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# Ossabaw Island

## Successful Conservation through a Private Public Partnership

At approximately 26,000 acres, Ossabaw Island is Georgia's third largest barrier island. Nearly 9,000 acres are high ground; the remainder is tidal wetlands. The island is roughly 10 miles long and 7 miles wide at its widest point. Ossabaw is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the East; the Bear River / Florida Passage of the Intracoastal Waterway to the West; the Ogeechee River to the North; and, St. Catherine's Sound to the South. Most importantly, Ossabaw Island is uniquely protected by its status as Georgia's first heritage preserve and thus the island, its history, its wildlife, its forests and geology are preserved for the benefit of present and future generations to come.

Purchased in its entirety in 1924 by Henry and Nell Torrey of Detroit Michigan, and subsequently bequeathed to their daughter Eleanor "Sandy" Torrey West, along with her brother's four children in 1960, Ossabaw Island magically avoided the race to develop that many of the southeast coasts barrier islands succumbed to. Sandy West's love of the island began at age 11 when she first stepped foot on Ossabaw and fell in love with all the wonders the island held. Her passion only grew as she spent subsequent winters exploring the islands salt marshes, hammocks and tidal creeks both as a child and then later with her own children in tow.

However, in the early 1970's the rising property taxes for Ossabaw Island forced Sandy, her children and her nieces and nephews to face the necessity of giving

up ownership of the island. Rather than sell Ossabaw for private development, the Torreys and Wests sought to assure that the island would remain in the unspoiled condition they valued and had worked to preserve for nearly fifty years.

After eight years of negotiations with various state and federal organizations, the Torrey/West family, in an arrangement facilitated by then-Governor of Georgia Jimmy Carter, sold Ossabaw Island to the state in 1978, at 50% of its estimated market value. The sale stipulated that Ossabaw Island be declared Georgia's first heritage

preserve – set aside in perpetuity for scientific, educational and cultural uses only.

As the first state owned property to receive the designation, the Ossabaw Island Heritage Preserve is unique in the way the land is reserved for particular activities and how access by the general public is controlled. Unlike many other state properties with heritage preserve

status, recreational activities that do not include research, study and education are prohibited on Ossabaw. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and The Ossabaw Island Foundation (TOIF) co-manage the island as determined in an Island Use Agreement. DNR oversees the environmentally sound conservation and management of the islands ecosystems and infrastructure, while TOIF is responsible for educational programming in all disciplines, and the review of cultural and educational study program



Sunset on Ossabaw Island

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## New and Current Members of the Aiken Land Conservancy

Listed below are members who have joined or renewed their memberships from September 1, 2010 through January 11, 2011.

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ALC extends a special "Thank You" to Allegra Marketing, Print & Mail for the award of a 2011 FootPRINT grant, which is helping defray the cost of this newsletter.

## A New Educational Kiosk for Hidden Bay:

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be larger, more secure, and provide more pertinent information about the bay and the nearby area. Information will include descriptions of Carolina bay ecology, research, Hidden Bay trails, and school projects.

The bay collects runoff from the surrounding area which causes a lot of trash to be washed into the bay. This trash has migrated all over the bay and its bank. I plan to go around the bank with my troop and gather up as much of the trash as possible. This will hopefully help prevent some

environmental issues.

As I mentioned earlier, part of an Eagle Scout project includes fund raising. I need to raise about \$1,400 for materials to complete the kiosk and more will be needed to get signage for it. Please send tax-deductible donations to the Aiken Land Conservancy. Know that the money will go to the Aiken Land Conservancy for the Hidden Bay Kiosk, not the Boy Scouts. Thank you for any donations you can give. 🌿



**“THE IMAGE OF A COMMUNITY IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO ITS ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. IF ALL PLACES LOOK ALIKE, THERE’S NO REASON TO GO ANYWHERE.”**

*Ed McMahon, Conservation Fund*

## ALC New Members...

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time job with the Savannah River Site and spend a bit more time doing obedience and agility with her four dogs. Laura’s work has proven invaluable to the ALC . . . from planning and developing our website, to implementing a donor management database and coordinating the publication of all of our newsletters, Laura’s influence and accomplishments will be with us for years to come. She will be deeply missed.

We also accepted the resignation of Deedee Vaughters from the Board. Deedee has been instrumental to the ALC’s success since she officially joined the organization in 2004. While on the Board, Deedee served many years as Secretary and most recently as Vice President. She worked tirelessly on numerous fundraisers and has supported the Aiken Land Conservancy with her vast knowledge and never ending energy on virtually every project undertaken. Lucky for us Deedee has promised to remain involved with the ALC though in a more informal role. Thank you Deedee for all that you have done! 🌿

## Executive Director’s Report

Katie Roth

2011 – A Busy Year Ahead

As we begin the New Year, I am excited about growing the ALC and taking on some new initiatives. You will be hearing from us more often as we plan new events, increase membership and preserve more precious land in the Aiken area. Here’s what you can expect in 2011:

### Events:

- Annual meeting: Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. We have a wonderful speaker lined up who will talk about nearby Ossabaw Island (see cover story in this issue).
- Fundraisers: We are bringing the popular Derby Dreamin’ back as our signature event – a little different this time. Mark your calendar for the first Saturday in May as we enjoy a high goal polo match followed by a Kentucky Derby party where we will watch the Run for the Roses on the big screen. And - Bloodies and Bagels will return on Thanksgiving morning at the Aiken County Historical Museum.
- Field trips: We will be planning field trips for ALC members to visit local properties with easements, as well as educational trips in South Carolina and Georgia.

### Education:

- Aiken County Historical Museum: We are currently coordinating an ALC display in the nature room of the museum. Stop by and learn more about conservation and the easements located in our area and the history of the ALC.
- Lecture series: We will bring back our popular lecture series this fall with educational speakers and workshops that will cover a variety of topics.

### Operations:

- New phone number: We have changed our phone number to 1-855-ALC-LAND (1-855-252-5263). You can call toll free to get more information on upcoming events, or leave us a message. We welcome your comments and suggestions!
- New database system: This year we will transfer our database of members into a web-based system which will allow us to keep information more current and easier to organize.
- Eblasts: You will be hearing more from us this year on upcoming events and conservation news. Please be sure to give us your email address so we can make sure you will receive our communications.

### Networking:

- Our staff will network with nearby land trusts in order to share best practices and brainstorm new ideas. We will also attend conferences and participate in free webinars given through the Land Trust Alliance to keep us connected with our conservation partners.

Last but not least, ALC members will now enjoy The Conservation Chronicle printed in color. This is made possible through those supporting organizations placing advertisements in our newsletter. We thank them!

Please share this newsletter with friends and neighbors who may be interested in becoming members of the ALC. We look forward to a successful year ahead! 🌿



## Aiken Land Conservancy

Preserving Aiken’s natural heritage

The mission of the Aiken Land Conservancy is to preserve natural and historic resources through land conservation.

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## Successful "Bloodies and Bagels" to Become an Annual Event

"A roaring success" is how Katie Roth, Executive Director of the Aiken Land Conservancy, described November's fundraiser, Bloodies and Bagels. "This is a new event for us and from day one things came together beautifully. From the generous donation of bagels, toppings and coffee by Einstein Brothers out of Augusta to the valued support by Missy from Palmetto Package, the day couldn't have turned out any better." Hundreds showed up at the Aiken County Museum for Bloodies and Bagels which served as a prelude to the annual Blessing of the Hounds held on Thanksgiving Morning in Hitchcock Woods. With clear skies and warm temperatures people took advantage of the opportunity to easily and inexpensively entertain houseguests while meeting with friends over a fresh bagel and bloody mary. "The turnout exceeded our expectations," stated Roth "and we will without question bring the event back again next year. Surprisingly I think this will become one of the Aiken Land Conservancy's signature parties."

Though the event was free and open to the public, the ALC netted \$1,400.00 that day strictly through donations offered by attendees. Even more exciting was the large turnout by non ALC members, all of whom were interested in learning more about the Aiken Land Conservancy. Through the persistent effort of Board Member Rosamond McDuffie, we obtained 75 new email addresses of people excited to receive news regarding future events therefore insuring our goal to build awareness of the Aiken Land Conservancy's work in the county was met.

Please mark your calendars now for 2011 . . . Bloodies and Bagels will be back Thanksgiving morning from 8:30 – 10:30 bigger and better than ever! 🍁



# 2011



## eMail Push

While conducting an audit of our donor database it quickly became apparent how paper intensive our organization is. Only a very small fraction of our active donors receive our monthly email alerts and with just three newsletters a year many of our members are missing out on important information regarding upcoming events. With 2011 set to be an exciting year for the Aiken Land Conservancy, it has become very self evident that an intensive email campaign is necessary in order to keep everyone informed.

So please take a moment now and email us at . . .

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. . . with your current email address so that you can start receiving our monthly email blasts immediately!  
(Please note that we will not share your email address with any other organizations!)



"CONSERVATION MEANS  
THE WISE USE OF THE  
EARTH AND ITS RESOURCES  
FOR THE LASTING GOOD  
OF MEN."

*Gifford Pinchot*

## Derby Dreamin'

302 Polo presents an afternoon of polo and a party to celebrate the Run for the Roses to benefit Aiken Equine Charities and the Aiken Land Conservancy

Choose your Kentucky Derby favorite and join us for fun, food, cocktails - and of course, watch the race on the big screen!

Saturday, May 7, 2011  
New Bridge Polo Club  
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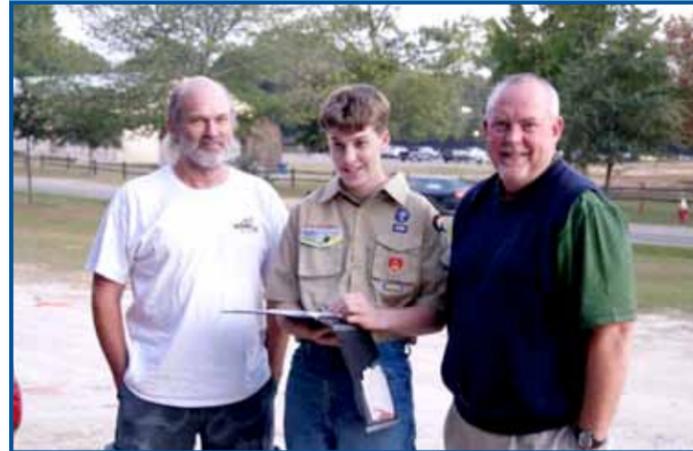
# A New Educational Kiosk for Hidden Bay:

An Eagle Scout Project

By Benjamin Rawls



Hidden Bay (the Carolina bay at Virginia Acres Park) provides valuable open space, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.



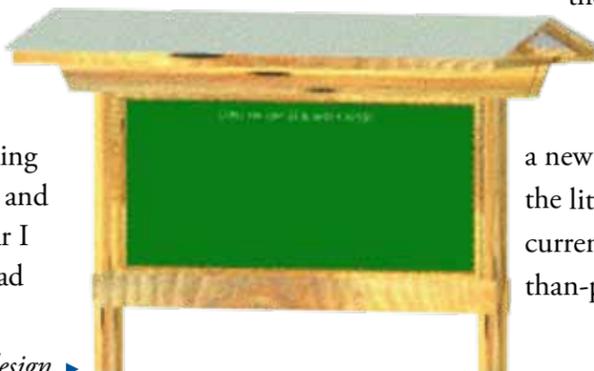
Benjamin Rawls (C) discusses kiosk plans with David Scott (L) and Glenn Parker (R).

[Note from the ALC Watershed Committee: Below is a description of an Eagle Scout project that Benjamin Rawls and his troop will be conducting at Hidden Bay. Benjamin's initial costs for building a new education kiosk at the bay will be approximately \$1400—once the kiosk is constructed, it will cost at least another \$3000 to install high quality, outdoor, weather resistant information panels. If you would like to make a donation to the ALC to help with Benjamin's project, please make checks payable to the Aiken Land Conservancy, write "Hidden Bay Education Project" on the For/Memo line, and send to the Aiken Land Conservancy, PO Box 3096, Aiken SC, 29802. If you donate online ([www.ConserveAiken.org](http://www.ConserveAiken.org)) please e-mail us at [mail@ConserveAiken.org](mailto:mail@ConserveAiken.org) to specify that your donation goes to the bay project. Thanks. —David Scott, Watershed Committee]

My first real experience with Hidden Bay (the Carolina bay adjacent to the Odell Weeks Activity Center) was when I went to the nearby climbing wall to work on the Boy Scout climbing merit badge. This was the first time I took a walk around the bay and saw that it served as a special wildlife habitat.

A Carolina bay is a large pool of water occurring along much of the Coastal Plain in the Carolinas and portions of Georgia and Virginia. Carolina bays are isolated wetlands that serve as important habitats for many plants and animals. What is truly unique about bays is that they form almost perfect ellipses. Another interesting tidbit is that no one really knows exactly how they are formed.

Several years later, I was looking for an Eagle Scout project to do, and I thought of the bay. In particular I thought of the old kiosk that I had seen by the entrance to the bay.



New education kiosk design. ▶

An Eagle Scout project is a service project done by a Boy Scout in order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank possible for a Boy Scout. The purpose of the project is to show the leadership skills of an Eagle candidate and is the last step in qualifying for the rank. There are several requirements for the project. It must provide a service for a community, a religious institution, or a nonprofit organization. A Scout has to design, obtain funds and materials, and lead other Scouts in carrying out the project. I am working with Glenn Parker from the City of Aiken, David Scott from Savannah River Ecology Lab and the Aiken Land Conservancy, and Boy Scout Troop 121 to complete the project.

My particular project is to build a new education kiosk, and to clean up the litter around the bay itself. The kiosk currently at the bay is ageing and in less-than-peak condition. The new kiosk will

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# Aiken Land Conservancy Announces it's 2011 Annual Meeting

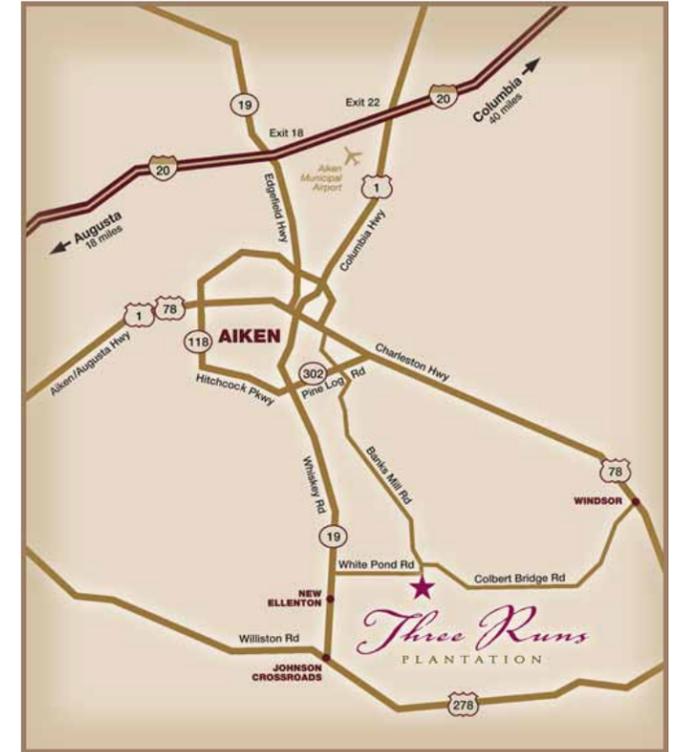
Please join us for an evening of wine and light hors' oeuvres as we celebrate where we have been this past year and where we intend to head in 2011.

We are excited to welcome special guest speaker Jim Bitler, On-Site Coordinator for the Ossabaw Island Foundation. Jim will discuss the reasons behind the West family's decision to donate Ossabaw Island to the State of Georgia and the decision to designate this unique property as Georgia's first Heritage Preserve.

**When:** Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Three Runs Plantation  
125 Plantation Drive

**RSVP not required but recommended**  
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# Successful Conservation through a Private Public Partnership

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applications. Both DNR and TOIF handle preservation of cultural resources and work jointly to review applications for scientific research projects.

Today, Sandy West continues to live on Ossabaw Island in the Main House, a 20,000 square foot



Live Oak Path at Ossabaw Island

Spanish revival built by her parents, with her dog Toby, entertaining visits from her four children and from friends, exploring her longtime home. Meanwhile Ossabaw Island continues to provide a safe place where loggerhead sea turtles and endangered wood storks nest; where students learn research techniques and the value of an unspoiled place; where historic cultures are studied; where photographers, writers, painters and musicians find inspiration and most importantly where the public can see the power of planned land conservation at work. 🌿



Palm Graveyard

# ALC Welcomes New Board Members and a New Administrator

The Aiken Land Conservancy is pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Trustees along with a new Administrator.



Linda Prior Hunley

Linda Prior Hunley joins the ALC Board of Trustees as a native South Carolina and Aikenite since 1955. She holds an MS degree from Pratt Institute in visual communication and has over three decades of professional experience designing educational exhibitions, corporate

identity systems, environmental signage, publications, promotional campaigns along with product research, design and development. Linda's educational exhibition design work includes projects for the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Hall of Science. She hopes that her experience as a visual communicator will help to bring a stronger "visual voice" to the ALC's mission and to build public awareness and participation in the conservation and enhancement of Aiken's remaining natural resources. Linda stated that "she is grateful for the opportunity to join the ALC's talented and energetic board in working toward making Aiken a model of environmental stewardship."



Margaret Shealy

Returning to the Board after a long hiatus is Margaret Shealy. Having previously served as Board Secretary and having helped write many of Aiken County Open Land Trust's earliest brochures and informational handouts, Margaret brings a continuity of purpose and historical perspective vital to

the ALC organization along with a stellar and widespread background in education and fundraising. Margaret, now retired, taught English grammar and composition, English literature and history for 34 years for grades 6

– 9. She also taught general science for 17 years as well as serving as school librarian. She also acted as Alumni Director and Fundraiser for the Aiken Day School which later became part of the Aiken Preparatory School. When not immersed in teaching, Margaret has served on the Boards of the American Cancer Society, the Aiken County Museum and is a founding member of the Aiken Debutante Society. She is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and will serve as Chairman of the history essay for this upcoming year. Margaret's family has farmed land in South Carolina since the 1700's and she states "that this tie to the land has given me a strong sense of place and shown me the value of land conservation for generations to come."



Meg Ferguson

Finally, Meg Ferguson, ALC's new Administrator, not only brings a wealth of Public Relations and Marketing experience to the Board but also an energy and unbridled enthusiasm that proves infectious. Meg actually started her career more than 25 years ago in

land conservation working for the Upper Raritan Watershed Association in Bedminster, New Jersey. Unfortunately she was forced to set aside her passion for land management to follow more lucrative pursuits though she has never waned in her commitment to and support of the preservation of open space. Meg came to Aiken six years ago after spending 14 years in Colorado handling publicity for such clients as Breyer Model Horses, The American Quarter Horse Association, Return to Freedom Wild Horse Sanctuary and Western Interiors and Design Magazine. Meg can be found most mornings in Hitchcock Woods walking her two dogs, Scraps and Crumpet, feeling ever so grateful to be living in such a lovely area.

On a sad note we must say goodbye to two very loyal and long-term supporters of Aiken Land Conservancy. Laura Janecek offered her resignation as Administrator in October of 2010 so that she could concentrate on her full

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## ALC Welcomes New Business Partner Woodside Farm



Sherry's oldest and best friend, Goose

The Aiken Land Conservancy would like to welcome our new business partner, Woodside Farm. This equine retirement and rehabilitation facility is located on John Scott Road in Aiken. Woodside Farm caters to former show horses that may be recovering from an injury, or may require a little more "TLC" in their older years. Owner Sherry Lukens moved to Aiken from Tryon, NC three years ago and her experience on the hunter/jumper show circuit and her work with top veterinarians gives her a stellar reputation in the equine industry. Sherry saw her niche to care for these equine partners, which come to her from all over the U.S., including Washington, Vegas and New York. She currently cares for 10 horses, which range in age from 20 to 34. They require a lot of special care, including 4-5 smaller meals a day and extra attention to their overall health and well-being. Sherry's compassion, attention to detail and experience make her a valuable asset to Aiken's equine community. For more information on Woodside Farm, contact Sherry at 803-644-7730.

The ALC is thankful for the support of our business partners like Woodside Farm, who share our vision to preserve Aiken County's special lands. If you would like more information on becoming a business partner, please visit our website at [www.conserveaiken.org](http://www.conserveaiken.org) or contact us at 1-855-ALC-LAND. 🌿

## ALC's Fall Lecture Series A Success

by Kent Cabbage

Aiken's historic Rose Hill Estate served as the perfect backdrop and host for ALC's fall lecture series in October and November of 2010. October's event featured a presentation by ALC's own Kent Cabbage. Kent's presentation was entitled "Learning to Love Nature by Being Bitten, Stung and Burned," which was a light-hearted look at his love for the natural world. Following Kent's talk, guests were treated to a presentation and tour of Rose Hill Estate and its storied history by the property's owner, Steve Mueller. Drinks and refreshments were provided, and turnout was excellent.

November's event also included a presentation on Rose Hill Estate by Steve, and featured speaker Christine Rolka, Education Director for the National Wild Turkey Federation. The NWTF is a national nonprofit conservation and hunting organization that, along with its volunteers, partners and sponsors, has worked for the conservation of the wild turkey. Christine gave an infectious talk about the wild turkey and the NWTF, complete with a turkey calling demonstration, just in time for Thanksgiving! Turnout was even larger than the October event, packing Rose Hill's art center. "We even had some attendees from out of state who were guests at Rose Hill Estate," said Katie Roth, ALC's Executive Director. "And we gained a few new members. We're already looking forward to continuing this series in 2011." 🌿

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