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Saturday, June 23, 6:30pm

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Tickets are limited! Reserve yours today at edisto.org or 843-869-9004.



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Spring 2018



A Recipe for Success

Amazing things happen when you have all the right ingredients! We are fortunate that Edisto attracts so many people concerned about protecting the quality of life and natural beauty of this special place.

Whether you volunteer your time or contribute your financial support to the land trust, you are responsible for the wonderful successes that we continue to achieve together.

You may be a volunteer who gets your hands dirty while cleaning up one of our protected properties, you may help us teach local school children about their natural environment, or you participate in our annual Auction or Oyster Roast.

We are truly grateful you care enough to lend a hand.

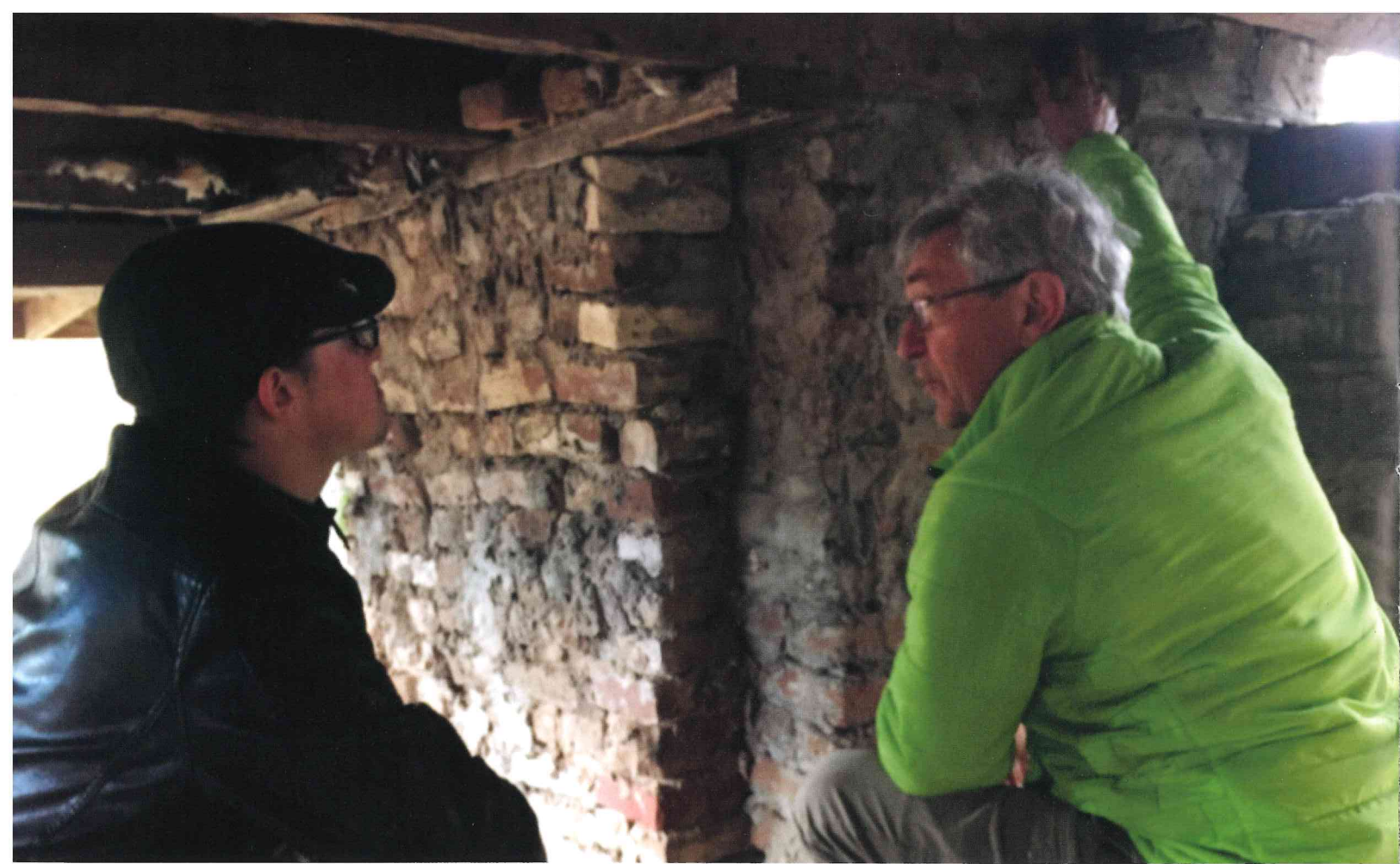
As a donor to the land trust, you are showing that you believe in the mission to preserve the rural quality

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Without your support, Edisto would likely look very different than it does today. You are one of the most important parts of this amazing place, and we are thankful for you. We dedicate this publication to acknowledging all those who generously supported EIOLT in 2017.

Together we are a great success. And, Edisto is Edisto because so many people are concerned enough to add just the right amount of ingredients to protect this treasure.

The Kendall family enjoys a Saltmarsh Society Cookout, despite brief thunder shower interludes.



Hutchinson House update

This house, its heritage and the land that surrounds it, have compelled so many to be a part of saving it.

Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of the Hutchinson House Heritage Project, we achieved the first fundraising goal to pay off the \$100,000 loan for the purchase of the house and grounds.

Research and planning continue in earnest as the effort to restore the historic house builds momentum.

"As a descendant of Henry Hutchinson, I cannot wait for the land trust to determine the best path forward for the restoration. It will be wonderful for people to be able to experience the house, as well as hear the stories that will be shared about this important time in our country's history." - Greg Estevez

We began a partnership with Charleston's American College of the Building Arts (ACBA) back in January.

The ACBA Spring Preservation class is completing an assessment that will include recommendations for the stabilization, repair, interpretation, and history of the property.

The ACBA student research will be incorporated into a professional structural and architectural assessment in order for recommendations for repair and restoration to be completed by fall of this year.

Exciting things lie ahead for the Hutchinson House, and none of it would be possible without you!

John Girault
Executive Director

Volunteer Bob Newton spends time under the Hutchinson House with Charleston's American College of the Building Arts students, pointing out examples of the pegged mortise and tenon joints and other fine craftsmanship used to build the structure over 130 years ago.

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Mixing it up for environmental education

Partnerships for learning

We are so fortunate on Edisto Island to have a wide variety of environmental learning landscapes. Our location in the ACE Basin provides our students with experiences in the creeks, rivers and beach environments as well as the estuaries, marshes and maritime forests.

With such a variety of outdoor learning opportunities, it would be impossible to employ all the expertise we need in one place.

Cultivating partnerships with members of the education staffs of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Coastal Education program and the Edisto Beach State Park have allowed us to supplement and enrich our educational offerings with the experts.

These scientists have a real passion for outdoor education and improving environmental literacy.

Bess Kellett, Botany Bay Plantation WMA Volunteer Coordinator, took the kids down into the salt flats to give them an up close look at the importance of our salt marshes.

A State Park turtle specialist, Leah Schwartzentruber, helped us kick off the year with sea turtles and the impact of plastics on this species. Mid-year found our group at Botany with Bess Kellett and a salt marsh transect study.

*"We are always excited to partner with the Edisto Land Trust especially when there is an opportunity to help local children explore and understand the importance of the creeks and rivers that surround them."
- Nick Wallover, SCDNR Wildlife Biologist*

DNR biologists Nick Wallover and Lauton Sutley ended the year with an ACE Basin boat trip and a trawl that brought our study of "Water, Water Everywhere" full circle. It all boils down to a recipe for success as we collaborate to teach students to become stewards of their community's natural spaces.



An exciting final outing for the year took the kids out to experience the ACE Basin with SCDNR Wildlife Biologist Nick Wallover. The burr-fish was one of many fascinating creatures discovered that day. During a visit to Edisto Beach, Leah Schwartzentruber, a State Park turtle specialist, explained how harmful it can be when plastics make their way into our oceans.



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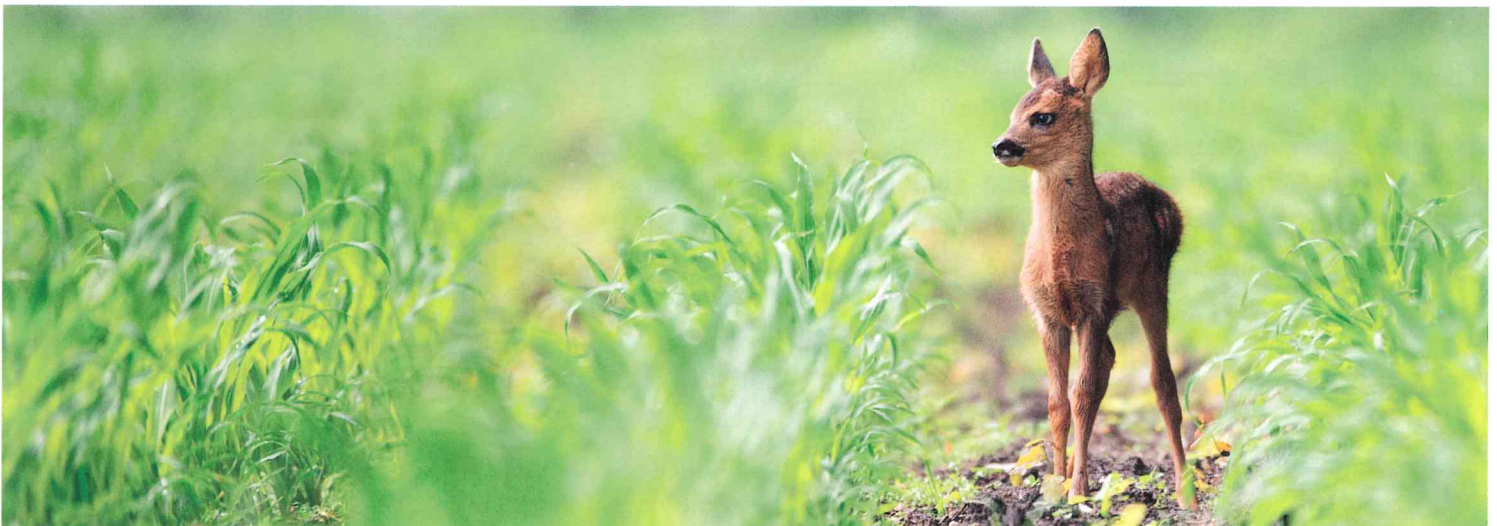
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