Festival Family Reunion

From Staff Reports

WENTY-FIVE YEARS ago this summer, the first buses rolled out of the parking lots at Durham County Stadium bound for the Eno River Association’s inaugural Festival for the Eno. Since that Fourth of July in 1980, more than 600,000 attendees have made that journey to Durham’s West Point on the Eno City Park. The Festival has become a summer ritual for area families, many of whom are now into their second (or even third) generation of Festival involvement. Children who attended past Festivals now watch as their own kids turn clay, dance, and wade in the Eno. Adults who volunteered at that first Festival are now joined by their grandkids, who are now volunteers themselves. This July, the Triangle will celebrate the silver anniversary of the Festival for the Eno. The Eno River Association wishes to celebrate those whose vision, faith, and effort created what has become the region’s greatest family reunion.

Throughout the years, Festival organizers have continually adjusted the Festival’s offerings and attractions, adding to the entertainment and educational offerings. What began as a one-day event with 17 musical performances has grown to fill three days and five stages with more than 100 musicians, dancers, storytellers, clowns, and jugglers. It still remains true to its beginnings and continues to educate and entertain with folk music, arts, dance, environmental exhibits, demonstrations, and activities with a focus on the cultural and natural history of the Eno River. There will be a kids music camp this year, in which children aged 5 to 17 will learn how to play bluegrass music. For the first time, there will be prizes awarded in three categories to some of our hundred artisans — look for the ribbons and announcements of the winners.

The award-winning “Trash-Free” program is undergoing changes as well. This year the Festival will be pioneering the use of biodegradable forks and knives as well as partnering with Orange County to improve the efficiency
Letter to the Members

Lori Olson, Executive Director

Friends,

The past three and a half years at the Eno River Association have been some of the most fulfilling and engaging of my life. It has been a privilege to work on behalf of this beautiful and unique river that we affectionately call “Eno.”

The first time I discovered the Eno River, I realized instantly what a treasure it was. And thanks to the dedication of the members of the Association, what a treasure it will continue to be for generations to come. The great diversity of wildflowers, trees, and animal life, as well as the history of this place, are all part of what makes the Eno unique, what makes it a special place for all of us.

I have had the opportunity to work with some extraordinary people who give generously of their talents, time, and hard-earned dollars to protect this magnificent river. The supporters of the Eno River Association are genuine people who care deeply about making this world a better place — one river at a time. And it has been my genuine pleasure to work and collaborate with all of you.

In the few years that I have shared with the Association, we have seen many great successes. From protecting the long-sought-after Eno Wilderness property to achieving a true community compromise that resulted in the final demise of Eno Drive. I have relished the opportunity to share in these moments of Eno history and to experience them with all of you.

As my husband and I prepare for our move to Georgia, we will always remember the wonderful time that we have had and the many wonderful people that we have met here in North Carolina. It has been an honor to lead this organization as Executive Director, and I will cherish the experience always.

May nature continue to enchant and nurture us, providing a source of joy and tranquility in our lives.

All the very best,

Lori Olson
We have been hard at work designing and building the Association’s first nature trail near Penny’s Bend Nature Preserve in Durham. We purchased three tracts on Stanley Road in Durham last summer with a matching grant from the Durham County Open Space and Trails Commission, under the agreement that we would build a nature trail on the tracts. Wade Shelton, the Association’s Land Protection Specialist, and Mike Giles, Durham County’s Open Space Land Manager, have been hard at work planning the location of the trail, while Board Members Milo Pyne and Rob Evans have provided invaluable assistance identifying native plants along the way.

The trail will traverse all three tracts and end at the Eno River. The trails will be built by volunteers on Saturday, May 15 and Saturday, May 29. Once it’s constructed, we will work on some interpretive signs to include along the trail as well. We are extremely excited about the trail; it provides great views of native vegetation throughout the three tracts, and the view of the frontage along the Eno River is spectacular.

We have also been extremely busy trying to protect additional land around Penny’s Bend. Both Penny’s Bend and the surrounding area were once home to prairie communities unique to the Central Piedmont (Piedmont Prairie communities). These communities are home to a number of rare plants, including the smooth purple coneflower (Echinacea laevigata), which is a federally endangered species. Piedmont Prairie communities evolved with fire occurring on a regular basis, and unfortunately fire suppression and urbanization throughout the region have harmed them significantly.

In order to protect and restore Piedmont Prairie communities, the Association has partnered with the N.C. Botanical Garden, the N.C. Plant Conservation Program, and Durham County to acquire additional tracts and restore their prairie communities through fire management. We have identified eight priority tracts for protection, and the N.C. Plant Conservation Program has already received a $500,000 from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund toward the project. The Association has also applied for additional funding through the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP), which would be invaluable to helping us protect all eight tracts. The project is going extremely well so far, and if it’s successful, the Association will be able to help protect over two miles of contiguous river frontage along the Eno!

The Association is also doing additional work in the Penny’s Bend area through a Piedmont Prairie Preservation initiative, spearheaded by Environmental Defense. Environmental Defense awarded the Association a $5,000 grant to contact landowners within the area and educate them regarding federal programs that can be used to help them manage their land, and to restore Piedmont Prairie communities and protect At-Risk Aquatic Species. The Association is currently working with the Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District to identify and contact landowners who might be interested in enrolling in some of these programs. Of course, all of these programs are voluntary on the part of the landowner; we’re simply working to help make them aware of the opportunities available to them.

As always, if you or someone you know is interested in protecting your land in Durham or Orange County, please contact Wade Shelton, Land Protection Specialist, at (919) 620-9099.
About the Logo

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of the program beyond even the 90% waste reduction rate achieved currently.

A three-day pass will be available for the first time, and tickets will be available through the Eno River Association website as well as at 27 outlets from Boone to Wilmington.

While there are many new offerings this year, the Festival is proud to welcome back many of the performers, vendors, and organizations who have been with us since the beginning. Internationally known locals Shirley Caesar and the Red Clay Ramblers will headline this year’s event as they did in 1980. Back, too, are John Dee Holman, Lightning Wells, the Apple Chill Cloggers, and Jellybean the Clown, who have each been a constant presence at the Festival through the years. The Badgett Sisters, Connie and Celester, will perform again, as they have since 1980. This year they will be joined by their 15-year-old niece Jasmine, the third generation of singers from this illustrious Caswell County family to grace the stages at West Point. Miss Annabelle Selph, who participated in the Folklife Festival of 1976 and ’78, will be back in her usual spot in the Grove with her homemade honeys, jams, and jellies. Be sure to look in the Festival Program [published July 1 in The Herald-Sun] for complete Festival info as well as additional tributes to our longtime participants.

As the Festival enters its second quarter-century, we look forward to the continuation of the ideals of the founders, as well as many fresh new experiences and faces. We hope to see you (and your grandchildren) there!

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Logo by Emma Skurnick
**Volunteer @ EnoRiver.org**

The Festival for the Eno would not be possible without those who give their time, talent, and effort each year to create a fun, safe, entertaining, and educational celebration that enriches the community and serves the greater purpose of preserving precious watershed for posterity. The Festival for the Eno has become a model for other grassroots community-based events throughout the country, and continues to grow, as does the park.

Last year more than 30,000 people attended the Festival, and we need help (before, during and after!!) to ensure another successful event, and to show all those people a good time!!!

**Ever want to be in a circus?** Big Top day is big-time fun. On Saturday, June 26 we put up the Big Top in the Meadow and we need at least 30 folks.

**Trash-Free for me!** Our “Trash-Free” program diverts 90% of the Festival waste away from the landfill. Help with this vital award-winning waste reduction program by volunteering as a steward — at the Festival or at the really cool organic compost site. Call Judy at (919) 383-7172 or e-mail trashfree@enoriver.org to sign on to the Trash-Free team! Pickup trucks and drivers are especially needed!

**Our performers** always mention the well-run Hospitality Area at the Festival and its delicious food and drink. Hazel Cash needs folks to help supply the victuals to feed all our hungry entertainers. Call her at (919) 477-8936 or send an e-mail to: volunteer@enoriver.org.

Each volunteer receives a free pass into the Festival for each day worked. To volunteer, or for info about these or other volunteer opportunities, please call Volunteer Coordinator Pam Watkins at (919) 471-5008 or e-mail volunteer@enoriver.org. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities and a convenient online form, go to: www.enoriver.org/festival.

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**Festival for the Eno Presents Bearfoot Bluegrass Camp for Kids**

**JULY 3, 4 & 5, 2004, 10:30 AM ~ 3:30 PM DAILY**

**West Point on the Eno-Amphitheatre, Durham, N.C.**

Open to kids age 5-17 Beginning to advanced instruction in banjo, guitar, bass, fiddle, and vocals.

**About the Camp:** The Bearfoot Bluegrass Camp is organized and instructed by the Bearfoot Bluegrass Band, a dynamic, talented, and young ensemble that hails from Anchorage, Alaska.

The camp curriculum features instrumental and vocal instruction, and it is supported by a songbook and CD. All attendees will learn the basics of group play in various camp band ensembles. The instructors are adept at teaching at all ability levels. The camps provide a series of three instructional periods combined with one band period daily and a final camp performance by all campers onstage at the Festival for the Eno. Camp applications are available at www.enoriver.org/festival/camp. For more info or to request that an application be mailed to you, call the Festival for the Eno at (919) 477-4549 or e-mail camp@enoriver.org. The fee for the three days is $150. Instruments are available upon request.

**About the Instructors:** Bearfoot Bluegrass is a fast-rising, young acoustic band from Alaska. The musicians’ three-part harmonies can range from the high lonesome songs of Bill Monroe to originals written by band members. Instrumentally, they are driven by fast-picking mandolin and guitar, accented by twin fiddles, and held down by solid acoustic bass work. Their stage presence is lively and relaxed. They have won awards at such prestigious competitions and festivals as the Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Competition and the National Bluegrass Playoff. They have been featured on NPR’s “Mountain Stage” and are releasing their second album this spring on Copper Creek Records.

**About the Site:** This 388-acre park is located along a two-mile stretch of the scenic Eno River, six miles north of downtown Durham and home to the Eno River Association’s annual Festival for the Eno. The camp will be held in and around the Amphitheatre on the north bank of the river (near the participant parking lot and compost site). Complete directions and passes will be mailed with application confirmation.

**To request an application or for more info call (919) 477-4549, e-mail camp@enoriver.org, or visit www.enoriver.org/festival/camp.**
Welcome to Our New Members
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Stephen and Rebecca Johnson
Clifford Leath
Martha Lee
Evelyn and Allen Lloyd
Jennifer D’arcy Maher
Kelly Walton Muir
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Walkable Hillsborough Day

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the third annual Walkable Hillsborough Day, “Envisioning Hillsborough’s Future River Walk,” on Saturday, June 5 from 9AM until noon. Rain or shine (BYO umbrella).

We will meet at the Old County Courthouse (corner of Churton and King streets in downtown Hillsborough) at 9 a.m. for a choice of two guided walks focusing on the proposed River Walk project. We’ll gather back at the Courthouse around 10:30 a.m. for interesting information displays, refreshments, music, games, and prizes.

A walkable Hillsborough is a friendly, healthy, and vital Hillsborough! Come out for Walkable Hillsborough Day and support the benefits of foot traffic for our local businesses, personal/environmental health, and community connections for all Hillsborough residents.

Co-sponsored by Walkable Hillsborough Coalition [WaHC] and Hillsborough’s Parks and Recreation Board. Call (919) 732-5999 for more information.
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO

with the kids? We can’t help you there, because there are too many activities at the Festival to choose from. The obvious thing to do is bring them along — after all, children 12 and under are free.

Once you bring a kid to the Festival, the dilemma begins: Should we do the music first? See the crafts? Participate in some children’s activities at the Children’s Area? Visit the historic buildings? Most families gravitate to the music, but which stage?

The Meadow is a great place to relax, eat lunch, dig for fossils, and see the sand sculptors at work. The young and the young at heart enjoy playing in the sand, and rinsing off at the Use-Your-Foot hand-wash stations. The shady Grove stage and River stage, with its great dancing area, also beckon. The new Chimney Corner stage will also be added this year, conveniently located near the West Point Mill.

Maybe it’s time to take a break and see an historic working mill, watch the water flow over the dam, or see the aquarium. Wander over to the historic McCown-Mangum House and the Photo Museum and see the displays on the history of the area. Then it’s probably time to get dirty. The hands-on clay area allows all skill levels to mold, shape, or throw a clay piece to take home.

After that, you can head out on the water and paddle around in a canoe or kayak. Feeling hot? Cool off in the ever-popular Rain Tent or get a slice of ice-cold watermelon or lemonade.

Right about now, it may be time to stroll on over to the Children’s Area. The Otter stage has performers all day geared to a younger crowd. The face painting is always a winner, as well as the flea circus. Then be sure to check out the EEK area — touch a live crawdad, or visit with a mudpuppy. Learn about the river life and pick up an activity book. Don’t miss the Native American dancing and drumming and demonstrations, either. And don’t worry — if you can’t fit it all in one day, a three-day pass to the Festival is available.

Kids as Volunteers

The Festival for the Eno is a great place to teach children about community service, and has inspired many families to volunteer with us year after year. Kids join us to raise the Big Top and accompany their parents on volunteer shifts. Some even grow up to work with us. One of these no-longer-a-kid volunteers is Ryan Deal, who joins us this year as a Festival Assistant Coordinator. He has been helping out since he was a little sprout, and is in good company. A special Thank You goes out to all of the children and parents who love the river enough to give their time.

KID’S CORNER

Crawdad or Crayfish?

Crayfish and crawdads are two names for the same critter.

Related to the lobster, they are found in or near streams and lakes.

They are usually active at night, but young crayfish come out during bright, sunny days.

Crayfish often live short lives — usually less than two years.

A crayfish female will carry 10 to 800 eggs on the underside of her jointed abdomen for two to 20 weeks.

Newly hatched crayfish stay attached to their mother until after they molt (shed their exoskeleton as they grow) twice.

Crayfish can vary in color by species — color this one however you imagine!
The Eno River Association newsletter is printed on 60% recycled paper with a minimum 30% post-consumer content. Please recycle or reuse Eno River Currents by passing it along to a friend.

The Eno River Association is a member of Earth Share of NC. Please look for us in your workplace giving campaign.

Chapel Hill — Whole Foods Market 5% Day
Tuesday, July 6

We are very grateful for the all the contributions that Wellspring/Whole Foods Market has made as a major sponsor of the Festival for the Eno. For many years they have given labor, goods, and money to aid our efforts. This year is no exception.

Please shop at the Wellspring/Whole Foods Market or dine at Penguins Cafe in Chapel Hill on Tuesday, July 6 as they will donate 5 percent of the total sales that day to the Eno River Association to further our mission of protecting lands along the Eno River. While you are there, be sure to thank the nice folks there for their help!

Whole Foods Market is located at 81 South Elliot Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Call (919) 968.1983 for more info.

Townsend, Bertram & Company
On Tuesday, July 6, Townsend and Bertram and Company has generously agreed to donate 10% of its sales receipts to the Eno River Association. This donation will be used for open space protection within the Eno River basin. Please be sure to thank them the next time you’re in the store, and be sure to shop there on Tuesday, July 6.

Townsend Bertram and Company is located in Carrboro at Carr Mill Mall (next to Weaver Street Market)

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Eno River Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

Clip & mail to: 4419 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip ______
Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

I would like to make an additional contribution of $ _________.
All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your contribution.

Method of Payment
☐ Check (Please make payable to the Eno River Association)
☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa Credit Card # ___________________________
Signature ___________________________ Exp. Date _________

Membership Level:
☐ $10 Student  ☐ $25 Friend  ☐ $50 Supporter
☐ $100 Protector  ☐ $250 Steward  ☐ $500 Conservator
☐ $1000 Eno Guardian  ☐ $5000 Life Member

Volunteer Interests:
☐ Festival for the Eno  ☐ Eno River Watch  ☐ Eno Calendar
☐ Trail Workdays  ☐ Events & Exhibits  ☐ Bike Leader
☐ Public Relations  ☐ Office/Clerical  ☐ Hospitality
☐ Other, ____________________