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# Through Farms & Fields



**AUGUST 4, 2024** 

CHANNING FIELDS
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Established on August 1, 1983, the Peconic Land Trust has completed over 500 conservation projects, conserving over 14,000 acres of land that provide a myriad of benefits in this remarkable region of ours:

- Farms that feed and sustain us with fresh, local produce.
- Woodlands that filter rainfall and recharge our sole source aquifer.
- Wetlands that cleanse our bays and nurture shellfish and marine life.
- Rich soils that produce diverse agricultural products that strengthen our local economy.
- Natural lands with trails, parks, and vistas that inspire and renew us.
- Historic sites and cultural resources that reflect our past and inform our minds.
- Dunes and beaches that protect our fragile coastlines, homes, and businesses.
- Sacred land and burial sites cherished by our indigenous partners.

As we celebrate 41 years of conserving the places we know and love, we are also celebrating you: the landowners, community members, partner organizations, government officials and staffers, and donors – people just like all of you who are gathered with us today . . . you make our work possible. Thank you!

We are at an inflection point in our work. While we have accomplished a lot, there is much more to be done. We will continue to be pragmatic, innovative, and balanced in all that we do, seeking win-win solutions to complex challenges. But to assure our continued effectiveness – and take us from 40 to forever – we must secure our conservation legacy for future generations and ensure that the Trust is built to last! We ask you to join us as we take on new challenges and prepare for the opportunities ahead.

The Peconic Land Trust acknowledges that the region – Paumanake (Long Island)/Sewanhacky (Long Island) – where we work and live is the ancestral territory of many communities of Indigenous people. We honor their stewardship of the land for over 10,000 years. We accept our responsibility to protect their cultural and traditional connections to the land.

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for joining us at Through Farms & Fields, our annual gathering of fellowship, gratitude, and local food. We are honored to be breaking bread together at Channing Fields, an extraordinary location that exemplifies the



vision and will of the late Walter Channing and his family to conserve all that you see around us. The Trust is especially proud to have been of service to Walter in his conservation quest.

This evening it is our pleasure to thank and celebrate our TFF 2024 Honorees, Kate and Andrew Davis. While our work with Kate and Andrew is relatively new, the impact of their support has been considerable. They stepped up in a big way to help us acquire Broad Cove, a new 100-acre Trust preserve in Aquebogue, when it was at risk of being developed and time was of the essence. And they have made a multi-year commitment to enable the Trust to make a huge impact in the Georgica Pond watershed. Their partnership with us to conserve land that is critical to water quality, wildlife, and the public has been extraordinary. Along with funding for research and mitigation strategies, their contributions are having a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of our communities. We have nothing but gratitude for Kate and Andrew as they join the growing list of our honorees who have truly made a difference.

By joining us today at Through Farms and Fields, you are furthering our common purpose to conserve Long Island's working farms, natural lands, and heritage for our communities now and in the future. The work we do, with your help, protects and defines our communities: family farms, sacred lands, water quality, healthy bays, ponds, and wetlands, local food, and habitat for wildlife and pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds. Thank you so much.

Last year, we set a bold course, one that requires your continued support, guidance, and counsel to assure the permanence of the Trust and what we have accomplished together. You, your friends, and neighbors have made our success to date possible.

Our conservation efforts are never done, always urgent, and could not succeed without you. But with 41 years under our belt, we must look to the future. How do we go from 40 to forever. How do we continue to accomplish impactful, transformational conservation and meet our perpetual land stewardship responsibilities? We need you and your family, friends and neighbors. We need your counsel. We need your enthusiasm. And we need your support.

Today, all of us at the Trust are thankful, clear-eyed, and excited to build the foundation for the next 40 years and beyond!

Thank you for gathering with us here on this summer evening. We look forward to working with you as we strive, in common purpose, to conserve what we know and love on Long Island for many generations to come!



# CHANNING FIELDS BRIDGEHAMPTON | NEW YORK

Today, we are so pleased to welcome you to Channing Fields as we celebrate conservation at Through Farms & Fields 2024. We are grateful to Molly Channing and her family for welcoming us back to this incredible property. We are truly thankful for their support of the Trust and our conservation work.

For many years beginning in the early 1990s, the Trust was fortunate to work with the late Walter Channing on his vision to acquire and protect over 50 acres of land here in Bridgehampton. These acres, including vines, meadows and woodland, are part of an assemblage of over 100 acres that the Trust worked to preserve.

Walter was a renaissance man – a sculptor, an investor, a vintner, and a conservationist. He donated conservation easements to the Trust that protect everything around us today. His capricious humor and artistry are evident in these beautiful fields, with a cherished few of his sculptures on view today. We lost Walter too soon, but Molly along with their daughters Francesca, Isabella, Sylvia, and Nina – and Larry Perrine, Christopher Tracy, and Allison Dubin, the partners of Channing Daughters – are keeping Walter's "experiment" thriving.

While the early grapes of Chardonnay and Merlot that Walter began in the 1980s produced wines in the 1990s primarily for private consumption, today the wines produced by Channing Daughters are award winning and internationally recognized. Tonight, we will drink a toast to Walter's vision and celebrate the conservation of land and the bounty it provides us. We wish he was here...

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## **2024 HONOREES**

This year, we are excited to be honoring Kate and Andrew Davis at Through Farms and Fields. Philanthropists, entrepreneurs, and supporters of conservation on the East End and beyond, Kate and Andrew have spent their lives helping to advance critical solutions to vexing problems within communities around the world.

With a focus on conservation, health sciences, education, and the arts – each in their own ways and together – Kate and Andrew have provided resources and support to many organizations, including the Peconic Land Trust.

When asked, Kate and Andrew joined us in protecting the 100-acre Broad Cove Preserve in Aquebogue, NY, a former duck farm in the Peconic Bay Estuary that was about to be sold for resort development. Their substantial gift to the project helped the Trust acquire the land in anticipation of a partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This support came at a crucial time and is just one of their recent conservation efforts to protect the East End and beyond.

The Davises have also been instrumental in looking for – and funding – solutions to water quality issues in our coastal ponds especially within the Georgica Pond Watershed. Kate, who grew up part time in East Hampton, has a personal connection to the waters around Lily and Georgica Ponds.

Through the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, they are helping the Trust acquire and protect key parcels in the watershed as well as support research and mitigation strategies to improve the quality of these sensitive waterways – solutions that will have broader implications for ponds and watersheds across the East End. This includes research and mitigation measures that the Trust is undertaking with

## : KATE AND ANDREW DAVIS

Stony Brook Center for Clean Water Technology, Cornell Cooperative Extension, The Perfect Earth Project and the Friends of Georgica Pond Foundation.

"Finding solutions to the water quality challenges that are facing many of our East End ponds and bays is of utmost importance to us. We are excited to partner with the Trust in this endeavor," said Andrew in 2022 when we announced the acquisition of 2.7 acres along Jones Creek.

In addition to the Peconic Land Trust, the Davises are dedicated supporters of many philanthropic organizations in New York, Long Island, and beyond. Andrew serves as Vice Chair of the Central Park Conservancy and sits on the Board of Trustees of New York-Presbyterian, the Southampton Hospital Foundation, and is Vice President of the East Hampton Historical Society Board of Trustees. Kate's board positions include the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy and the Administrative Board of the Society of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where she co-chairs the Annual Campaign. She also serves as Chair of the Children's Advisory Council at New York-Presbyterian. Kate is a member of the Design Review Board for the Village of East Hampton. Both Kate and Andrew focus their philanthropic efforts on contributions towards building a strong health care foundation in their communities, such as the new Emergency Department in East Hampton, creating possibilities for conservation of land and outdoor spaces, and supporting the preservation of local history, especially in East Hampton.

Kate and Andrew love to spend time outdoors with their combined five children. The whole family enjoys tennis, skiing and SCUBA diving together. Andrew is an avid cyclist and he and Kate often bike together throughout the East End.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING KATE AND ANDREW FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO CONSERVATION AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

# A Special Appeal

We are so lucky to gather together this afternoon in the Channing Fields. The Peconic Land Trust thanks the Channing Family for their generosity and determination in protecting these lands for all of us, and for all future generations, to enjoy forever.

To support our conservation work, we are pleased to offer a "paddle raise" auction, also known as a *special appeal* this evening. We hope you will enjoy the excitement of this live auction and perhaps be inspired to join in the fun!

All money raised goes directly to support our conservation work across Long Island. As always, it is you, our donors, who make our work possible.

Thank you for attending tonight, for supporting us throughout the year, and perhaps, for lifting your hand in support of conservation at our paddle raise!

## **MENU**

#### First Course

### Watermelon "Ceviche"

A Watermelon Steak Topped Lightly with Feta, Jicama, Thai Basil, Olive Dust, Mint; Kafir Lime Dressing

#### Entrée

Guests will be Offered a Choice of One of the Following:

### Organic Chicken Milanese

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OR

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Without your support, our work would not be possible.

# Thank you.

The Peconic Land Trust depends primarily upon private contributions from people like you to pursue its work. A common misperception is that the Trust collects and distributes the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (the CPF is also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF is a voter-approved, public program and the funds are used by the five East End Towns for the protection of farmland, open space, and community character. During and after tonight's festivities, please help us spread the word as our ambassadors!





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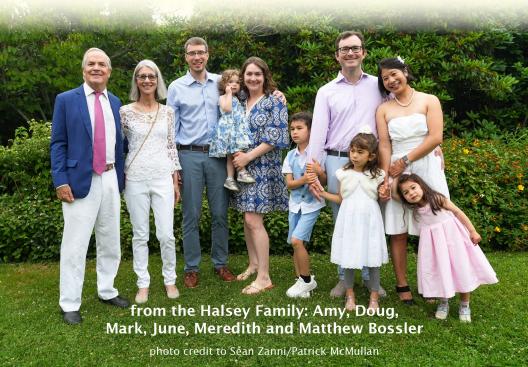






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Nancy Gilbert & Richard Wines

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Congratulations to this evening's honorees! Mindy & Jon Gray







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of conservation of the lands and

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# Thank you Peconic Land Trust for working with the community to preserve our natural habitats and working farms.

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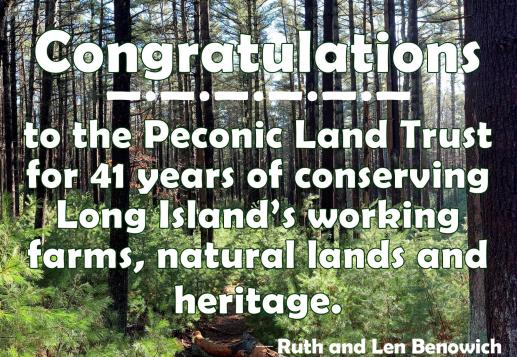
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# Thank you

Peconic Land Trust for your dedication to protecting our natural habitats, water quality and shorelines.

- Katharine Rayner



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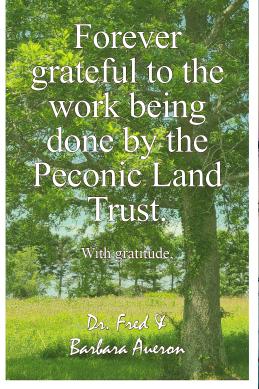




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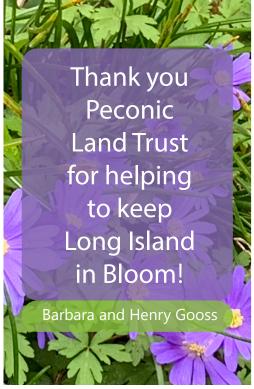
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-Michele & Pat Trunzo III





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## Sandy and Michael Richman

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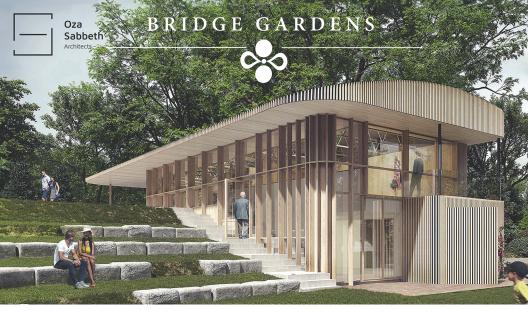
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With your support, the Garden House, built by Jim and Harry on the footprint of a former potato barn, will be renovated. We have engaged the local firm Oza Sabbeth Architects to help us reimagine the space as a true public gathering place. Together, we envision an upgraded building that will be aesthetically beautiful, provide ADA compliant entrances and restrooms, offer expanded education space, include a kitchen that can be utilized for garden-to-table demonstrations, and more. The expanded and flexible meeting spaces will be a place where more conversations around land conservation, historic and cultural preservation, sustainable farming and gardening, water quality, and other environmental issues that are impacting our region can take place with community members and partner organizations.

## Melp us make our vision a reality!

Interested in learning more? Contact Yvette DeBow Salsedo at YDebow@PeconicLandTrust.org or call 631.283.3195 ext. 112.

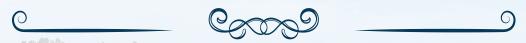


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