



Chesapeake Bay String of Pearls Ceremony

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CEREMONY

Welcome: Maryland State Senator Edward Reilly,
Member of the String of Pearls Advisory Committee

Introduction: Robert Duckworth, Clerk, Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County,
Member of String of Pearls Board of Directors

The String of Pearls Project: Dick Lahn, Director

Remarks: Rob Etgen, Director of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Introduction of Honorees & Remarks on Individual Pearls:
Rob Etgen and Dick Lahn

Presentation of Citations, Signing of Register: Robert Duckworth & Senator Reilly

Final Words: Dick Lahn

Reception follows immediately

Thank You to the following supporters for providing food and drink for the reception:

Wine: **Crow Farm Wines**, Kennedysville, MD;

Cheese: **Chapel's Country Creamery**, Easton; Cookies: **A Cook's Cafe**, Annapolis

WELCOME!

The Chesapeake Bay String of Pearls Project and the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy are happy you are here to recognize and celebrate those who have preserved lands in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. We are here to witness the registering of “pearls” in the Chesapeake Bay String of Pearls Register. The register will be in permanent public view in the circuit courthouse on Church Circle in Annapolis in recognition of those who have acted to preserve land and protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Again, we've partnered with artists who have created paintings of the “pearls” which are on view and for sale. Art creates the heartfelt connection to the natural landscape which is alive in all of us.

Besides honoring land donors and appreciating our artists, special recognition goes to the Maryland Environmental Trust -- co-holder of many of the easements being recognized, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation which purchased development rights for two of the farms being recognized, and the Chesapeake Audubon Society for its preservation of Pickering Creek Sanctuary.

Each property is different and each has its own story as to why it was protected. The commonality between these land owners is that they came forward and acted. Their action protects the Bay to the benefit of all of us.

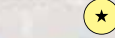
DICK LAHN, Director



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**STRING OF PEARLS
DECEMBER 2013**

SANDY BOTTOM FARM



CROW FARM



EAST FORK FARM



FAIRVIEW FARM



WYE FARM



SEDGEWICK FARM



PICKERING CREEK



STANLEY PROPERTY



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

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Map created by GIS 1/16/2010 using MD DNR Property View 2011



by Jennifer Hyde Wharton

Roy W. and Judy H. Crow
and in Memory of
Robert T. and Helen M. Crow
Crow Farm
Kent County



Roy Crow donated a conservation easement on his 110-acre Kent County farm to Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (coheld with MET) on December 26, 2007. The property is an integral part of the scenic rural landscape of the County and is located within the view shed of Chesapeake National Scenic Byway. The preservation of this farm offers 3,000 linear feet of scenic views to the public traveling along Vansants Corner Road and state Route 444. It is also part of a block of more than 5,300 acres enrolled in Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundations districts and easements.

Roy and Judy Crow live next door to the eased property and are the owners of Crow Farm that specializes in selling local grass fed beef. They also run a Farm Stay B&B and recently established a vineyard business including wine-making and a wine tasting room. Through diverse uses of their land -- including land preservation -- the Crows are seeking to create a sustainable farm for generations to come.



Jennifer Stanley

Open Space / Park Lands

Town Creek, Oxford, Talbot County

Jennifer Stanley donated a conservation easement on a 1.34 acre property in the Town of Oxford to Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (co-held with the Maryland Environmental Trust) on December 19, 2012. The protected property will become a small public park allowing guests to enjoy the woodlands and the waterfront of Town Creek. The property is the kayak launch site for Oxford's Summer Kid's Camp program. Jennifer and her late husband, Edmund Stanley Jr., purchased the property in the early 1980s to protect the wetland and a portion of the creek from pending development. The wetlands vegetation and forested lands create seasonal color changes which lift the heart and add to the beauty of downtown Oxford.



Paintings by Mary Ekroos.





**Kathleen, April,
and Maynard White**

Sedgewick Farm

Queen Anne's County

In 2006, Kathleen White, her daughter April, and son Maynard donated a conservation easement on their 60-acre farm in Queen Anne's County. The property consists of approximately one-half of a mile of road frontage along Bennett Point Road, and it is an integral part of the scenic landscape of the County. The eastern end of the farm opens out on the Wye River.

The property contains productive agricultural lands, meadow habitat and woodlands. Nestled in this pastoral landscape is the homestead area that contains Sedgewick House, which has been inventoried on Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Places. The house is an excellent example of a transitional mid-19th-century house, serving as a link between the Federal and Greek Revival house of the first half of the century and the Victorian styles that followed.





by Lee Boynton

Benual King and Family

Sandy Bottom Farm

Cecil County

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy purchased the 296-acre Sandy Bottom Preserve in 2001 because in 1999 a developer subdivided Sandy Bottom and two other farms in southern Cecil County. Fueled by a massive citizen fundraising effort, ESLC purchased the Anchorage and Sandy Bottom farms. Following purchase, ESLC put both farms in conservation easement and resold these farms to local farmers to keep them in production. On Sandy Bottom Farm, the community goal was to protect the farm and get it into the hands of young farmers. ESLC entered partnerships with four young Amish families allowing each to buy a portion of the farm at preserved land values. ESLC co-owned each parcel with the young farm family until the easements could be sold. Easements were sold to Maryland Agricultural Land Preserva-



tion Foundation (MALPF) to help pay the cost of the initial purchase of the property.



Memory of
George Olds and Margaret Strahl
The Pickering Creek Audubon Center
Talbot County

Pickering Creek Audubon Center, over 30 years old, is a 400-acre working farm with 4,400 feet of waterfront on tidal Pickering Creek in Talbot County. It is renowned for being an environmental education center. The property includes a variety of habitats: mature hardwood forest, fresh and brackish marsh, meadow, tidal and non-tidal wetlands, shoreline on a tidal creek, and cropland. Two hundred and seventy acres are devoted to low impact “best management practice” agriculture. Margaret Strahl and her brother, George Olds donated the property to the Chesapeake Audubon Society so that all members of the community, whether watermen, farmers, birders, painters, naturalists, children or adults



could have access. Pickering Creek is free and open to the public 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. It is a most wonderful place to become part of the natural landscape.



Alice Rogalski and Anne Habberton, and the memory of Sarah Turpin Senecal

Wye Farm

Queen Anne's County

The Wye Farm of 426.21 acres consists of 412 acres of tillable cropland with 97 acres of class I soils and 275 acres of class II soils. Farm is designated as a part of the greenbelt for the Wye Mills/ Chesapeake College community plan, located on a scenic byway contiguous with 2,553 acres of Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easements and other permanently preserved properties. The farm utilizes crop rotation and conservation tillage for best management practices for water quality. This farm owned by the Emory family since 1881, and several other nearby farms protected by this family over hundreds of years, are a model for good land stewardship. With the pressure of so much development we have been fortunate to preserve this valuable farm so important to our family, said Anne Habberton.





by Nancy Tankersley



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**Terence R. Blackwood,
W. Calvin Gray Jr. &
Constance M. Gray**

Fairview Farm

Queen Anne's County



In 1998 Terence R. Blackwood placed a conservation easement with Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, co-held with Maryland Environmental Trust, on his 241 acre farm in Queen Anne's County. Approximately 3,600 feet of natural shoreline along the northern side of the Corsica River is protected with this easement. With a backdrop of agricultural fields, the shoreline offers a notable pastoral scenic view for water travelers using the area. The Property also provides a forested scenic corridor along 4,000 feet of Spaniard's Neck Road. The Property contains 135 acres of active farmland and 100 acres

of hardwood forests which provides habitat for interior dwelling bird species as well as the endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel.

Cal Gray, Jr. bought Fairview farm in 2002 and since that time has worked to preserve the surrounding landscape. Mr. Gray assisted his neighbor to preserve a 98 acre property in 2007 and protected an additional 318 acres of his own property creating a total 657 acres of contiguous preserved land.



by Ed Cooper

Andrew C. Bradley, Marshall Owings

East Fork Farm

Kent County



On July 12, 2011, the Andrew C. Bradley and Associates LLC donated a conservation easement on Mr. Bradley's 136-acre Kent County Farm to Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Maryland Environmental Trust. Kent County identified the farm as a priority for agricultural preservation, and it is in close proximity to more than 2,000 acres of protected lands. The farm is an integral part of the pastoral setting of the area, providing views of open fields and rolling hills. The farms, marsh and woodlands along the East Fork of Langford Creek help maintain water quality and provide valuable wildlife habitat.

While ESLC and MET were working with Mr. Bradley on the conservation easement, a young farmer, Marshall Owings, was looking to purchase a farm and fell in love with this one. Mr. Owings shared Mr. Bradley's vision and love for the farm. Together they worked closely to come up with a solution that would allow Mr. Owings to acquire the property after the conservation easement was placed. ESLC and MET were thrilled to have helped Mr. Bradley protect his farm and to see it transferred to a new landowner committed to conservation and farming.



Second Born by Jennifer Heyd Wharton

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