Calendar of Events

September – mid-December 2010

Fall Stewardship Workdays
  Sat, September 18, 10-1
  Sat, October 16, 9-12
  Sun, November 14, 1-4
  Sat, December 11, 10-1
  (details, page xxx)

Migratory Bird Day Festival
at Eno River State Park
  7am – Noon
  Sat, September 18

NC Big Sweep
  Durham – Saturday, October 2
  Hillsborough – Sat, October 23

Hillsborough Arts Council
Handmade Parade
  “Eno River Rhythms”
  Saturday, October 16

Annual Membership Meeting
  Sunday, October 24

Calendar Celebration
  Sunday, December 5

Visit www.enoriver.org
for details on these events and more!

Eno River Association Earns National Accreditation!

We are elated to announce that the Eno River Association has been awarded accredited status by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The Commission is an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, the national land trust membership organization. The Association is now entitled to display the accreditation seal as evidence that we have met national standards for excellence in upholding the public trust and ensuring that our conservation efforts are permanent.

Eno was one of 12 land trusts awarded accreditation in August. Ninety-three other land trusts have been accredited since the program began in the fall of 2008, bringing the current total to 105 from across the country. With our addition to the ranks, North Carolina now has 7 accredited land trusts.

Accredited land trusts must meet rigorous criteria for the governance and management of their organization and the policies and practices they use to protect conservation land. To date, less than 7% of the 1600+ land trusts registered in the United States have been accredited.

Our accreditation application took an incredible amount of work to put together and weighed more than 50 pounds—on double-sided paper—when we mailed it off. The application process began almost three years ago when the decision was made to move forward, and included a review of each of our policies, procedures and principles. This extensive self-examination reinforced our confidence in the Association, but also served as a reminder of our responsibilities to the community and to the land we have committed to protect in perpetuity, making us a stronger organization.

You—our members, supporters, and volunteers—are part of this accomplishment. It is our shared commitment to the protection of the river and all it represents that is the basis for this national recognition.
Performing field work in the North Carolina forest in June and July is no picnic: you are often battling 95 degree heat, swatting mosquitoes, high stepping poison ivy, getting smacked in the face by vegetation, and doing your best to pick off the ticks that you find. The repercussions of these trips can be equally taxing, sometimes lasting a couple of weeks, thanks to the ticks you did not find, the chiggers you could not see, the briars you could not get away from, and the poison ivy that was found while avoiding the other poison ivy. Given all of these challenges, it makes it that much more impressive what Andrew Lay and Rachel Hammert, two DukeEngage University interns, did over the course of their two months with the Association this summer.

From late May through late July, Rachel and Andrew spent over 80% of their time (of a 40 hour work week) searching for invasive plant species on Eno River Association land and conservation partner property (such as the Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area, West Point City Park, and Duke Forest). Their mission was to seek out and quantify any occurrences of the Eno’s “Least Wanted” plant species, including tree-of-heaven, Chinese privet, multiflora rose, Japanese stiltgrass, trifoliate orange, etc. Once an occurrence of these species was located, Rachel and Andrew would document its location with a GPS and quantify the size of occurrence by counting stems. At the end of the day they would bring back the data and it would be uploaded into the Association’s ArcGIS mapping program in order to get a visual idea of where the invasive species were on each property. This data is extremely valuable to the Association’s land stewardship program because it helps us target what species we should be concentrating removal efforts on for each property. This data will also serve as a baseline for future invasive survey efforts. Surveys will be repeated every two to three years in an attempt to evaluate how the species are responding to management. If a decrease in population is observed after comparing the new data against the baseline data for a species on a property, we will know that our management efforts have been effective. If not, then we will be able to reevaluate our management actions and alter them in an attempt to correct the problem. The hours of heat, bugs, and humidity put in by Rachel and Andrew this summer has put us in a much better position to successfully manage our properties. The next step is to build off this through our exceptional stewardship volunteers.

Future surveys ideally will be conducted by trained volunteers and we are always in need of additional help on our outdoor workdays. If you are interested in helping with the invasive mapping or participating on a workday, please email kurt@enoriver.org. While we cannot promise perfect conditions for the work that needs to be done, we can promise that you will have to do two straight months of it. A big hearted thank you to Rachel and Andrew for bravely sacrificing their comfort for the Eno’s greater good!

Traveling Ts
This past June long-time Eno volunteer Emily Wexler cruised from Vancouver, BC to Seward, Alaska with her mother who had wanted to take this trip for a while. With Park Service interpreters on board, they spent an entire cold, windy day viewing tidewater glaciers close. Emily’s mother took this photo on the bow deck, as they left Tarr Inlet, where they viewed the Margerie and Grand Pacific glaciers.

Has your favorite Eno Tee been anywhere lately? Email your “Traveling Tee” images to kathy@enoriver.org.
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Year 3: iWalk the Eno
By Kathy Lee

Guided discovery and inquiry-based teaching are tools that encourage engaged learners, but magic often happens when kids are given the opportunity to explore without any preset expectations. The iWalk the Eno camp was developed with all of these techniques in mind, and yet I still managed to over program and over schedule everyone for the first two years of the camp! This year I made the commitment to create a “free flowing” block each day to encouraged staff and students to experience the river through less structured explorations. These free-flowing periods provided a nice balance each day of both structured and unstructured explorations. Here are some of the highlights from the June 2010 camp:

• We built temporary dams and water diversions to explore how water behaves.
• The work of artist Andy Goldsworthy inspired the creation of temporary art installations using natural materials.
• During our free-flowing period each day we waded and splashed to keep cool in the unusually hot days of mid-June, all the while observing water snakes and fishing spiders.
• While canoeing at West Point on the Eno we experienced the feeling of being adventurers on a journey to unknown territory.

Another new addition this year was our Local Farmer’s Market Day. Each vendor at our market came from less than 15 miles, and most travelled less than 15 miles, introducing the kids to NC farms and the idea of eating in your local “foodshed”. Tasting was a big part of the market day and the students were asked to comment on their preferences in their Farmer’s Market Passport. One of the highlights for me was when one boy said “I haven’t had potatoes that tasted like this since my grandma made them”. Food sampled at the iWalk Farmer’s Market included local honey, eggs, potatoes, pecans, blueberries, and zucchini bread baked in a solar oven! On the last day of the camp Eno River State Park Superintendent Keith Nealson drummed the campers into the closing circle where many parents, grandparents, and siblings joined us for our closing celebration. There were songs and skits and laughter all around and Keith sang two of his original songs about the Eno. Last year he debuted “I Love the Eno” but my new personal favorite features group rhythms and drumming and extremely catchy lyrics that go like this: “OC-CONE-E-C-H-E-E Oconeechee Mountain” (repeat, repeat again and again!)

Stay tuned for updates about future iWalk the Eno camps, and visit www.walktheeno.org to see more photos.

There are so many folks to thank for the wonderful week we had together (with apologies to anyone that I inadvertently miss):
• Eno River State Park Rangers Christopher Greiner and Joe Martin and Superintendent Keith Nealson.
• Denise Dickinson for loaning several of her heritage-bred backyard chickens for our Local Farmer’s Market Day, and for donating free-range eggs to the market.
• Holly Reid for bringing Denise’s chickens and for hard-bailing several dozen eggs, and peeling them!
• And double thanks to Holly for cooking a special chocolate leaf in her solar oven. (The iWalk campers were surprised to learn that the yummy bread they were eating had zucchini in it!)
• Thaddeus Bennett and the DIG (Durham Inner-city Gardeners) Youth program from SEEDS.
• Durham Artist Donna DeVAnney for bringing her demonstration bee hive and local honey for tasting!
• Leslie Starke for bringing pecans from Silk Hope to the Farmer’s Market.
• Whole Foods Market Durham for catering our healthy lunch program.
• Sue Huber, our wonderful lunch volunteer who shared tips and information about healthy food choices, and for delivering our lunches each day.
• The staff at Frog Hollow Outdoors for leading our iWalk canoe trip at West Point on the Eno.
• Walk teacher Liz Stabenow who provided her Trillium family camper as our camp storage and headquarter for the week.
• The iWalk teaching staff and youth mentors.
• And the iWalk Education Committee members who have helped shape this program from the beginning.

The ERA owns & maintains nine private properties as riverbuffer and as refuge for native flora and fauna. When we first acquire a property, invasive plants (like privet or tree of heaven) have often choked out their native counterparts, and fences disrupt the natural flow of wildlife. That’s where our band of Stewardship volunteers (led by Director of Stewardship, Kurt Schlimme) takes over! These devotees coat themselves in bug spray, grab a shovel or chainsaw, and set to work – restoring balance to the landscape. Thus, I focus this Spotlight on Greg Beck, one of our dedicated “Stewardship heroes”.

1. Stewardship isn’t always glamorous work (poison ivy & barbed wire are often in the mix). What motivates you to get out there and do your part? The oranges and granola bars provided by Kurt, of course! It’s also a neat way to get off the beaten path and explore seldom seen areas on the Eno River. I’d almost pay for the chance to help out at the Confluence Area, one of the most beautiful parcels of land in the Piedmont. And you never know what exotic species of plant you’ll encounter at Fenny’s Bend—my favorite is the hoary puccoon (Lithospermum canescens).

2. Who influenced you to protect the environment & to volunteer your time for worthy causes? There was a strong biology department at my high school in Worthington, Ohio - which is on the banks of the Olentangy River. My teachers, Robert McBirney and Ben Bohl, encouraged me and a few other “lab rats” to start an Ecology Club, years before most folks knew the meaning of the word. We loved cataloging native species of plants and animals along the river, and since I’d spent most of my childhood summers searching for fishing holes, I knew likely places to find stuff. Later in life, when I moved to Durham, the Eno connected me with the pleasures of my youth. And I feel it is our civic and, yes, sacred duty to protect this wonderful gift and resource.

3. When you’re not hacking down invasive plants for the ERA, how do you pass the time? I’ve been an avid competitor, instructor and judge in the sport of canine agility for 18 years. Recently I helped out at a trial near Seattle and, afterwards, spent a couple of days hiking Mt Rainier! Stewardship workshops take place about twice a month (Saturday or Sunday). Email kurt@enoriver.org to volunteer!

It’s as easy as 1-2-3.

Current members will automatically receive an invite to the Members Only Sale in mid-December. Details including styles, colors and designs on sale will be included in the invitation.
• Place your order via email.
• Visit our office to pick up and pay for your order. We’ll even serve you some hot cider and cookies while you do your holiday shopping.
• That’s it! We encourage pre-ordering for the best selection, but you can always shop in person as well.

Items on sale will include a selection of our original Eno t-shirts, art prints, and posters. Custom gift packages could include other Eno wares such as a 2011 calendar, map bandanas, mugs, and an Eno membership. We are also introducing a new holiday special gift this year. You can sponsor a native plant species that we will plant on protected land along the Eno. Selections will include native perennials, shrubs and trees.

It’s a win-win-win deal. You save money on your holiday shopping during the members only sale; folks on your gift giving list will love knowing that your gift helps protect land and water quality; and the Eno River wins because your financial support helps us do exactly that! If you would like to receive a sale notice in the mail instead of, or in addition to the email, please contact our office at 919-620-9099. If you are not currently a member you can join the Association using the form in this newsletter, or online at www.enoriver.org, or in person during the member sale.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Christy Smith, Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS
7th Annual Members Only Sale
Stewardship on our Eno River Association protected land is a responsibility that we don’t take lightly, but beyond that, we aspire to reduce our environmental impact at all of our events, and especially at the annual Festival for the Eno.

We are thrilled to announce the 2010 Festival for the Eno reached a new record, with 97.5% of our event waste being diverted from the landfills. Yes, that’s right. We recycled and composted more waste this year than ever before!

Our staff and Trash-Free committee volunteers work diligently to ensure that we do not send a mountain of trash to the landfill. This is no small feat, with thousands of people attending, volunteering, and working at the Festival each of the three days. Much of the success comes from our requirement that food vendors at the Festival use compostable cutlery, plates and cups, and from our Trash-Free volunteers who educate Festival attendees, as well as weighing every bag that is collected from the Trash-Free stations multiple times a day. Fryer grease is picked up to be used in vehicles that have been converted to run on grease; cans, bottles, cardboard and some plastics are recycled; and food service items (plates, cups, napkins) plus food waste is composted.

Each year the Festival continues to actively demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship, and the results prove it. A huge thank you to Orange County Solid Waste, Durham County Solid Waste, Brooks Contracting, Whole Foods Market, Trash-Free volunteers and committee members, and especially the fabulous crowds at the 2010 Festival who actively supported our Trash-Free efforts.

Congratulations to us all!

We now receive calls year-round from other event organizers to find out how they might reduce waste at their community or staff event. Greg Bell, our Festival Coordinator and Judy Stafford, the head of our Trash-Free committee, have been able to share our experience with other event organizers, helping them to create their own trash free program.

You can become an ambassador for trash free events everywhere that you go. The next time you attend a large event close to home or further afield let them know that they can do it too!

For more information about the Festival for the Eno Trash-Free program visit our website and click on the Festival, then Trash-Free links.

### 2010 Trash-Free Results

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### Attendants could experience hand tool woodworking at the demonstration presented by the Country Workshops School.

### The Nickel Shakespeare Girls brought their unique street theatre to locations throughout the Festival.

### Emily Frantz and Andrew Martin of Mandolin Orange share a moment before their Grove Stage performance.

### This juvenile alligator was among the menagerie of critters Festival goers could meet at locations throughout the site.
Joanne Abel
Angie Abrams
Shaun Abrams
Clarissa Acosta
Sue Alexander
Giovanna Allegretti
Rachel Alley
Donna Alpert
Julie Glaub Weems.

Mark Weems and Joe Newberry are among the crowd for Charlie Louvin's performance.

First year craft participant Matt Tomko takes advantage of a quiet moment.

Festival Coordinator Greg Bell is introduced to this year's youngest performer Declan Weems by his mom, Julie Glashue Weems.
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**Together we did it.**
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Look for the Eno River Association (Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley) and Earth Share North Carolina (ESNC) in your workplace giving campaign. ESNC is a giving option in all North Carolina state and federal employees' campaigns as well as many local government and private companies.

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**Campaign Sites**
http://campaignsites.shtml
http://www.earthsharenc.org/

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**Local Government (Eno #5030)**
State Employees Combined Campaign (Eno #1129)
Triangle United Way

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**Local Government (Eno #59037)**

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**Check out ESNC’s website for a complete list of employers who have opened their annual workplace campaigns to Earth Share of North Carolina — www.earthsharenc.org/ campaigns_sites.shtml

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Eno River Association Membership

Join us! We are always in need of members who want to help protect the nature, culture, and history of the Eno River. If you are not a member, why not join today? If you have already paid your dues, share your love of the Eno with a friend or family member and encourage them to join the Eno River Association. Memberships also make great gifts!

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