The Eno River Association is celebrating the acquisition in May of the final tract in the area dubbed more than a decade ago the “Missing Link” section of the Eno River State Park. In 2000 this area in the middle of the park represented nearly two miles of unprotected river frontage and a huge hole in plans for a connecting trail system along the length of the river. With the acquisition of this last Missing Link tract from members of the Scarlett family the river is now protected on both banks through this part of the park.

Most of the land in the Missing Link section of the park was owned by two families—the Brames on the east bank, and the Scarletts on the west bank. Since the mid-1990s the Association has been working with both families to protect the land, piece by piece. The Brame property was purchased in December of 2008 in a transaction which included a 20-acre donation. The land the Scarletts owned along the river was originally part of a larger tract purchased in the 1920s by William Greene Scarlett, son of a former slave, Levi Christmas Scarlett. In the early 1980s William's children and grandchildren divided the property into smaller tracts among themselves. Since 2001 sixty-five acres along the river have been acquired for the park through four separate transactions. The remaining 24-acre tract is now protected.
Thank you Don Cox!

Over its forty-five year history the Eno River Association has developed an organizational philosophy that all things are possible if we persevere in our efforts. A great illustration is the purchase of the final tract in the “Missing Link” section of the Eno River State Park. This philosophy has grown from the example set by Margaret Nygard and other dedicated volunteers who convinced the State to create the Eno River State Park, and then kept working to acquire parkland and protect the river. Foremost among these champions is Don Cox.

Don has been involved with the Eno River Association since its earliest days. Newly returned to Orange County in 1966 after living in places across the country which had lost special wilderness areas to rapid growth, he was determined not to let such destruction happen here. He met Margaret on a hike and got involved in the Nygards’ efforts to form an organization dedicated to saving the river. He became the first president of the Association and served in that capacity for more than 15 years. As president he was the official face of the organization, speaking on its behalf at government meetings and public forums and bearing the brunt of verbal attacks from some who opposed the park. He involved himself in all things to do with water, serving on numerous state-wide and local water resource committees and advisory boards, including 36 years on the Orange Soil and Water Board of Supervisors. Along the way he helped build relationships with owners of land located within the Eno River State Park Master Plan, helping to make parkland projects possible.

After devoting forty-five years to protecting the river that has been part of his life since childhood, Don is retiring from our Board of Directors and moving with his wife Judy to coastal Maine. We will miss him tremendously but remain inspired by his dedication to the river. I invite you to join us at the Festival for the Eno as we celebrate Don’s legacy by having fun and helping raise money to protect the Eno River.

Don Cox (right) presents a check to the Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan at the 1988 Festival for the Eno.

Correction – In the last issue of this newsletter (Spring 2011) there was an error in the article about Willie Duke’s Bluff. The correct name for the swamp chestnut oak is Quercus michauxii, not Q. muehlenbergii as previously written. Mea culpa. Many thanks to the two Eno-Currents readers that caught the error!

 снова в действие.
As the Festival season gears up once again, many of last year's highlights come to mind—the fabulous weather, outstanding musicians, a beautiful art exhibit in the Photo Museum, High Strung's diverse musical activities, one of the largest craft shows in recent years, and huge crowds of happy festival-goers. At the Eno office, we're planning a 2011 Festival that we think will top even 2010. We'll see what we can do about ordering up some great weather again this year!

Look for this year's strong musical line-up, with Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands, Girlyman, Chris Stamey, Hindugrass, African American Dance Ensemble, Bearfoot, Orquesta GarDel, the Nancy Middleton Band, Mount Moriah, Ellis, Midtown Dickens, and more! We're also putting together a craft show that includes both new and old faces and everything from environmentally friendly baskets to large recycled tire sculpture, and from macro-invertebrate insect photography to exquisite jewelry of all sorts. As always, there are kids' and family activities all day; foods from around the world, and around the corner; and hands-on/feet-wet explorations and boating at the river—not to be missed!

We're looking for volunteers for everything from face painting to drink booth sales. Remember, volunteers attend the Festival for free on the day(s) they work. For more information, please visit our website at www.enoriver.org or email volunteer@enoriver.org.

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The How and Why of Planned Giving

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Here are a few things that will make our Festival staff and volunteers happy as we countdown to the 32nd Annual Festival for the Eno!

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Shovel
Gift cards (eg. Lowes, Staples, Food List)
Rechargeable drill
Hammers
New Workhorse (aka: Truck)
Staplegun

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Marry Durham

Around the time you received the spring issue of this newsletter we were preparing for a wedding. Marry Durham (a first of its kind event anywhere, as far as we know) was outrageously fun and we were thrilled to have been selected as one of the featured Durham non-profits. We’d like to thank the organizers of Marry Durham, from the bottom of our hearts, for hosting the event and raising more than $20,000 that was shared between the five honored groups.

Andrew Lee Holloway and family – 1909. (Left to right)
Marry Jane, Andrew Lee, Bessie Elizabeth Claire, Annie Lee, Andrew Lee Holloway and family – 1909. (Left to right)
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