oak Legacy* sign.

Guest speaker, Meg Hoyle, wildlife biologist and head of her own consulting business, "3E Environmental," talked about the unique and fragile ACE Basin and Edisto eco-system. She later led a nature tour of Sand Creek Sanctuary and pointed out botanical species in the highland marsh areas.



July Shrimp Bazaar – A Sellout!

This year's Shrimp Bazaar was the festival that didn't happen – all because 1,000 pounds of Jumbo shrimp were pre-sold to EIOLT members days before the July 4th weekend event was scheduled. The Land Trust has sold high quality shrimp at discounted prices each July for the past two years, and it is one of the "perks" of EIOLT membership. The shrimp are donated by Paradise Shrimp Farms, no longer farming shrimp on Edisto, but still a committed supporter of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust.

Beach and River Sweep Held in September

The annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest volunteer litter cleanup event. Every year in September thousands of South Carolinians clear beaches, rivers, lakes, marshes, and swamps of aquatic debris. The cleanup, organized by the SC Sea Grant Consortium and the SC DNR, has taken place since 1988.

Ada Tipton, EIOLT Office Manager, was site captain for the Edisto Beach Sweep on September 17. More than 70 volunteers joined the effort from: EdistoPride, FRESpace, Edisto Island Community Association, the Edisto Beach State Park, the Town of Edisto Beach, the local Boy Scouts, and even some tourists.

A partner in EdistoPride, EIOLT thanks everyone in the Edisto community who helped sweep the beach and the creeks free of litter. Thanks go to the Piggly Wiggly for supplying lunch; to Lindsey Young of Edisto Watersports & Tackle, who donated



New EIOLT Officers Elected

The newly elected officers confirmed by the Edisto Island Open Land Trust board will take office effective January 1, 2006.

President – Robert E. (BoBo) Lee, Jr.

BoBo grew up in Sumter and graduated from Clemson University with a BS in Forestry. He has three children – Eddie, Jean and Pinckney. BoBo and his wife, Pam Holteen Lee, live on Edisto, and when not working they enjoy gardening, golfing, fishing, hunting and photography. BoBo is the former mayor of Springfield, SC, has worked as a commodity broker, and he has served as a member of the Orangeburg County School Board. BoBo and his wife, Pam, own and operate Po Pig's Bo-B-Q restaurant and Southern Affairs Catering. He has been an active board member of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust since 2001.

Vice President – Richard C. (Duke) Hagerty

Duke is a native of Charleston and a second generation plastic surgeon. His baccalaureate degree is from Johns Hopkins University, his medical degree from Duke University, and he completed his residency at Emory University. Duke is a prolific writer in his field and a frequent speaker. Duke and his wife, Barbara, an accomplished writer, have four children. He balances his busy medical practice with family activities including time spent at their Edisto house, involvement in community affairs, and creative painting. Duke has been an active proponent of green space preservation for many years and has placed a conservation easement on much of his Edisto property. He has been an active board member of the EIOLT since January, 2005.

Secretary - Alex S. (Lex) Crawford, Jr.

Lex is a lifelong resident of Charleston, and has worked in the oil business, farmed on Edisto Island and in St. Paul's Parish, and currently works as a Boat Captain for Charleston Harbor Pilots. He graduated from the Citadel in 1977 with a BS in Business Administration. Lex and his wife, Anne, have four children – Mary, Torrey, Spencer, and Anne Merrell, all of whom spend as much time as possible at their house on Edisto. When not working, Lex enjoys hunting and fishing. He has been an active board member of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust since 2003.

Treasurer – Fisher C. Walter, Jr.

Fisher was born and grew up in Orangeburg, but spent his summers on Edisto. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College. Fisher and his wife, Cindy, who is a successful interior designer, have one daughter, Eleanor (Ellie), and they enjoy lots of outdoor activities from their creek side home on Edisto. Fisher has been President of Walter Construction Company for 20 years and has served on many Edisto community boards. When not working, he enjoys boating with his family, offshore fishing and hunting, and he and Cindy enjoy traveling. Fisher has been an active board member of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust since 2003.



YOUR LAND TRUST WANTS YOU!!!

If you would like to join our troop of volunteers, please call the EIOLT office (843-869-9004). You can get involved with your Land Trust by helping any one of the working committees, and you can volunteer in a variety of ways:

- 🕒 *Membership Development & Public Relations* – Membership mailings, membership/donor development, grant writing, preparation of newsletters, press releases and other printed materials
- 🕒 *Special Events Sub-Committee* – Educational and Fundraising events planning and accomplishment
- 🕒 *Land Protection Committee* – Landowner networking, protected land monitoring and stewardship, easement baseline documentation development

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH EIOLT ON HIGHWAY 174 BEAUTIFICATION



The Town of Edisto Beach has again awarded Accommodations Tax funding to the EIOLT for their “Scenic Highway 174 Litter and Beautification” project. For the past eight years the Land Trust has utilized these A-Tax funds to hire a contractor to keep Highway 174 roadsides litter-free. Every week we see Bernie Flowers and his assistant picking up trash along our scenic gateway, and more than 12 tons of litter was removed over the

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