We hope that some of you will stop by and say hello when you Chill and the Umstead Festival at Umstead State Park in Raleigh.

Outgoing Office Volunteer

Would you like to keep up with all the latest projects and activities within the Eno River Association? The ERA office needs a volunteer to come in for a couple hours on the 1st Monday or Tuesday of each month, to help put together packets of information for the Board of Directors. Whichever day works best for you, please contact Lori at 620-9999 or lorienoriver.org if you are interested. Thank you.

Speakers Needed!

If you would enjoy presenting an interesting slide show about the Eno River to civic, school, and other groups, call Carol Charing at 489-8421. You will need to make a commitment to give one to two presentations (total time: 2-4 hours) per month. Training will be provided.

PR Committee Is Looking for Writers

Want to help publicize the Eno River and the Association in the local news? The Public Relations Committee needs people who enjoy writing news releases, backgrounders and other PR materials. Call Carol Charing at 489-8421.

Upcoming Events

Spring Hikes (March 10 – May 12)

The Eno River Association sponsors a series of 2 1/2 hour long spring wildflower walks from March 10 through May 12, Sundays at 2 p.m. Walkers will see spring arrive, from the first hepatica and trout lilies until the spectacular display of mountain laurel and May apple. We’ll go to a section of the river where the flowers are at their best on that date. While all our hikes are free, each wildflower walk is limited to 20 participants.

The purpose of these walks is to acquaint participants with the beauty of the Eno River and with the efforts of the ERA to acquire land for the park and preserve it in its natural state. To register, call Carole at (919) 489-2795 before 9:30 p.m. or e-mail her at nhwa@nhwa.org. Please do not call before March 1.

March 23, 2002, Great Human Race (see inside)

May 5, 2002, ERA Spring Picnic (details to follow)

June 1, 2002, National Trails Day

The Eno River State Park will be hosting a trail workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required. Contact the 104 Park office at 919/383-1866 for more info and to register.

Come Help with Spring Celebrations!

We need outgoing volunteers to help staff the ERA Association booth at the following celebrations:

April 29, Durham - Earth Day Celebration

Raleigh - Umstead Park Festival

April 21, Chapel Hill - Apple Chill Festival

This is a great way to help promote the Association, learn more about the Eno River Basin, and meet people with like interests.

Call 620-9999 or e-mail jennifer@enoriver.org to volunteer.

Join the Great Human Race!

Sponsor the ERA – Double your $$

This is your chance to have the opportunity to raise money for the Eno through the Great Human Race, a 5K run/walk/roll, which will be held at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park on March 22, 2002. It’s a terrific way to support the Eno while taking part in a community event attended by over 20,000 residents.

The best part is that we have received a challenge grant from the BIM Foundation that will double every dollar you raise for this event. Already over a dozen races have begun and signed up and collectors are selling their tickets to their neighbors, friends, and neighbors and all are happy to support the Eno. If you would like to participate, call Jennifer Silva at 620-9099 or email jennifer@enoriver.org and a pledge packet will be sent to you. It is great to be a service to do it as a family, with your best friends, or as a community project with friends from work.

As a thank you to anyone who raises over $50 in pledges, participants will receive a T-shirt from the Great Human Race and a T-shirt from the ERA.

Additionally, adults who turn in pledges by March 19th are eligible for a drawing to win:

• A week at the Powhatan Plantation Resort, two miles from Colonial Williamsburg.
• Round trip tickets on Midway Airlines.
• $500 gift certificate to Jewelsmith.
• Assorted door prizes (such as gift certificates to local restaurants).

Just get 10 people to $10 and you could be going on vacation.

Participants under 18 who raise $100 by March 19th enter a raffle for a $100 gift certificate to Northgate Mall.

If you can’t participate this year but want to support the event, you can sponsor the Association through me – Jennifer Silva. Call by your pledge to 4419 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712. Checks should be made out to the Great Human Race/Volunteer Center.

We hope to see you all there on race day! - Jennifer Silva

About the Eno River Calendar

Every year, for the past thirty-one years, we have published a calendar featuring the Eno River. Every calendar has been packed with new information and dramatic drawings. They celebrated both the natural beauty of the river basin and the culture and history of the region. And over the years they have cost a lot of money.

The board directors view the calendar as an essential program of the Association. We sell more than a thousand of them each year, which means that a thousand families are reminded daily of the importance of the Eno in their lives. Just as important, we also distribute the calendar to area libraries and send it as a gift to elected officials in Orange and Durham Counties, as well as to every member of the NC House of Representatives and Senate. It serves as a reminder to our elected officials of the importance of protecting our few remaining wild, beautiful places and of the need for placing a high priority on that protection.

Despite the value the board places on the calendar as a program of the Association, the board has never lost sight of its responsibility for managing the resources of the Association. This year we are extremely pleased that in addition to the key role the calendar plays in providing information to so many people, it is also serving as a powerful source of funds! This is due both to the work of the volunteer members of the Calendar Committee (Emily Wexler and Jason King) in coordinating production costs by more than half and to the generosity of CCB, which provided a grant in support of the calendar.

Many thanks to Jason, Emily and CCB for helping us make the program even more successful! - Don Moffitt

Association Financial Information

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Grants

Other $20,274

Matching Gifts

Land Stewardship $5,000 1%

Eno Tapestry on Display

Education and Outreach $44,215 9%

Calendar Sales $11,375 2%

Recommended Books and

Land Purchase $35,634 1%

Matching Gifts

Little River Donations

Land Stewardship

- Designated by the donors for use in acquiring 391 acres of park land on the Little River, in collaboration with Triangle Land Conservancy, Durham County and Orange County.

- Land Purchases: includes our share of the cost of acquiring 391 acres of park land on the Little River. These costs were offset by donations designated for the Little River Regional Park, received in both this and the previous fiscal years.

- Land Stewardship: costs associated with a study of riparian lands along the Upper and Lower Eno and with developing a manual for land stewardship practices.

In addition to the Operating Fund the Association has two other funds managed by the Finance Committee: the Land Fund and the Margaret C. Nygard Land Acquisition Fund. The Margaret C. Nygard Land Acquisition Fund holds donations designated by donors for the fund, intended for use in land acquisition. The Fund increased by $1,407 at FY 2001. The Land Fund is a revolving fund holding unrestricted funds for use in land acquisition and stewardship. In fiscal year 2001 the Fund increased by $121,838, due to the transfer of Association properties to the Eno River State Park.
Under the Gargoyle: Environmental Ed 101

William H. Schlesinger, Dean
The Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences
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When I was a young campus activist at Dartmouth College in the late 1960s, we were just learning to see the world through a new lens. DDT was the nation's most popular pesticide, spread widely on farmlands to protect crops and in cities to control mosquitoes and fleas. It was also used in the forests, where, as we now know, lead, was added to gasoline and emitted as an air pollutant, from factories and power plants. Phosphate was the basic active ingredient in nearly all detergents and in sewage effluents entering lakes and streams throughout the country. With all good intentions, we directly mined or manufactured these substances and added them to products designed to improve our daily lives—"better living through chemistry."

Subsequently, when environmental scientists found these substances to pollute the environment, appropriate regulatory procedures were obvious. The costs and risks of inaction were deemed unacceptably high compared to using safer alternatives. And despite corporate objections, less harmful alternatives were found—many with significant profit potential for their inventors.

Today, bald eagles have returned to nest in most areas of the United States, where just a few decades ago, DDT residues had rendered their egg shells too thin for successful incubation. The Sand County Almanac challenges us to view land and nature as members of a community, changing the role of humans from conqueror of land to citizen of it. Cook reinforces this message with The Piedmont Almanac, stating, “...it is a principle role of the human to be conscious, even reflective, upon the processes of life and it is the purpose of this Almanac to nurture us in observing the circular parade of days, with the departures and arrivals of the splendid and diverse expressions of life.”

For everyone who has ever wondered about warblers, rejoiced over the first daffodils, or marveled at its variety of wildflowers, The Piedmont Almanac is your connection to the intricate and delicate web of life in the Piedmont.

15% of the proceeds from your purchase of The Piedmont Almanac ($22 incl. shipping) will be donated to the Eno River Association. When you mention that you saw this review in our newsletter, please notify us.

To buy, contact Dave Cook! Mystic Crow Publishing
753 Smith Level Road
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Joan Williams, Executive Director
(919) 942-5315

- Donna Dean

Recommended Books and Articles

Good Dirt by David Morine, 1993. Fascinating and often hilarious account of landowner contacts with the then nascent Nature Conservancy.


These two articles are concerned with both natural climactic cycles and global warming. Be prepared to be frightened.

ERA Launches New Website

For those of you who have not discovered it yet, check out our new website! You can find it at the www.enoriver.org address. All of the information you have come to rely on will still be there. Much, much more will be given today! So check it out! We also have a space for the reader's own observations of the week. As he says in his introduction, “…we should keep some record of the world, and the one we see is the one we should write about.”

-Lore Olsen
Volunteers
Carolyn Friends School Volunteer
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Welcome to these New ERA Members
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Carolee and Jerry Lee
Carolee and Jeff Rice
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Matching Gifts
If your employer has a Matching Gift Program, you may be able to increase, even double, the amount of money that you give to do land protection by simply filling out a form and sending it in with your donation.

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