



Winter 2010 - 2011

ENO RIVER Currents



Eno River Association – Connection to the Past – Protection for the Future

Calendar of Events

December 2010 – February 2011

Holiday Party & Calendar Celebration

Sun, December 5

5-7pm

Fullsteam Brewery
726 Rigsbee Ave, Durham

Volunteer Stewardship Workdays

Sat, Dec 11, Jan 8, & Feb 5

11am - 2pm

7th Annual Members Only Sale!

December 15 & 16

50% off selected art prints & posters

New Year's Day Hike

Sat, January 1, 2011

Eno River State Park – Few's Ford

Winter Hike Series

January 9 – February 27, 2011

Each Sunday afternoon at 2pm

See page 6 for important news
about winter hikes

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

Preparing for a Great 2011

Kurt Schlimme, Director of Land Protection & Stewardship

Countless hours have been spent by staff, committee members and volunteers advancing our existing land protection projects, pursuing new opportunities, and stewarding all along the river. The fruit of these efforts should help make 2011 a fantastic year. Within the next several months we expect to complete two fee simple purchases. One will fill an important missing link in the Eno River State Park. The other will help protect rare plant habitat and wetlands on a major tributary in the Lower Eno. We also expect to receive a land donation of property adjacent to the Eno River State Park that is needed for the future Mountains-to-Sea trail. In addition to fee simple acquisitions, we are working on two conservation easement projects in Orange County that will provide permanent protection for important riparian areas and wildlife habitat.

Another important land protection effort that the Association has been working on with landowners is the Healthy Forests Project. Using grant funds awarded early this year the Association is helping landowners develop forest stewardship plans that allow them to manage their forests in ways that also protect riparian areas and enhance wildlife habitat.

Complementing the Association's land protection efforts, our land stewardship efforts have been equally effective. With the help and hard work of dedicated volunteers, invasive plant removal workdays were held at the Association's Dimmocks Mill Conservation Area and Confluence Natural Area where we have substantially reduced invasive plant cover, allowing our native flora species to reestablish in areas that had been overwhelmed by exotic species. Future invasive removal efforts will be enhanced by the work of two DukeEngage interns who spent the summer documenting the location of the Eno's "Least Wanted" plant species.

In addition to invasive plant removal efforts, volunteers assisted with several property cleanup workdays at various Association

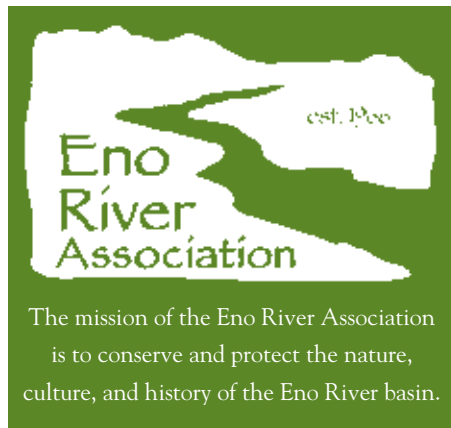
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Coulter Conservation Area Cleanup

Kurt Schlimme

Eno River Association – Celebrating 43 Years of Conservation



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Reflections from the River

Robin Jacobs, Executive Director

The story of the Eno River Association is the story of the land we protect. It often begins with a landowner who feels a connection to a special place and wants to see it preserved. Joanne Stollings had memories of spending summers on her grandparents' farm and playing in the East Fork of the Eno with her brother. Today the Association serves as steward and protector of this property now known as the Confluence Conservation Area. In the 1960s Allen Lloyd bought land on Oconeechee Mountain where he had played as a child, keeping it out the hands of timber companies and developers. Working with these and other families the Association permanently safeguards these wonderful places.

But legal protection is just the starting point. These lands shelter rare plants, wildlife habitat, clean water, beautiful views and fresh air, and provide places for people to experience and enjoy them all. They offer opportunities for scientific research, and chances for children to participate in service learning projects that enhance the conservation values of the land and teach them about the natural world. These places allow people to create their own memories and connections to river, completing the circle.

Overarching everything is the Association's commitment to advocate for the river and the protection of the important natural areas within its basin. As a supporter of the Eno River Association you make this work possible: protection of land along the Eno and the streams that nourish the river, stewarding and caring for the land for which we have taken responsibility, and connecting people, especially younger people, with the river—showing them why our work matters.

Please help us sustain our success by making a year-end contribution or by joining as a member and supporter.

Thank you. Happy Holidays!

Robin



Eno River from Oconeechee

North Carolina
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Emeritus & Emerita

The story of Nancy and Norm Gustaveson began with a phone call about a picnic. Nancy was an elementary school teacher at the time and an early Eno supporter who volunteered to make calls inviting folks to the annual spring picnic. The year was 1977 and Norm was serving as an Orange County Commissioner. Thus began their life together, and their shared commitment to protecting the Eno River.

In a recent conversation Nancy told Executive Director Robin Jacobs, "the 70s and 80s were wonderful years!" including unearthing a mill wheel covered in mud and vines; chinking the McCowan Mangum house led by Trish Kohler and the Junior League; and many trail building days. The Gustavesons hosted parties for board members, staff, and their families at their Thunder Mountain home in Efland with hayrides, campfires, food, and friendship.

Nancy and Norm retired at the end of October after serving a combined 72 years on the Eno Board. Serving as Secretary, Nancy's hand and laptop recorded every

decision, memorandum, and discussion that the Eno board of directors had for 33 of those years! Over the years Norm served on the finance, land and stewardship, and other committees, bringing his community-minded spirit to every discussion.

We honored the Gustavesons at the annual meeting in October with a framed art print of the original Eno logo, *Oak and Indian Pipe*, designed by George Pyne. We look

forward to our ongoing friendships with Norm and Nancy as they remain part of our Eno family, and our newest Emeritus and Emerita board members.



Norm, Margaret, and Nancy

Eno Archives

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conservation properties. Volunteers have also helped with rare plant enhancement activities at the Blue Indigo Slopes Nature Preserve and several partner properties within the Diabase region of the Lower Eno. Altogether, 19 workdays were held over the past year, involving more than 150 volunteers and 450 volunteer hours. Thank you to these volunteers for doing all the dirty work. A full slate of workdays is planned for 2011. If you are interested in helping, please email stewardship@enoriver.org to get your name added to our stewardship volunteer email list.



Upper Eno, Confluence area

Kurt Schlimme

Fireside Visions

Kathy Lee, Director of Education

I have a fire ring in my backyard that I use for quiet contemplation and as a gathering node with friends. It is very primal to gather in the dark around a fire. Faces become focused as they are isolated from the darker surroundings; issues become clearer when they face the glow of firelight; ideas emerge that might never have been spoken in the light of day.

A group of Eno staff, board members, and education committee volunteers and their kids spent an evening together around my fire ring in early October as we explored the future opportunities and challenges ahead in our Eno education programs. There are so many ways that we can accomplish our educational goals and I value the input and collective wisdom of this group to help me chart the course.

When I teach orienteering programs I give the students a few tips to use at every cross trail or significant landmark:

- Stop
- Find north with your compass
- Re-orient your map
- Find your present location on the map
- Look at your surroundings before taking your next step.

As I write this update a few weeks after the fireside visioning I am excited to be charting our next steps in the growing Eno education program. I've checked my compass; I've re-oriented my map; I've looked at my surroundings—I'm now ready to head off down the path.

Volunteer Spotlight

Joe Liles grew up in small-town NC, went on to get degrees in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Education, then taught art at the NC School of Science and Math for 28 years. Joe is a boon to our organization and an inspiration as a person. But I'll let you see for yourself:

1. *When did you begin volunteering with the ERA? What sorts of things have you done with the organization?*

My first volunteer effort was working on the 1994 Eno Calendar, but it was the 2005 calendar that changed my life as a teacher and an Eno volunteer. The theme, "Fish Dam Road," was the culmination of two years' work in which my students and I (along with David Southern, Tom Magnuson, and others) tracked the 28-mile length of Fish Dam Road from Falls of the Neuse Lake to the Eno River. We not only got a glimpse into the past, but also came to understand the importance of protecting our rivers and historical places for the future. I've also served on the ERA Board for the last two years.

2. *Weren't you on the NBC Today Show recently?*

Yes, I appeared on "Your Life Calling with Jane Pauley" on November 10. It was a short piece about how hiking the Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine in 2009, made me more of an optimist and stopped all the complaining that used to go on in my head. I'm now more appreciative



Joe Liles

and regard each day as a gift.

3. *What do you like to do when you're not volunteering?*

When I finished my AT hike, people would ask, "Are you ever going to hike it again?" My quick answer was, "Absolutely not!" I've contradicted myself already by hiking 177 miles on the AT in Maine this past September. Time spent in nature really contributes to my peace of mind. I also create artwork, write and publish a serial story about American Indian communities ("A Drumstick's Story"), and sing with an American Indian drum called Southern Sun.

4. *Who influenced you to make environmentalism a part of your life?*

First, it was growing up with a family cattle farm and my outdoor experiences with the Boy Scouts. And my environmental awareness became more formal when I earned a degree in Landscape Architecture and a MA in Environmental Education. Through it all, my association with American Indian people has had a profound influence in making me an environmental citizen. I got my start teaching in the American Indian Movement's Survival Schools in the 1970s and have kept up my relationships with Indian people all over North America ever since.

To learn more about Joe check out his blog <http://joeliles.chunkyboy.com>

We Want to Invite YOU to Dinner!

Erik Daubert, Senior Development Associate

We really do want to invite you over for dinner! This spring we will be celebrating the creation of the "Eno River Legacy Society." The Legacy Society is a group of committed individuals who have supported the Eno River by making a planned gift to the Eno River Association to ensure that the important work it has been doing for more than 40 years will be sustained far into the future.

Several years ago when I served as a member of the Board of Directors, my wife and I decided to include the Eno River Association in our estate plans. Implementing our decision was as simple as adding a codicil to our Wills. Our years of hiking, wading (...okay SWIMMING!)

and other activities with our children and families made us want to ensure that this wonderful place would be preserved long after our time on earth was over. I know others who have made arrangements to leave a certain retirement account or life insurance policy to their favorite nonprofit or named it as a beneficiary of a family trust or charitable trust. Whatever works best for you and your family works best for the Eno River Association!

If you are willing to share with us that you have made arrangements, or would like to make arrangements to include the Eno River Association in your estate planning we would like to include you as a member of the Eno River Legacy Society. The Legacy Society Dinner, *see Invite, page 5*

AT Thru-hikers Meet Again on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail

A little over a year ago Eno board member Joe Liles completed the Appalachian Trail, hiking 2,175 miles from Georgia to Maine. The following is an excerpt from an interview recorded at Joe's home on October 23, 2010 with a fellow 2009 AT thru-hiker as he passed through Durham on the new Mountains-to-Sea trail.

Joe Liles: *Tell me [a little about yourself].*
MST Hiker: My name is Ian Fraher, I am 23 years old, and my trail name is "Wolfpack." I was sitting around talking to some other AT hikers about college sports. I told them I had recently graduated from NC State, and they just started calling me Wolfpack

JL: *What made you want to hike the Mountains-to-Sea Trail?*

WP: I had what they call "Springer Fever" after hiking the AT. I had the hiking itch! Financially, I couldn't afford to do one of the three major trails (AT, Continental Divide Trail, and Pacific Crest Trails), so I decided to stick close to home and hike the

Mountain-to-Sea right here in North Carolina.

JL: *How would you describe the MST?*

WP: It is a great alternative to the Appalachian Trail. It has beautiful mountains just like the AT, but there are fewer people on the MST. At times the lack of people made it a little bit lonely, but the solitude on the trail made it feel more like I was in the wilderness. I enjoyed that!

JL: *What are your impressions of the Eno River section of the trail?*

WP: It's been a really beautiful section. The changing leaves have been great. I always like hiking next to a river. The sound of the water is soothing. I enjoyed seeing the old ruins along the river: the quarry on the Coile Tract, the old mill sites, the pump station, and the Guess Mill dam and mill stone. It is interesting to see how nature can take back what humans have built in the past.

JL: *Has the trail taught you anything?*

WP: I have discovered or re-discovered the beauty of the state of North Carolina, and it has made me want to stay in North Carolina. I've fallen in love with this state! I've lived here for 12 years, but on this trip I have seen places and things that I have never seen before. In some ways I am relearning lessons I learned on the Appalachian Trail about slowing down and enjoying each day and each moment. I've also learned not to be too cheap in buying shoes for a long distance trail.



Kathy Lee

Invite, from page 4

made possible by a generous sponsorship contribution from an anonymous donor, is by invitation only—so let us know you should be on the guest list! For more information about becoming a member of the Eno River Legacy Society or to let us know that you are already a member, please contact Robin Jacobs at 919-620-9099 x202 or email robin@enoriver.org.

We would love to have you join us for this evening of celebrating the Eno River with others who have the same passion and commitment to this wonderful place in our community. Give us a call or send us an email so we can keep you posted as the specifics of this special occasion are confirmed.

Workplace Giving: Another Way to Help the Eno

The Eno River Association is one of 66 local, statewide, regional and national environmental organizations that is supported by workplace giving donations through EarthShare North Carolina (ESNC). ESNC is a giving option in all NC state and federal workplaces, as well as some local government and private company campaigns. Check out ESNC's website for a list of employers who have opened their annual workplace campaigns to the environment, <http://earthsharenc.org/2010/CampaignList2010.pdf>

If you would like to help the Eno River Association and ESNC at your workplace, please contact Kathy Lee at 919-620-9099 x204 or kathy@enoriver.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 ENO RIVER CALENDAR – A LOCAVORES DELIGHT!

You can't eat the Eno calendar, but buying our calendar helps support your local land trust, and in turn we support local businesses including Azalea Graphics and PBM Graphics—our design and printing team. We also work with local retail partners throughout the area who help market and sell our calendar. For a listing of local retail shops selling the 2011 Eno calendar visit www.enoriver.org.



ATTENTION ENO ART LOVERS!

If you have ever walked along the Buckquarter Creek Trail at the Eno River State Park you may have walked past the old Cole family homesite, which is spectacular in spring with a sea of daffodils blooming. Hillsborough artist Pat Merriman will donate the proceeds from the sale of her painting of the Cole Homestead to the Eno River Association in support of our work to protect the



Eno! You are invited to view the painting at the Hillsborough Gallery of Art, 121 N. Churton St., www.hillsboroughgallery.com

Learn more about the Cole family at www.enoriver.org/eno/River/coles.html

ENO WINTER HIKE NEWS FLASH...

Some things will stay the same:

The Eno winter hike series starts on Saturday, January 1 with the annual New Year's Day hike and continues each Sunday afternoon at 2pm from January 9 through February 27 (no hike on Jan. 2). No advance registration required. *But some things will change:*

Starting on January 9, 2011 winter hikes will meet at the trailhead or designated meeting spot for each hike. We will no longer meet at Few's Ford and then carpool or drive individually to the winter hike locations. This will eliminate the extra driving miles, extra time, and extra gas. We still encourage carpooling with your friends and family to the featured destination each Sunday afternoon. For details and directions to the New Year's Day hike and the Winter Hikes visit www.enoriver.org and click on the Events and Activities link.



MEMBERS ONLY HOLIDAY SALE

50% off selected Eno art prints & posters
December 15 & 16

Look for an email from us with all of the details about the sale or contact festival@enoriver.org or 919-620-9099 x203.

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Traveling Ts

Maddiey Straubel came to us as a volunteer when she was just 15. She's been back each summer since, the last three as Assistant Coordinator for the Festival for the Eno. Maddiey spent last spring studying in Greece through the semester abroad program at Guilford College. Behind Maddiey is the Porch of the Caryatids at the Erechtheion Temple on the Athenian Acropolis. The columns support the weight of the marble roof on top of their slender necks. Just like our Maddiey—strong and graceful under pressure!

Has your favorite Eno Tee been anywhere lately? Email your Traveling Tee images to kathy@enoriver.org.



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- \$500 Conservator
- \$1000 Guardian
- \$5000 Champion



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- Please inform me of volunteer opportunities with the Eno River Association. (Please provide an email address if you have one.)

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