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When Communities Work Together

Something that often strikes me when I think about our life in upper Bucks County is the number of valuable friendships my husband and I have formed in the relatively short (15 years) time we have lived here. But I know the reason – we share so many basic values with so many who live here: the appreciation and love of a more rural area and lifestyle, an inner quiet obtained by being among nature and the natural flora and fauna, an acknowledgment of the importance of our agricultural heritage and a deep-rooted understanding of the need to protect our quickly disappearing farmland, open spaces, and resources.

One of the greatest assets of living in an area like this is experiencing that community of shared values, whether it is farmers sharing equipment and knowledge or individuals and neighbors working together to preserve and protect their lands. And sometimes those bonds of community are far-reaching. Our recent Traditional Artisan’s Show (Sept 13th & 14th) emphasized just that when artisans from 12 different states traveled to the Upper Bucks County Area Vocational Technical School to help support the efforts of the Bedminster Land Conservancy (article, p 1). The students and staff of the school were marvelous hosts and must also be applauded for their support. The customers for the show came from at least five different states for the opportunity to purchase one of the unique pieces created by the highly gifted artisans honoring traditional skills and genuine – “locally grown” – American Folk Art. The ticket sales from those customers in turn support our efforts to preserve the lands and traditional lifestyles that still characterize this area. And as our visitors drove around this beautiful area, we know that some of them also now better understand not only the importance of the Bedminster Land Conservancy, but also that of the many other land trusts working across the area and nation.

The land trust community is also one of shared values and vision. And the Bedminster Land Conservancy was recently recognized as meeting national standards in that community as we were awarded accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance,

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Accreditation Awarded to BLC

We are delighted to announce that after nearly two years of preparation and rigorous review, the Bedminster Land Conservancy received accreditation status from the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission! This very important recognition certifies that the Bedminster Land Conservancy meets national quality standards for excellence in our policies and practices, upholding the public trust and ensuring that conservation efforts are permanent.

At the recent national conservation conference, the BLC was honored in an inaugural ceremony as one of the first land trusts in PA, and one of only 39 in the nation, to be awarded this “seal of approval”. Currently, there are over 1700 land trusts in the United States.

The accreditation process started with the BLC being selected in the winter of 2007 to be one of the very first 22 land trusts in the nation to participate in the accreditation pilot program. By being selected to participate in the pilot, the BLC agreed to provide feedback on the process and assist other land trusts that prepare an application in the future.

Certainly our experience in undertaking the pilot program helped us refine or improve some of our practices and ensure that we are on the right path with regard to others. The BLC Board and our Director of Conservation recognized that the preparation of the application, public comment period, subsequent interviews, and submittals would be a big undertaking for our small land trust, but we all knew it was a worthwhile thing to do - to make sure we were, in fact, doing

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our national umbrella organization. Some of you may remember the announcement when we were selected as one of 22 land trusts across the nation to pilot the accreditation program. The results for that ‘pioneering’ group in the pilot program and then the next group of applicant land trusts that followed us were announced together at the Land Trust Alliance annual meeting on Sept 19th (see article p 1). We are honored and proud to also be part of that community.

September was a truly special month for the Bedminster Land Conservancy. It was a particular reminder of what can be achieved when individuals and their communities come together, working toward shared goals. Community bonds were extended and strengthened. We hope you also take pleasure in being part of the many wonderful communities that help define this area. Whether your support is through a membership, or dedicating volunteer hours – you are making a difference!

☞ Wendy P. Battisti
President

Traditional Artisans Preview Show a Success!

After nearly a year of planning and effort, the 2008 Traditional Artisans Preview Show held September 13–14 was well received by the community and was a great step forward as an annual fundraiser for the Bedminster Land Conservancy.

Smaller shows have been held in the past at the home of Leonard and Eve Marschark, the founders of the show. This year the event expanded to a larger venue, the Upper Bucks County Area Vocational Technical School (Vo-Tech School) on Ridge Road, which provided opportunities for the participation of additional artisans, as well as for a greater number of customers to enjoy the handcrafted furniture, clocks, paintings, woodcarvings, natural wreaths, pottery, scherenschnitte (paper cutting), and other works of art on show and sale. Several of these nationally-recognized artists have received commissions from the White House.

Community involvement was key to the success of the expanded show. The Vo-Tech School faculty and students embraced the opportunity to host the show, offering not only craft services, but also much of the muscle required to move a big show in and out of the school in a single weekend. Their many talents were evident throughout the show, especially in the lobby, where students displayed a magnificent canoe handcrafted in wood that will be auctioned later this year, and in the Quiet Corner Café, where delicious food was provided for breakfast and lunch, and the tables were beautifully decorated with fresh flower arrangements.

Members of the BLC pitched in to help Len and Eve plan the event, and to advertise, decorate the venue, sell tickets, and perform the myriad small tasks necessary for a smooth operation. A second front for volunteers was the hospitality of many in housing folks from outside the region. Host families offered bed and breakfast accommodations to the artisan families and provided friendly guidance on local resources.

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ACCREDITATION

AWARDED TO BLC (cont. from p. 1)

the “right thing” for land preservation in our area, and in turn, for land preservation efforts across the country.

The application process benefitted the conservancy by ensuring we had strong policies in place, and further strengthened our organization by giving us the opportunity to refine other policies. We will proudly display the Accreditation seal and continue to uphold the highest standards in our operations and transactions with landowners and the several area municipalities.

Our accreditation status was achieved due to the diligent work of the founding board of directors, notably Wendy and Gib Battisti, and Sandi Cowperthwaite who continue to serve on the board and Sue Delin, who recently transitioned off the board after 11 years of service as our Treasurer. We also extend our appreciation to all the board members, volunteers, and our staff who helped us over the years to become the strong and effective - and accredited - organization we are today.

☞ The Board of Directors



The accreditation seal recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent.

THANK YOU for your Service to BLC!

Susan Delin

Our long time board member and treasurer, Susan Delin, transitioned off the board this year, completing 11 years of volunteer service to the organization. We thank her for her incredible dedication and service to the organization. A founding member of the BLC, and one of our most dedicated workers, she was also a major contributor to our successful accreditation efforts. We wish her great happiness in her ‘retirement’ – although, I know we will see her still helping out when needed.

Ann McAuliffe

The board wishes to recognize and thank Ann McAuliffe for her many years of service as the chair of our mailing committee. Ann has gone back to work full time and we are now in a position to have our printing company facilitate most of the mailing responsibilities. Of course, we also need to recognize Ann’s husband Frank and her family, the McGowans, who often helped Ann to stuff all those envelopes - and label and sort all those newsletters. It is volunteers like these who were crucial to the BLC, especially in its early years!

Thank you Ann!

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Barns and Farms

Fall Views & Hues Summary

The Bedminster Land Conservancy (BLC) 4th Annual Barns and Farms Tour was a celebration – of autumn colors, and architectural details, with an array of barns that illustrated the importance of preserving our working landscapes. We celebrate these historic barns that are an integral component of beautiful farmlands that define the rural character of our region.

From dressage to woodcarving, chickens to miniature horses, there was a variety of living things and artistry to entertain all ages on a day with a perfectly clear blue sky and colorful autumn foliage! Kudos to the Fund-raising Committee and specifically to the Barns & Farms Tour Committee chair, Louis Dierking, for pulling off a fabulous fall event with perfect weather!

A partial summary of the tour highlights follow – check our website for more photos and watch for more details in our winter/spring 2009 issue!



The **Bohn-Fiore Farm** was the site for refreshments, raffle chances and tickets with the self-guided brochure that was filled with information on the historical and architectural details of the barns on the tour. The Bohn-Fiores extended their hospitality for the day by hosting the party held after the tour to thank the many volunteers and gracious landowners who opened their properties for the BLC.



A perennial favorite of the Barns and Farms Tour: the sheepherding demonstration at **Ivyrose Farm** by Eve Marschark with Len Marschark and their border collies. Just a few verbal commands and some expert whistles guided the dog to herd the sheep “away from me” around a tree.

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TRADITIONAL ARTISANS

PREVIEW SHOW A SUCCESS *(cont. from p. 2)*

Saturday night saw a payoff for all the hard work, as the artisans, their customers, and the BLC volunteers celebrated at AGA Farms – nearly 100 people enjoyed the festivities, which culminated with a moon-lit hayride. Here again, community involvement was fundamental to success, with BLC volunteers providing the venue, preparing the fabulous refreshments, and conducting the cleanup.



*Mary Michael Shelley exhibits her artistry and technique for painted wood carvings.
Photo by Nick Vincent*



Len and Eve Marschark point out the fine details of heirloom-quality tall case clocks to shoppers.

By the time the show ended on Sunday, the Traditional Artisans Preview Show had been established as yet another successful annual event, in the spirit of the highly successful annual Garden and Barns & Farms Tours. Many volunteers, artisans, and the public who visited the show offered great ideas that will help to make next year's show even better. If you missed out on the fun this year, keep the Traditional Artisans Preview Show in mind for 2009 – you will be amazed!

Fun Facts: 35 artisans from 12 different states participated in the show. Approximately 1000 customers attended, some from as far away as Connecticut and Virginia!

Special Note: We will keep the links to all the artisans on our website. Please take some time to visit their sites, especially if you were not able to see their works in person. If you order something from any of the artisans, please let them know you learned about them through the BLC.

✦ Anita Cox, Artisans Show Committee

BARN AND FARMS FALL

VIEWS & HUES SUMMARY *(cont. from p. 3)*

Thistle Brook Farm's unusual 4-bay forebay, with barnyard animals.



Thank you for making the Fourth Annual Barns and Farms Tour successful!

As an additional fund-raising effort capping off the day, a live auction was held with the landowners, demonstrators and volunteers. We thank the donors and winners! Artists Scott Taylor and Ron Day donated 2 paintings of farms and barns, won by Paul Mataras and Christina Reisinger; Barbara Thomas donated a hand-made quilt, "Barn raising", won by David Ralston. An Ice Cream Party donated by Chubby's was won by Laura Bohn and Richard Fiore. Raffle prizes included two Mary Kay baskets donated by Laurie Ermentrout and a BLC basket containing notecards, shirt and more, won by Gavin Lingo, Stephen Mooney and Erik Schantz.

We thank our business supporters, sponsors, and demonstrators:

AGA Farms; Annie B's; Brian Murphy, Barn Restoration; Bucks Country Gardens; Budget Printing; Chubby's Ice Cream, Deep Run Partners; Doylestown Bookshop; Dublin Agway; Ed Worthington, Blacksmith; Excel Dressage; First Savings Bank of Perkasie; Geese Auto Salvage; George J. Donovan, AIA & Assoc.; Ivyrose Farm; Jeffrey L. Marshall, Sec.-Treas., Historic Barn & Farm Foundation of PA; Keystone Municipal Engineering, Inc.; Laurie Ermentrout, Mary Kay Consultant; Martin Maier, Woodcarver; Point of View Farm, Quakertown National Bank; Rogers Roadstand; Scott Taylor, Artist; and WaWa Plumsteadville. **We also extend our grateful appreciation to all the landowner hosts**, for their gracious hospitality, for literally opening their doors, providing us with a different perspective on the beautiful structures we admire from a distance and for which many of us now have a much better appreciation! It is one of the side "benefits" of this fund-raiser – to showcase the working landscapes and functional structures that comprise the cultural features we strive to protect as a conservancy.

Photos on 3, 5 & 7 by Barbara Drew

Look What We Have for Sale!

- T-SHIRTS** *Adult sizes: M, L, & XL* \$12.00
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- SWEAT SHIRTS** (*all sizes*) \$25.00
Sweat shirts are beige with BLC green logo. Excellent quality!

- HATS** (*one size fits all*) \$20.00
Hats are forest green, embroidered with the BLC logo in beige, with an adjustable leather band in the back.

- COLOR MAP** \$2.00
An 8" x 11" color version of the Bedminster Protected Lands Map is available.

- ORNAMENT** \$8.00
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- NOTECARDS** \$10.00
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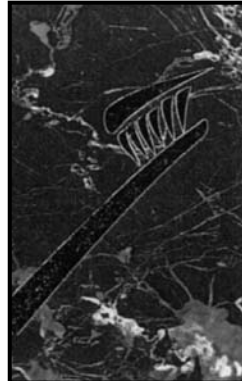
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LAND STEWARDSHIP

Green Tips: Land Stewardship Begins at Home

Just as care of our earth begins at the very local level, good land stewardship begins at home - collectively our actions can make a noticeable difference. What we do with our own properties and inside our homes can have an impact, from plantings in your yard and garden to shopping to energy use, it all adds up.

We offer a few “green tips”, many of which you may already be practicing! Consider ways to reduce, reuse and recycle at your home, property, and work.

Home energy use:

- ◆ Have an energy audit on your house, repair leaking windows, insulate; get a hot water heater blanket and set it at 120°; turn off when away
- ◆ Adjust the water temperature by 1° in the summer – you can save 3% in home energy costs
- ◆ Unplug appliances when not in use (even when turned off, appliances use energy)
- ◆ Install a programmable thermostat, ideal temperature for living room is 68° and 64° for bedroom; when away in summer, set at high temp such as 80°
- ◆ Let your clothes dry in the air on nice sunny days
- ◆ Reduce use of air conditioners as much as possible – turn off on breezy, cooler days
- ◆ Change your light bulbs to CFLs – compact fluorescent light bulbs, more energy efficient and last 10x longer
- ◆ Cook or reheat small portions of food in a microwave rather than large oven

Water use:

- ◆ Turn off the faucet when not brushing your teeth or rinsing dishes, etc. (5 to 10 gallons of water flow out every minute!)
- ◆ Reuse water bottles, or use a reusable water bottle or travel mug instead of disposing of water bottles
- ◆ Place a brick or other small heavy object in the toilet tank to conserve water
- ◆ Go to a commercial car wash – it uses less water than washing it by yourself
- ◆ Install a low-flow showerhead to reduce the amount of wasted (and heated) water
- ◆ Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full

Shopping & Product Use:

- ◆ Use an “eco-bag” cloth bag instead of paper or plastic
- ◆ Buy local products, including locally grown foods
- ◆ Buy products in bulk to reduce packaging waste and shopping trips
- ◆ Stop junk mail by requesting this at www.newdream.org
- ◆ Recycle clothes and other products – donate to Goodwill or shelters, shop at yard sales and look on www.craigslist.org for products
- ◆ Recycle toys and children’s items at yard sales or donate

- ◆ Use rechargeable batteries (a small investment with a recharger) for things you use frequently
- ◆ Recycle plastics, cans, glass, newspapers & junk mail according to your collection program
- ◆ Reduce commercial cleaning products, choose green alternatives, use vinegar for cleaning windows (several tablespoons per gallon)

Transportation:

- ◆ Use public transportation and alternative transportation, (walk, bike) carpool whenever possible, combine errands
- ◆ Drive at the speed limit (each 5 mi increase above 60mph is like paying \$.10/gallon more)
- ◆ Dispose of car batteries at local recovery centers (hazardous waste collections)
- ◆ Buy tires that are retreaded and recycle old tires at local service stations that take part in collection programs

Gardening


- ◆ Reduce and minimize lawn area (requires less mowing, creates less impervious cover)
- ◆ Water more deeply and less frequently, as required (avoid auto sprinklers)
- ◆ Compost coffee grounds, egg shells, vegetable peelings
- ◆ Use composted materials to fertilize
- ◆ Plant native species, especially trees

“How we go about our daily lives – what we eat, how we get to work, where we build our houses – has a transformative effect not just on our immediate surroundings, but on places as far away as the North Pole and Antarctica.”

✦ *Phillippe Bourseiller*
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*Crooked Creek Farm's
bank barn also hosted a display of
Old World traditional carved wood “hanarbeit”
by Martin Maier.*




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* LEGISLATION & NEWS OF OUR REGION AND BEYOND *

The Bedminster Land Conservancy strives to keep our members aware of changing legislation as well as the availability of resources related to land preservation and conservation. It is important that our members also take time to express their thoughts to our politicians and stay aware of how they vote.

✍️ Barbara Drew

NATIONAL

Conservation Tax Incentive: Efforts continue to make the tax incentive for charitable donations of conservation easements permanent. Congress is considering bills H.R. 1576 and S. 469 – let your legislators know that this incentive has been beneficial for land preservation in our area.

STATE

Alternative Energy: The legislature passed the alternative energy funding package of \$650 million (M) dollars, the largest increase in alternative energy funding in PA history. The biggest amount, \$165 M, will go toward alternative energy development projects. The remaining funds are for: consumer solar projects (\$100 M), solar capital projects (\$80 M), venture capital investment in alternative energy projects (\$40 M), LIHEAP home heating assistance (\$40 M), wind and geothermal energy projects (\$25 M), and green buildings (\$25 M).

Climate Change: Pennsylvania recently enacted the Climate Change Act, which established a committee to build on policies established by prior legislation: the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004, as well as the recently enacted \$650 million Alternative Energy Investment Fund (see above paragraph) and the Biofuels In-State Development Act. The Climate Change Act established a committee that will identify new ideas that reduce Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas emissions and protect our economy, including carbon capture and sequestration. The new legislation sets in motion an in-depth process of studying and benchmarking current sources of greenhouse gas pollution, then creating an action plan to reduce those emissions through cost-effective strategies for businesses and consumers. Another purpose of the Act is to advance technologies like cellulosic ethanol, solar, wind, methane capture, geothermal and carbon capture and sequestration by PA industries. www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Public Participation.

Gas Drilling: The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued 73 drilling permits recently for the Marcellus Shale formation that could unlock tremendous new natural gas resources; the permits included provisions to protect water resources. The Marcellus Shale is a rock formation that underlies much of Pennsylvania and portions of New York and West Virginia at a depth of 5,000 to 8,000 feet. This year, 257 permits have been approved for drilling in the Marcellus Shale, with 73 being approved since Aug. 15. In total, 518 permits have been approved for drilling in the Marcellus Shale formation since 2005. Another

24 permit applications are under technical review by the DEP awaiting comprehensive water management plans to safeguard water resources. Extracting natural gas from the formation requires a relatively new drilling process known as horizontal drilling, which uses far greater amounts of water than traditional natural gas exploration. DEP has created a special webpage specific to the Marcellus Shale that features resources for industry and information on drilling questions for landowners and the general public, which is available at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Oil and Gas, then click on "Marcellus Page."

Paper or Plastic? How about canvas (or cloth) bags! If we want to avoid paper at the grocer to save trees, we may opt to use plastic bags, which can then be reused or recycled. Grocery stores everywhere are now selling at a minimal cost cloth bags that are "eco-friendly" and have the triangular recycling symbol on them. The promotion of cloth bags is a positive step to control waste and encourage sound recycling. While recycling plastic plays a role in reusing the material, it has been shown that the cost of recycling the bags is much higher than the cost to make the bags! Reducing the production of plastic bags is a more significant benefit to our environment. If we used cloth shopping bags instead of plastic bags for our groceries, we would reduce our use by an average of 6 bags/week, or about 300 per year. In an average lifetime, this would mean eliminating 22,176 bags! If one-fifth of the population used cloth, we would save 1,330,560,000,000 bags over our lifetime! Using cloth bags instead of plastic reduces the use of oil to produce the plastic, while cloth is a "sustainable" product, meaning it is based on renewable resources. China for example has reduced its use of oil by 37 million barrels due to no longer allowing plastic bags. Many countries in addition to China have banned plastic bags. In March, 2007, San Francisco was the first city to ban plastic bags.

Recycling Markets: PA has authorized \$950,000 to continue the progress being made by the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center in expanding and developing markets for recovered materials, and stimulating demand for products with recycled contents. Also \$1 million will be available for manufacturers to buy equipment that increases use of recycled content in finished products. This will help companies to find new ways to use more types of recyclable materials. The grants are made to businesses and nonprofit organizations that will manufacture a product or reuse an existing product using recyclable materials. Grants of up to

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\$500,000 are available to buy machinery or equipment that will increase consumption of recyclable materials recovered in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's investments in the future of recycling are protecting the environment and helping businesses manage their rising energy costs. Recycling is truly a win for Pennsylvania. Applications for recycling markets infrastructure development grants will be accepted until Nov. 3. To obtain a grant application, visit www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Market Development or contact Charles Scheidler, Bureau of Waste Management, cscheidler@state.pa.us, (717) 787-7382.

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Bedminster Township Open Space Plan Update: The township will begin the process of updating the 10-year plan that was last approved in 1999, with the assistance of the Bucks County Planning Commission staff. The updated plan will renew the Township's eligibility for the Bucks County Municipal Open Space grants as well as other grant funding. Land Use Director Dawn Cook will coordinate the process for Bedminster. For more info: 215 249-3320; www.bedminstertownship.org

Comprehensive Plan: Bedminster Township approved the Comprehensive Plan in June. Copies are available to the public at the Township Building or Land Use Building, for \$25.

Your Opinion Is Important!

Please contact your federal and state representatives to make your concerns or support for legislative issues heard. Your voice is important. Your actions can make a difference in saving our communities.

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- 1 med. green pepper, cut in thin strips
- 1 - 10 oz. can condensed tomato soup
- 3/4 c vinegar
- 2/3 c sugar
- 1/2 c cooking oil
- 1 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 t. prepared mustard
- 1/2 t. salt

Cook carrots in small amount of boiling salted water until just tender, about 8 - 10 minutes. Drain. Combine with onion and green pepper in large bowl. Stir together remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Cover and marinate in fridge several hours or overnight.

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Mission Statement

The official registration and financial information of the Bedminster Land Conservancy may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. *Registration does not imply endorsement.*