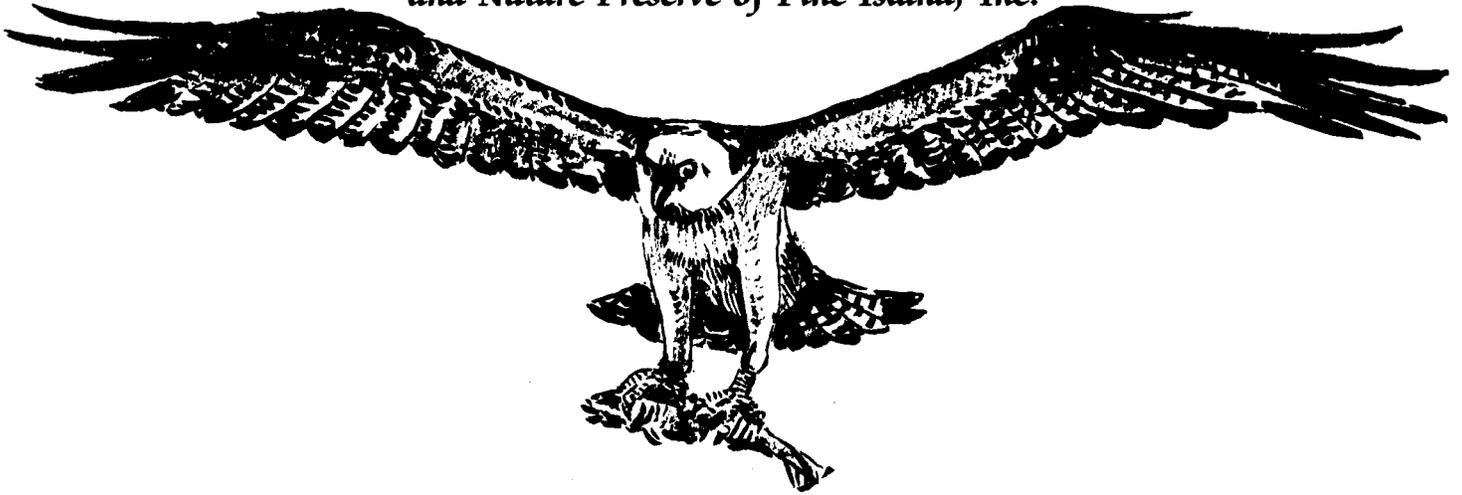


Calusa Land Trust

and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc.



Newsletter

February 1999

Greetings to everyone. This newsletter has exciting news about our latest acquisitions, followed by a recap of other announcements and discussions from our annual meeting, and ending with a summary of our upcoming events.

UNDERHILL CREEK

In December, the Calusa Land Trust was able to negotiate and close on a 71-acre parcel located on the east side of Matlacha Pass, directly across from our new Dobbs Preserve (see map on next page). This land contains a wonderful black mangrove forest, open salt flats, red mangroves and a beautiful tidal creek called Underhill Creek running through it. There is obvious potential for canoe trails, and nature walking trails as well due to a maintenance road for the overhead power lines at the north edge of this parcel. This parcel is completely surrounded by the State Reserve Lands. Wading and migratory birds, fish and aquatic life will benefit from this purchase. Our thanks goes to Dr. Leland K. Glenn and the other local investors who decided to sell their land to the Calusa Land Trust while some obtaining some tax advantages that come with a bargain (below-market) sale. The purchase price was \$14,200.

DOBBS PRESERVE

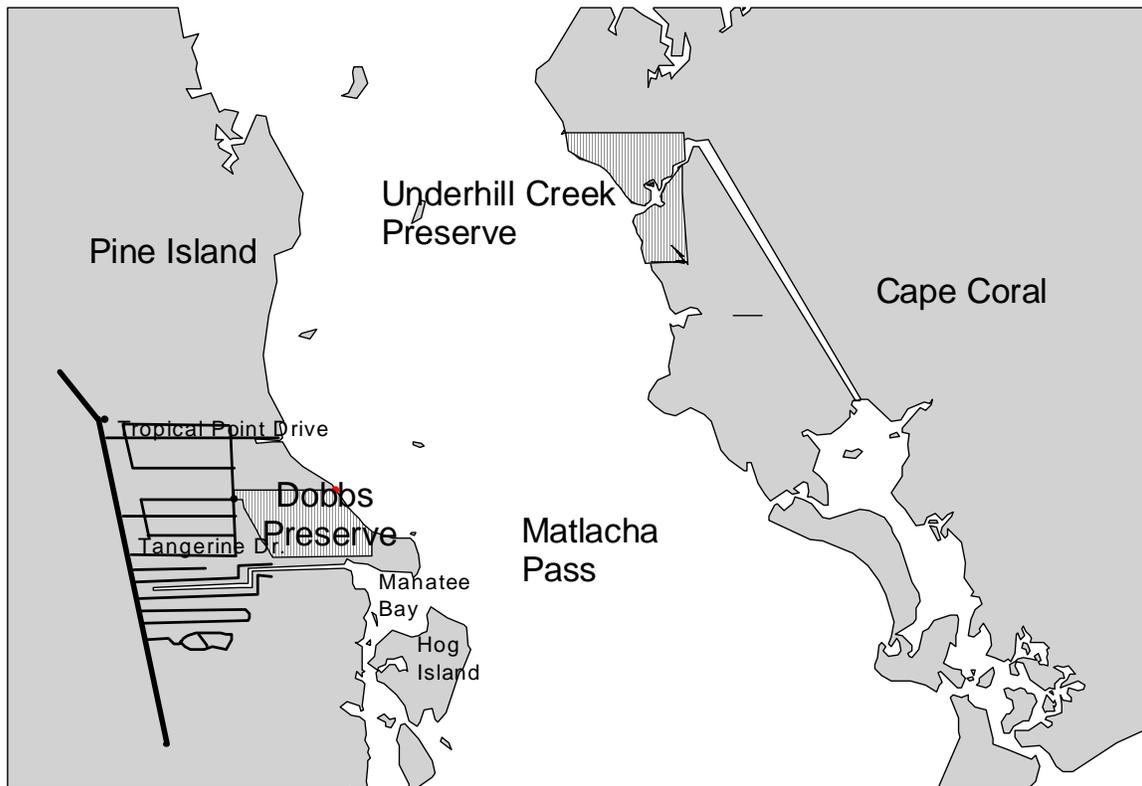
Another 69-acre mangrove forest was purchased in December from Herbert and Edna Dobbs. Recently named the "Dobbs Preserve" by the board of directors, this property is

located east of the Tropical Homesites neighborhood near St. James City. It faces the “Hells Gate” region of Matlacha Pass. The purchase price was \$13,800.

The Dobbs Preserve contains about ½ mile of mangrove shoreline facing salt water flats. Protected lands are on its east and south borders. This land will be a significant refuge for fish, shore birds, and other wildlife.



Physical access to the property is provided by over 100 feet of frontage on Sable Avenue, facilitating exotic removal and wetlands restoration where needed. With the Dobbs Preserve as an anchor, we can contemplate acquiring all of the mangrove frontage from the Manatee Canal area south to the northernmost reach of our St. James Creek Preserve. If we can succeed, we will have placed a major portion of southeast Pine Island shoreline under perpetual protection.



HELP PRESERVE A CALUSA INDIAN CANAL! by Bud House

Some 1,000 to 1,500 years ago, the Calusa Indians built a canal system stretching from Pineland in northwest Pine Island to Indian Field Island (on the northeast side), then across Matlacha Pass and through what is now Cape Coral to the Caloosahatchee. While there is evidence of the canal at the Pineland archaeological complex, the remaining path has been largely obliterated by agricultural and developmental activities, except for six lots on Meadow Lane. Meadow Lane is the second street to the east from Harbor Drive north of Stringfellow Boulevard.

The Calusa Land Trust has obtained an option to purchase a one-acre parcel at 6450 Meadow Lane (S-T-R-A-P #08-44-22-01-0000G.0140). The purchase price of this parcel is \$12,000; the option expires on 12-31-99. It is the Land Trust's hope to raise sufficient funds to purchase this acre and ultimately acquire all five remaining parcels.

An archaeological study of the Pine Island Canal, by George Luer, a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida, and Ryan Wheeler, Ph.D., resulted in the determination that the canal was not a simple or casually-dug "ditch." Careful planning went into its placement on the landscape, and intensive effort went into its construction and maintenance. They also concluded that the canal was constructed with a series of stepped impoundments utilizing ground water and rainfall for the water supply. Frank Hamilton Cushing, a famous anthropologist, visited the Pineland Site (then known as Battey's Landing) in 1895. He described the canal as being about thirty feet wide and between five and six feet deep, extending eastward into the distance.

The Calusa Land Trust was organized in 1976 to save environmentally sensitive lands and sites with historical and archaeological significance. The land trust's major archaeological holding at present is 1.8 acres of shell mound on Calusa Island, donated by Fred Johnson several years ago. The Calusa Canal is our the first attempt to purchase a parcel strictly for its archaeological significance. If we are successful in receiving donations to acquire this parcel, we will immediately begin a new campaign for the acquisition of the remaining parcels.

If you can contribute to this project, be sure to mark all donations "CANAL". Join us in making this project a success!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on January 10, 1999, at the Elks Club at Pine Island Center. About 60 people attended on that beautiful day, and many took turns making announcements and discussing an array of related topics and upcoming events. President Ed Chapin presided over the meeting and asked board members and committee chairpersons to give brief reports.

Treasurer Bill Spikowski began by handing out his yearly financial statement (re-printed at the end of this newsletter).

Newsletter Editor Alison Ackerman invited everyone to contribute any news briefs or articles for future newsletters. She thanked all those who have helped her this year, for without their contributions she could not have handled all the work. (Her e-mail address is *alison@spikowski.com* and her fax number is 997-8565.)

Norm Gowan, Fund-raising Chairman, announced that 430 planks had been bought for the St. Jude Trail boardwalk, raising \$21,200. More names can still be added and if space becomes a problem, he said a second lower handrail will be built, which will also provide additional safety. The space used for memorials is nearly gone but again there are plans to provide more space with an additional memorial bench along the trail. A \$50 donation will cover names up to 16 characters and \$100 will cover longer inscriptions.

Norm also reported that the 6th Annual Poker Run, held on December 6 and sponsored by the Pine Island Boat Club, was blessed with perfect weather. Hopeful participants filling about 70 boats played 761 hands of poker for a first prize of \$1,500. The winning hand was four 9s. Profit for the Trust came to about \$3,700. The next Poker Run has already been scheduled, so mark your calendars for December 5, 1999.

Last year's rummage sale, organized and run by the House, Ingelse, and Jephson families, netted about \$475. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party was not only fun, it brought in another \$1,200 with almost 160 corned-beef-and-cabbage dinners served.

On September 13, Pine Island Realty Inc. and the Waterfront Restaurant sponsored the 3rd annual Pine Island Slam Fishing Tournament. Each year they choose an organization to benefit; this year they picked the Calusa Land Trust, which received over \$3,000! Past recipients have been the Pine Island Little League and the Sundowners. Many local businesses contributed great prizes; we would like to thank the following organizations and businesses who helped make this day so fun and successful:

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| South Seas Plantation (Gena) | Island Hardware (Bob or Colette) |
| Castaways Resort (Tami) | Boat US (Rick) |
| Cape Tool & Tackle (Wayne, Ken & Theresa) | 7 Seas Bait & Tackle (Jim) |
| Mattson Marine (Russ) | Fort Myers Marine (Chuck) |
| Bud (Suncoast Bev. Mike Mitchell) | Jensen's Marina (Dave, John & Jimmy) |
| Miller (Jim Cate) | Sandy Hook (Nicole, Rich & Bev) |
| Mark IV (Sandy & Maryann) | Boaters World (Jim) |
| West Marine (Tim) | EB Marine |
| Sea Tow (Pat & John) | Lehr's Economy Tackle (Dave) |
| Boat U/S Towing (Dave) | Department of Marine Resources (Bob Wasno) |
| West Coast Nets (Al) | Fishing Fever Marina (Mike) |
| Calusa Nets (Roy or Buster) | Loco T'z (Jennifer) |
| | Four Winds Marina (Janet) |

Jan the Mailman (Jan Bailey)
St. James Marina (Don)
San Carlos Marine (Bill)
San Carlos Marine Pine Island

Old Fish House Marina (Glenn)
Captain Randy White
Mike the Mechanic (Mike Zubel)
Lazy Flamingo 4 (John Fagen)

Norm Gowan is also our **Membership Chairman**. He reported that our total membership count for individuals, families, and businesses stands at 695 with 382 (55%) being current in their dues. (As of this printing, those numbers have risen to 704 and 398, or 57%, respectively.) The asterisk on the mailing label of each newsletter is our reminder to each member that their yearly contribution is due. Norm also described his Sponsorship Program, in which 54 members have brought in a total of 176 new members. (We will list sponsors in future newsletters as space permits.)

Phil Buchanan announced the exciting results of his Nature Guide. Details are provided later in this newsletter.

Chic Kennedy, Construction Project Manager, reported that 32 feet of new connecting boardwalk was built at the St. James Creek Preserve, along with 3 benches on the memorial deck. Safety railings are also being added. At Fritts Park, a beautiful new sign has been put up, but needs a protective roof, as it has weathered quite a bit. This will be a priority project for 1999.

Chic then announced that the beautiful handmade wood strip canoe, made by Don Jorgensen and generously donated to the Trust, would finally be raffled off at the close of the meeting. He and Phil Buchanan moved it all around the island over the last six months, gathering up a total of \$2,700 in chances to win this special prize. (The lucky winner turned out to be member Al Eleinko!)

Chic also talked about the York Island closing, which took place on December 5. Arrangements were handled by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, with the official "closing" to happen on a boat, not on the beach, as some had thought. There was a plan for boats to gather together in a raft-type arrangement. Some boats were unfortunately left out, however, but certainly not intentionally so. Chic apologized to anyone who came but was separated from the main event. (Now we know why real estate closings are usually held in offices!) And to all who came, thank you for joining everyone in this wonderful moment and joining together afterward at the Waterfront Restaurant to celebrate.

Rubye Woodhead, Secretary and Historian, announced her plans to continue updating and expanding the official Calusa Land Trust scrapbook which she had there for all to leaf through.

Land Acquisition announcements were made by several board members. Besides Underhill Creek, the Dobbs Preserve, and the Calusa Indian Canal discussed above, we purchased several other pieces described in previous newsletters: York and Coconut Islands, the Kreie Property, and Shell Cut on Calusa Island (donated by Fred Johnson). The Schock property was donated to us by Fred and Margaret (Peg) Schock, long-time residents of St. James City. Many of you may remember that Peg donated her painting of egrets for a raffle in 1992. After moving to Oregon to live closer to their son, they decided to donate about one acre they owned on Pine Island to CLT. It is transition zone land, located just north of the Center, on the east side of Pine Island near Pine Island Creek. The donation became official over the summer, thanks to help from attorney Bert Tidwell. Unfortunately, the story ends on a sad note, as Fred passed away shortly after their move. We extend our warmest thoughts to Peg and heartfelt thanks as well for her and Fred's generosity.

Ed Chapin, President, reported that the Greater Pine Island Water Association contributed \$30,000 to Calusa Land Trust this year for mitigation purposes. We are obligated to use these funds solely for wetlands restoration on and around Pine Island.

The last three speakers, **Cathy Valenti, Richard Little** and **Peter Ordway** presented information about Earth Day, the Ranger Program, and past/future canoe trips. All three have written articles which detail these exciting programs below.

Election of Board Members —The following people were elected to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors: Gloria Andrews, Ed Chapin, Norm Gowan, Bud House, Peter Ordway, Cathy Valenti, and Bill Workman. Gloria, Cathy, and Bill will be joining us as new board members. Unfortunately, we had to lose Rich Larkin this year, who declined to run again due to other obligations. He will be sorely missed by all as an active board member, not to mention past president for two years and long-time chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee. He was instrumental in negotiating the purchase of many parcels like Back Bay, St. James Creek, and the Eagle Preserve to mention only a few. And it was he who masterminded a special contribution of \$20,000 for management of the Eagle Preserve. We are very happy he tells us he does have some time to help us out in other land acquisition endeavors!

A complete list of all the board members can be found below. At the January 19 board meeting, officers were elected for 1999 and these are also included in the chart

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ed Chapin

Last year was certainly productive for Calusa Land Trust thanks to so many people pulling together on a huge variety of projects. As we look toward 1999, there are many more events planned and opportunities unfolding. In land acquisition, we will continue to research possibilities right here on Pine Island, much like we have in the past. We will also continue to work with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation to purchase more lands jointly, like we did with York and Coconut Islands. A third avenue for land acquisition will hopefully involve the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a Naples-based organization that spearheaded public acquisition of Rookery Bay. Emma Spenner and Lynne Adams came to our January board meeting and expressed interest in helping us purchase more upland areas on Pine Island. This is very exciting and we hope this effort will be productive.

NATURE LOVER'S GUIDE TO PINE ISLAND by Phil Buchanan

Sales of "The Nature Lover's Guide to Pine Island," now in its third printing, continue to be brisk—far outstripping our expectations. We extend our heartfelt thank you to the Pine Island organizations and merchants who volunteered to help market the book. In many cases, their contribution has been extraordinary. Island Hardware and Marina in St James City alone has thus far sold enough books to purchase five acres of Pine Island mangroves. The volunteers at The Museum of the Islands have nearly matched that record, and the Double Nichol Pub, Dr. Watson's Liquors, Island Shell and Gifts, Gillian's Market, and The Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce trail not too far behind—all selling enough books to each purchase and preserve at least one acre of mangroves. Direct sales at Fish-N-Art, Tropic star, Village Gifts, and Dobby's Bait and Tackle plus mail order sales account for several more acres. We plan for all of these merchants to continue to carry the book on their shelves at least through the end of January (when sales are projected to exceed \$12,000.) It is also available by sending a check for \$23 (\$20 plus \$3 shipping, etc.) to the Trust at 3861 Galt Island Avenue, St. James City, FL 33956. We also want to extend a special thank you to Pine Island Printing for their super price on the high-quality printing of our Nature Guide.

EARTH DAY

by Cathy Valenti

Please join us in planning for and celebrating Earth Day '99, on March 27! The monies raised will go toward purchasing part of the Calusa Indian Canal, one of Pine Island's archeological treasures. This year the activities will all be at Pine Island Center, at the Elks Lodge and the Methodist Church Hall across the street. The Trash Bash will begin at 9 A.M. and last until noon, during which people can join together at various sites around Pine Island to collect trash. The main dump site will be at the Elks Lodge. At the Methodist Church, there will be booths and displays set up for everyone to enjoy.

Anyone who wants to rent a table for our Earth Day Market can contact Bill or Sandy Workman at 283-5195. We also plan to have auctions and raffles, and are still looking for a few good items. Please call Cari Caudill at 283-9710 if you have something to donate. Food will include “regular” lunch fare from 11:00 – 1:00, with a “finer foods” menu available from 1:00 – 4:00.

We really need volunteers to help put this all together. Please call me at 573-0949 if you can lend a hand. We especially need people to head up the following positions: Trash Bash Coordinator who could oversee all trash collecting activities; a Site Director just for recycling at the Elks Club; and three Site Directors for trash collecting at the Elks Club, Matlacha, and St. James City respectively. And last we need volunteers to be our Food and Drink Coordinator and Entertainment Director.

We hope this day will be fun, profitable, and a great way to help our island. The date seems perfect as it is before Easter and in the height of the “season” which should mean more profits for vendors and the Trust alike.

CANOE/KAYAK FIELD TRIPS

by Peter Ordway

Two field trips to Land Trust preserves have been held so far this winter, and four more are planned over the next few months. This is the third year that volunteers have led trips to give members and other interested Pine Islanders the opportunity to explore the 1,200 acres of nature preserves owned and managed by the Calusa Land Trust. Last season, 78 people participated in the trips.

The first trip, on November 28th, attracted 17 boats and 25 participants. The group departed from Lobean Lane and first explored the bays and narrow creeks of Big Jim Creek Preserve. The more intrepid members then put ashore on Kreie Island, and after a short walk through a mangrove forest visited the rare tropical hardwood hammock where a nature trail is being established by volunteer land stewards. The high point of the trip was a lunch stop on beautiful Burgess Island, the home of Tom and Liz Munz. Tom and Liz treated the group to a tour of their island and a most interesting talk about the archaeological history of the island

The second trip, with over 20 participants, left the end of Aura Lane and paddled east along Jug Creek to the narrow isthmus which connects Jug Creek Point to the rest of Pine Island. After exploring some of the bays of the northeastern end of Pine Island, the paddlers entered Charlotte Harbor through the east mouth of Jug Creek and pulled up on the beach of the Calusa Island Preserve. After lunch the group was given a short talk on the history of the island and a nature walk by Ed Chapin, current president of the CLT, and resident of the island.

Future planned trips are:

February 20th St. James Creek preserve and St. Jude Nature Trail
March 20th Smokehouse Bay and Indian Field
April 17th New preserves in Matlacha Pass
May 22nd York Island and Back Bay preserves

To keep the trips manageable, numbers of participants will be limited and advance registration is necessary. To sign up for a trip, either e-mail pordway1@coconet.com or call Peter Ordway at 283-5918. A limited number of spaces are available for those who don't have access to a canoe or kayak. Maps and trail guides for the trip series are available free by e-mail (address above) or by sending \$5 to Canoe Maps, P.O. Box 747, Bokeelia, FL 33922.

These trips are led by Calusa Land Trust volunteers; while there is no charge, a donation from each participant to help support the conservation activities of the Land Trust will be gratefully appreciated.

RANGER/STEWARD COUNCIL

by Richard Little

The Ranger/Steward Council is moving forward, with 25 rangers assigned to 10 preserve locations. Since August, 1998, we have had 5 combined work party/ranger training days at St. Jude Trail, Fritts Park, and Calusa Island preserves. Some rangers have also participated in orientation visits to Back Bay, Kreie Island, and Calusa Island. Calusa Island rangers Alison Ackerman, Pat Clemens, and Pam & Bob Bristol organized a work party/training day on January 9. Seventeen rangers and workers pitched in removing trash and exotic vegetation, clearing foot trails, and cleaning out the dome structure in preparation for possible future renovations. Ed Chapin led a native plant identification trail walk. It was a great island day, and thanks to everyone for your efforts and hard work!

The next work party/ranger training day will be Saturday, February 6, at York and Coconut Islands. David Ceilley, Restoration Ecologist from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), will be helping to direct our efforts. This is our first joint land stewardship day with our SCCF partners. We'll be removing exotic vegetation and getting familiar with the islands terrain and wildlife. We'll gather at the west side beach on York Island at 9 A.M. Bring work gloves, bug spray, tough footwear, hats, lunch and water. Plan on staying until 2 or 3 if you can. People with canoes and kayaks can meet at Hopkins Point, St. James City, at 8:30 A.M. The York Island beach is about a 1-mile paddle. This is open water; be sure to bring life jackets. There will be a few extra crafts for people without boats. Please let me know by phone if you can coming (283-4974).

Attention all CLT Rangers: Ranger training opportunity at the Little Pine Island restoration project. Carla Kappmeyer-Sherwin, environmental specialist for the DEP

has invited our Rangers to attend a guided tour of the Little Pine Island wetland restoration project by Mariner Properties. Carla will later lead us to the salt marsh and talk about the ecology of this sensitive environment. Carla is very knowledgeable in local native plant species and ecology. This will be a great opportunity for our Rangers to learn from a professional. All CLT Rangers are urged to attend. Bring bug spray, tough footwear, hat and water.

Time: Monday, February 15, 9 A.M. to noon.

Meet at: Mariner office, sewage plant entrance on Little Pine Island.

FUND RAISING EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED by Norm Gowan

Project “X” Dinner — February 27

We have badly depleted the unrestricted funds in our treasury with the recent purchases of Kreie, York Island, Underhill Creek, and the Dobbs Preserve. Now it is time to start rebuilding for our next, as yet undefined, parcel that I shall call Project “X.” To start us off, the Land Trust is hosting an afternoon outing on February 27 from 1:00 – 5:00, for members and their guests only, at the lovely tropical gardens of Jimmie and Joe Eisenberg at 3544 Emerald Avenue in St. James City. Many of you will remember this beautiful setting from the Back Bay and York Island celebrations.

The catered dinner will consist of a baron of roast beef, potatoes and gravy, salad and rolls. A selection of beer, wine, and soft drinks will also be provided.

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Boat tours to Back Bay or York Island will be given from 1:00 until dinner at about 3:00. Bring a sweater, as it can get chilly on the water.

There is no charge for any of the items mentioned above but instead we solicit your generous donations for Project “X.” Gifts exceeding \$25 will be acknowledged in a thank you letter for tax deduction purposes. Please RSVP to Al & Connie Eleinko at 283-9323 or Norm & Marie Gowan at 283-8203 to help us in our planning. Or just send in your donation in advance with the form at the end of this newsletter.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner — March 17

The Calusa Land Trust will once again hold its annual St. Patrick’s dinner at the Greater Pine Island Elks Lodge. Food service will be continuous starting at 1:00 with music by Jimmie and her friends starting at 3:00, so come on out for great food and entertainment while making money for our land acquisition projects. Some help in serving is most definitely needed; please contact Marie Gowan at 283-8203 to help out.

The Great Pine Island Rubber Duck Race — March 20

In conjunction with the Greater Pine Island Elks Lodge Youth Programs, the Calusa Land Trust is hosting the Island’s first rubber duck race! The festivities are set to begin

at the Double Nichol Pub promptly at 1:00 P.M. with great food, beverages and fun. The actual race will start on the outgoing tide of Monroe Canal with its conclusion estimated around 5:00. Tickets are \$5.00 per duck (bet as many as you like) and are on sale now at both the Double Nichol Pub and the Elks Lodge. Only 1,000 ducks are allowed to “swim” in the race, so get your bets down early! Many prizes will be awarded. Winners need not be present for the first three grand prizes, including a 27" color TV. But after that, many more prizes will be awarded to those present whose ducks demonstrate speedy swimming talents. Don't miss the excitement!

LAND TRUST DRAGGED INTO CYBERSPACE by Peter Ordway

E-mail Addresses Wanted

With the Internet becoming ubiquitous, even nature-lovers are finding e-mail useful. With the current Calusa Land Trust membership around 700 members, timely communication becomes more difficult and expensive. In an attempt to more quickly and easily communicate with members, we would like to establish an e-mail address list of our members who have e-mail access. Members who use the Internet are asked to send a blank e-mail message to: *pordway1@coconet.com*.

Those who “sign-up” will receive a periodic e-mail newsletter giving information about the on-going activities of the Land Trust. This “e-letter” won't take the place of the regular newsletter which is mailed to all members, but will be supplemental and hopefully more timely.

A Web Site Too?

The Land Trust is currently planning its presence on the World-Wide Web. Almost 100 land trusts all over the United States now have sites on the Internet, where information can be made available 24 hours a day from anywhere. Anyone interested in seeing what a land trust web site might look like can access <http://www.lta.org> and then click on “land trust links.” (The LTA is the national Land Trust Alliance, a clearing-house and support organization for the more than 1,200 land trusts in the United States.)

Joan and Phil Rosenberg of Island Computer have been extremely helpful in registering our web address, which will be <http://www.calusalandtrust.org>. We are hoping a local Internet Service Provider will donate space for this purpose. Several land trust members with experience in this kind of design have offered to help us get up and running. Anyone is interested in participating in this project, please send an e-mail message to: *pordway1@coconet.com*.

FLORIDA LAND TRUST CONFERENCE

by Peter Ordway

The second annual Florida Land Trust Conference will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on Sunday, May 23, 1999 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Staff from the national Land Trust Alliance as other land trust leaders from around the country will be offering seminars in key subjects – including fundraising, membership development, the economic benefits of preserving land, and much more. Panel discussions, land trust presentations, and sessions for group interaction will also be included on Sunday morning.

The Florida Land Trust Conference is a unique opportunity to address common issues, create new partnerships, learn from each other, and develop a strong alliance of land trusts in Florida. It is also an ideal forum for state and county staffs as well as the community at large to learn more about the great potential of land trusts. For this reason the price of the conference will be kept at a minimum of \$35 to make it available to as many people as possible

If you want to join a group from the Calusa Land Trust and attend the conference, or know of anyone else who would be interested, send a note to Ed Chapin, Calusa Land Trust, P.O. Box 216, Bokeelia, FL 33922.

DONATIONS

Steve and Bonnie Edmond of St. James City have contributed a picnic table and two chairs to the Calusa Land Trust. They have been placed under the chickee hut about halfway down the St. Jude Nature Trail, where they will provide a nice rest stop or picnic location. Our thanks are extended to both of them.

RAFFLE

The artistic community on Pine Island has been quite generous in donating art to be raffled for preservation efforts in our area. Muriel Dumaresq, whose “Eagles In Flight” was our first art raffle, has donated a painting of a beautiful swamp scene by artist Gerry Phillips. It is framed, with a small engraving that reads “Donated to Calusa Land Trust by Muriel Dumaresq In Memory of Peg Young.” Peg Young was active in the Pine Island Arts Association. Let’s show our thanks to Muriel and respect for the memory of Peg by participating in this raffle.

MORE HELP NEEDED

1. **Rummage Sale Coordinators** — We are looking to reorganize our rummage sale this year, as Shirley House, who has headed up this very worthwhile effort, is stepping down this year. This has been a very effective fundraising effort, raising thousands of dollars in the past few years. We would like to form a new committee to continue this event; first we need a committee chair and a committee! If you can help, please call Ed Chapin (dial 277-6807 and enter your phone number) or Richard Little at 283-4974.

2. **Souvenir Sales Coordinators** — We are still seeking a member (or two) to take charge of selling T-shirts, prints, etc. at local events, and also to distribute Calusa Land Trust literature. Don and Mary Shontz handled this in great style for many years, but have now moved from the area. Since this is mainly a seasonal job, “snowbirds” are certainly welcome. For more information, or to volunteer to help out on fund-raising events, call fund-raising chairman Norm Gowan at 283-8203.

3. **Treasurer** — Treasurer Bill Spikowski has put out a call for help. The Land Trust’s extensive land holdings generate an amazing number of tax filings every year. Anyone who might be willing to help out should call Bill at 334-8866 during working hours. These tax filings occur mostly from January through May, so seasonal residents may be able to help, especially if they would be available each year, as much of this work isn’t so complicated after the first year or two!

4. **Friends of Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves** — This worthwhile organization is looking for volunteers to help the Department of Environmental Protection in managing its land and waters. Call Carla Kappmeyer-Sherwin at the local DEP office for information.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

| <u>DATE:</u> | <u>TIME:</u> | <u>EVENT:</u> |
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| Feb. 6 | 9 – 2:00 | Work day/training at York & Coconut Islands |
| Feb. 15 | 9 – 12:00 | Ranger training on Little Pine Island |
| Feb. 20 | <i>see below</i> | St. James Creek canoe trip |
| Feb. 27 | 1:00 | Project “X” Roast Beef Dinner Party (dinner served at 3:00) |
| March 9 | 6:30 | CLT board meeting at Elks Lodge. Everyone welcome. |
| March 17 | 1:00 | St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef Dinner at the Elks Club |
| March 20 | <i>see below</i> | Smokehouse Bay & Indian Field canoe trip |
| March 20 | 1:00 | Greater Pine Island Rubber Duck Race at Double Nichol Pub and Monroe Canal |
| March 27 | 9:00 | Earth Day Trash Bash at various sites on Pine Island |

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| | 11:00 | Earth Day Booths, Food, Entertainment etc. at P.I. Center |
| April 17 | <i>see below</i> | Matlacha Pass canoe trip |
| May 22 | <i>see below</i> | York Island and Back Bay canoe trip |
| May 23 | 9 – 12:00 | 2nd Annual Florida Land Trust Conference at Tampa Convention Center |

Note: For all canoe trips, contact Peter Ordway to sign up and receive details on times and exact locations to meet. See above article for more information.

BOARD MEMBERS & NEW OFFICERS

Below is a complete list of board members, officers, and committee chairs.

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| Ed Chapin | President Land Management Committee Chairman | 277-6807 (pager) |
| Richard Little | Vice-President Trail/Park Interpretive Chairman Land Management Committee Member | 283-4974 |
| Bill Spikowski | Treasurer Government Liaison & Business Manager | 334-8866 |
| Ruby Woodhead | Secretary Historian | 283-1288 |
| Norm Gowan | Membership Chairman Fund Raising Committee Chairman Past President | 283-8203 |
| Alison Ackerman | Newsletter Editor Past President | 997-5442 337-5586 |
| Chic Kennedy | Construction Project Manager Land Acquisition Committee Member | 283-7121 |
| Peter Ordway | G.I.S./Mapping Chairman Grant Committee Chairman | 283-5918 |
| Rick Moore | Land Acquisition Committee Member Land Management Committee Member Past President | 283-1206 |
| Bud House | Archaeology Chairman Land Acquisition Committee Member Land Management Committee Member | 283-3493 |
| Phil Buchanan | Construction Chairman Pine Island Nature Guide | 283-4067 |
| Bill Workman | Land Acquisition Committee Member | 283-5195 |
| Cathy Valenti | Earth Day Coordinator | 573-0948 |
| Gloria Andrews | Land Acquisition Committee Member | 283-5020 |

TREASURER'S REPORT — SUMMARY FOR 1998

FUNDS ON HAND AS OF 1/1/98:

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| Unrestricted Accounts: | \$53,214.79 |
| Emergency Fund: | \$10,000.00 |
| Public Relations Fund: | \$549.94 |
| Land Management Fund: | \$35,038.98 |
| Boardwalk Expansion Fund: | \$2,318.08 |
| Boardwalk Maintenance Fund: | \$3,000.00 |
| Fritts Park Expansion Fund: | \$977.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$105,098.79 |

INCOME SINCE 1/1/98:

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| Art Sale Proceeds: | \$30.00 |
| Beer Party Income: | \$260.00 |
| Sale of Donated Boats: | \$500.00 |
| Memberships and Donations: | \$64,760.51 |
| Duck Race Donation: | \$740.60 |
| Earth Day Income: | \$2,508.18 |
| Interest and Dividends from Investments: | \$4,508.83 |
| Mitigation Proceeds: | \$30,000.00 |
| Nature Guide Income: | \$8,281.00 |
| Poker Run Proceeds: | \$2,495.00 |
| Canoe Raffle: | \$2,369.00 |
| Rummage Sale Income: | \$519.18 |
| St. Patrick's Party Proceeds: | \$1,200.00 |
| T-shirts Proceeds: | \$10.00 |
| Fishing Tournament Proceeds: | \$3,300.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$121,482.30 |

LAND MANAGEMENT & OTHER EXPENSES SINCE 1/1/98:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beer Party Expenses: | \$171.42 |
| Duck Race Expenses: | \$881.20 |
| Earth Day Expenses: | \$1,458.86 |
| Insurance & Fees: | \$1,798.98 |
| Nature Guide Expenses: | \$4,797.87 |
| Office Supplies: | \$17.56 |
| Postage: | \$1,022.71 |
| Printing and Paper: | \$1,266.64 |
| Rummage Sale Expenses: | \$45.00 |
| Land Stewardship Expenses: | \$3,810.50 |
| TOTAL: | \$15,270.74 |

LAND ACQUISITION COSTS SINCE 1/1/98:

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|--|--------------------|
| Kreie Preserve: | \$40,713.85 |
| Dobbs Purchase: | \$13,843.00 |
| York/Coconut Islands: | \$22,000.00 |
| Underhill Creek Preserve: | \$15,035.50 |
| Deposit on Brevard College Parcel: | \$1,000.00 |
| Closing Costs on Calusa Island Donation: | \$930.70 |
| Closing Costs on Second Baxley Donation: | \$203.20 |
| TOTAL: | \$93,726.25 |

FUNDS ON HAND AS OF 1/1/99:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Unrestricted Accounts: | \$32,846.16 |
| Emergency Fund: | \$10,200.00 |
| Public Relations Fund: | \$345.59 |
| Land Management Fund: | \$65,038.98 |
| Boardwalk Expansion Fund: | \$4,083.00 |
| Boardwalk Maintenance Fund: | \$3,093.37 |
| Fritts Park Expansion Fund: | \$1,977.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$117,584.10 |

CALUSA LAND TRUST LAND HOLDINGS, January 1, 1999

| | <u>Size</u> | <u>1999 Assessed Value</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Big Jim Creek Preserve: | | |
| 36-43-21-00-00002.0070/Kreie | 49.70 acres | \$4,970 |
| 36-43-21-00-00001.0040 | 108.50 acres | \$10,850 |
| 36-43-21-00-00001.0050 | 108.50 acres | \$10,850 |
| 36-43-21-00-00001.0060 | 108.50 acres | \$10,850 |
| SUBTOTAL: | 375.20 | \$37,520 |

Fritts Park:

| | | | |
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| 06-44-22-00-00001.0010 | | 2.50 | \$17,500 |
| Calusa Island Preserve: | | | |
| 30-43-22-01-00048.0000/at Shell Cut | | 4.20 acres | \$420 |
| 30-43-22-01-00053.0000 | | 31.04 acres | \$3,100 |
| 30-43-22-01-00070.0010/uplands | | 1.83 acres | \$60,690 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 37.07 | \$64,210 |
| Underhill Creek Preserve: | | | |
| 13-45-22-C2-00001.0000 | | 71.00 | \$3,000 |
| Miscellaneous parcels: | | | |
| 21-44-22-00-00011.0030/Schock | | 1.18 acres | \$1,180 |
| 24-44-22-00-00046.0000/Matlacha | | 1.78 acres | \$180 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 2.96 | \$1,360 |
| Baxley Preserve: | | | |
| 03-45-22-01-000M0.0000 | | 2.69 acres | \$3,610 |
| 03-45-22-01-000M0.0010 | | 2.69 acres | |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 5.38 | \$3,610 |
| McCardle Island: [title in dispute]: | | | |
| 31-44-23-00-00002.0000/US FWS | | 40.00 acres | \$4,000 |
| 01-45-22-00-00002.0000 | | 7.00 acres | \$700 |
| 06-45-23-00-00001.0000 | | 4.00 acres | \$400 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 51.00 | \$5,100 |
| St. James Creek Preserve: | | | |
| 23-45-22-00-00002.0000/Dobbs Preserve | | 69.14 acres | \$6,910 |
| 25-45-22-00-00003.0010 | | 7.67 acres | \$770 |
| 26-45-22-00-00004.0020/Castile | | 43.81 acres | \$4,380 |
| 35-45-22-00-00001.1000/St. Jude Trail | | 211.20 acres | \$22,880 |
| 36-45-22-00-00001.0000 | | 96.00 acres | \$9,600 |
| 01-46-22-00-00001.0010 | | 14.33 acres | \$1,430 |
| 01-46-22-00-00001.0000/Back Bay | | 185.73 acres | \$18,570 |
| 02-46-22-00-00001.2000 | | 10.23 acres | \$1,020 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 638.11 | \$65,560 |
| York and Coconut Islands: [with SCCF] | | | |
| 02-46-22-00-00003.0000 CLT 10%: | | 1.34 acres | \$134 |
| 03-46-22-00-00002.0000 CLT 10%: | | 1.09 acres | \$109 |
| 03-46-22-00-00003.0000 CLT 10%: | | 2.04 acres | \$204 |
| 10-46-22-00-00002.0000 CLT 10%: | | 16.51 acres | \$1,651 |
| 11-46-22-00-00001.0000 CLT 10%: | | 0.25 acres | \$25 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | 21.23 | \$2,123 |
| | TOTAL: | 1205.79 | \$200,117 |

CALUSA LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS:

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|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| _____ \$15 Individual Member | _____ \$_____ | Calusa canal purchase |
| _____ \$25 Family Member | _____ \$ 23 | Nature Lover's Guide to P.I. |
| _____ \$50 Donor or Organization | _____ \$_____ | for roast beef dinner |
| _____ \$100 Contributor | _____ \$50 | Plunk—a—Plunk (fill in lettering below) |

Sponsor's Name (optional): _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Second Address? _____

Second City, State, Zip? _____

Phone _____

Today's Date _____

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