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# Foundation News

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VOLUME SEVEN *THE MISSION OF THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION* "TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES" APRIL 2011

## ACCESS UPDATE: THE TOTAL OF NUMBER OF ACCESSES REACHES THIRTY

The Stewardship and Outreach Committee of The Walthour-Moss Foundation remains committed to working with our community to enhance access to the Foundation and to working with our neighbors to insure Foundation users always have access to the land. To date, the community response to the this access project has been incredible.

Donations of access have been received from neighbors that directly border Foundation land thus guaranteeing direct Foundation access. Gifts of access have also been received from those who do not border the Foundation and who are protecting historical bridle paths and trail connections on their land.

We are pleased to announce that the following three equestrian accesses have been generously granted to the Foundation bringing our total number of accesses to thirty.

**Bryant Access:** Marcia and Don Bryant provided a second access that connects their original access to an existing Foundation trail.



Photo by Landon Russell

**Williams Access:** Lefreda Williams provided an access connecting Ox Ridge Lane to the Verrilli easement.

**Verrilli Access:** Donna and Dick Verrilli provided an access connecting the Cavedo access to the Williams access and, in turn, Den Road to Ox Ridge Lane.

If you or your neighbors would consider granting an access easement for equestrian use only, please contact Landon Russell, Executive Director of The Walthour-Moss Foundation, at 910.695.7811. The Foundation will gladly assist you in creating an easement consistent with your wishes.

THE WILLIAMS AND VERRILLI ACCESSES CONNECT TO THE CAVEDO ACCESS BETWEEN DEN AND OLD DEWBERRY ROADS

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**THANK YOU TO OUR  
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- 2011** Marcia & Don Bryant  
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Ginny Thomasson



Photo by Landon Russell

TALLWOODS PLAQUE IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

**TALLWOODS**

Beyond the ridge  
Start a climbing  
There's a clearing  
You'll be eying

Tallwoods abound  
Forever preserved  
The steward's wisdom  
Future generations deserve



Next time you are riding in the North Country of the Foundation, experience the beauty of the tall woods vista. The hill top on the Burns land is one of the highest elevations in all of the Foundation lands. Prior to the Foundation's purchase of the Burns property in 2004, the area was clear cut leaving panoramic views of tall woods in the distance.

Neil Schwartzberg and Norman Minery recently installed the "Tallwoods" plaque on this high hill in appreciation of the surrounding woodlands and to recognize all of those who contributed so generously to make this purchase possible.



**FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT**

*"A longleaf pine forest on a bright day is a light and sound show. There's the verdant ground cover, mostly grasses that sway to each hint of breeze. The forest is open with widely scattered trees, and the early morning sun casts angled shadows from the pine trunks; by midday each tree will be standing in its own small pool of shadow. Here and there, dense groups of young pine saplings gather and the tufts of infant pines are nearly indistinguishable from the wiregrass. Above, the sky burns azure. The sound emanates from the treetops, a low and constant tone like the surf crash of a distant sea. Even on a perfectly still day you may hear this roar in the distance, as if somewhere an individual tree was gathering and amplifying some ambient sound. The great eighteenth-century explorer William Bartram described it as "the solemn symphony of the steady Western breezes, playing incessantly, rising and falling through the thick and wavy foliage."*

Lawrence S. Earley  
Looking for Longleaf



Photo by Landon Russell

LONGLEAF PINE SAVANNAH FREE OF SCRUB OAKS AND WITH GRASSES GROWING

The Land Management Committee has inventoried the Foundation lands and found several areas denigrated by the invasion of dense stands of scrub oaks. The invasion of scrub oaks have created a barren forest floor with none of the attributes found in a healthy longleaf pine forest. The oak invaded areas are in contrast with open pine savannah where biologists have described the resulting vegetation as some of the most diverse to be found anywhere. Many of the plants growing in open pine savannahs are identified as either rare or endangered.

Over the course of the next four years, 370 of the Foundation's 4,050 acres will be rotated into a program that will thin the dense stands of oaks and encourage much needed growth in the understory and on the forest floor. This will be accomplished in a three part plan created by the Land Management Committee to reestablish the open long leaf pine savannah. During phase one, the scrub oaks will be cut and laid on the ground. During phase two the stumps will have herbicide applied to slow re-growth, and in phase three



Photo by Landon Russell

LONGLEAF PINE FOREST CHOKED BY MIDSTORY OAK GROWTH

prescribed burns will be used to clean up the oak debris and encourage new growth of grasses and longleaf pine on the forest floor.

Once this effort is completed, the areas will be placed in the normal rotational burn sequence to maintain the open landscape that defines the longleaf pine savannah.

The short term result is an area that will be more open and appear somewhat messy. The long term result will be a pine savanna with an open canopy and an understory covered in grasses and other herbaceous plants. We are long term stewards of these special forests and we must always maintain that perspective as we strive to protect their uniqueness for future generations.

Areas in the Main Foundation as well as the North Country are scheduled for mid-story oak thinning. For more information, please contact the office at 910-695-7811.



Photo by Landon Russell

THE OPEN PINE SAVANNAH IS HOME TO MANY RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES



### NORTH COUNTRY KIOSK



Photo by Joan Baldwin

THE MAGNOLIA HILL KIOSK IS ALMOST COMPLETE! MANY THANKS TO OUR MASTER BUILDER RON BALDWIN AND THE INSTALLATION CREW: JOAN BALDWIN, DOMINICK PAGNOTTA AND NEIL SCHWARTZBERG



Photo by Landon Russell

THE MAGNOLIA HILL KIOSK WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A TRAILS GRANT FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL

### THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION GINNIE AND PAPPY MOSS SOCIETY GIFTS OF \$1,000 AND GREATER JANUARY 1, 2010-APRIL 1, 2011

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| Jan and Mac Fowler            | Cindy and Dominick Pagnotta  | <i>And one donor who wishes to</i> |
| Shirley and John Gaither      | Cindy and Dennis Paules      | <i>remain anonymous.</i>           |
| Sharon and Jim Granito        | Betsy Rainoff                |                                    |
| Donna and Tex Griffin         | Kay Redding                  |                                    |



The Walthour-Moss Foundation is grateful to all of our contributors. We have worked hard to ensure the accuracy of our current listing. However, if your name is listed incorrectly or was not listed, we sincerely apologize and ask you to **please** bring it to our attention.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS  
GIFTS OF \$500- \$999  
JANUARY 1, 2010-APRIL 1, 2011**

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JANUARY 1, 2010-APRIL 1, 2011**

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**2010 LEGACY GIFTS**

The Estate of Marcella Ivers Caffey  
The Estate of Martin O'Rourke

**LEGACY BENEFACTORS OF  
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**GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORIAM, APRIL 2010 TO APRIL 2011**

**IN MEMORY OF  
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Sid and Arleene Bearak H. Tayloe and Tayloe B. Compton Terry and Charlie Cook Elaine and Ronnie Crow Fran Drake Rhonda and Alan Dretel Denis McCullough	Babs and Norm Minery Carolyn and Robert Moore Moore County Driving Club Edie Overly Jeanne Paine Wendy and Steve Preble Betsy Rainoff	Cameron and Lincoln Sadler Barb and Don Schindler Ginny and Keith Thomasson Anne and Dick Webb Joan Wheeler* Elaine Zelch
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MICKEY WALSH**

Terry and Charlie Cook

**IN MEMORY OF  
JOAN WHEELER**

Sid & Arleene Bearak  
Moore County Driving Club

\* Deceased



## THE SAFE HARBOR PROGRAM

SUSAN LADD MILLER

Red-cockaded woodpeckers are endangered primarily due to habitat loss and changes in land use. They prefer older, open pine forests for foraging and nesting. The Safe Harbor program is a landowner incentive program developed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under the Endangered Species Act to benefit red-cockaded woodpeckers through voluntary habitat improvements by North Carolina landowners.

The goal of the program is to maintain and enhance red-cockaded woodpecker habitat in North Carolina through voluntary land management commitments by landowners to help North Carolina landowners by removing some of the regulatory restrictions imposed by the federal Endangered Species Act and to benefit other plants and animals that inhabit red-cockaded woodpecker habitat.



Photo by David Kilpatrick

THE RED COCKADED WOODPECKER IS A FEDERALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES



THE OPEN PINE SAVANNAH IS THE PREFERRED HABITAT OF THE RED COCKADED WOODPECKER

In order to be eligible for the program, property owners must be able to provide an overall conservation benefit to red-cockaded woodpeckers. The Safe Harbor Program is interested in properties that meet one or more of the following situations: red-cockaded woodpeckers are currently using the property for nesting and/or foraging (feeding) either entirely or partially, or the property had red-cockaded woodpeckers using it at some time in the past, or the property has longleaf, loblolly, slash and/or pond pine stands.

When red-cockaded woodpeckers inhabit a property some land use restrictions apply under the Endangered Species Act. Many landowners are fearful that their land management actions may result in the use or increased use of their property by red-cockaded woodpeckers. The Safe Harbor program provides regulatory assurances to landowners that **no additional land use restrictions** will be imposed as a result of their management actions.

## THE DWARF IRIS IS IN BLOOM



Photo by Katie Walsh

THE BEAUTIFUL DWARF IRIS (*IRIS VERNA*) BLOOMS IN THE FOUNDATION IN MARCH AND APRIL.

The fragrant flowers of the dwarf iris bloom singly or in pairs on short stalks before the narrow, grass like leaves appear. Petals are light blue to deep blue to violet and are erect. They are smaller than the petaloid sepals which are the same color and generally reflexed and marked with a golden yellow band or "signal." Unlike the bearded iris, the dwarf iris sepals have no beard of long hairs along their midline. This is one of the smallest members of the Iris family, growing no more than 8 inches tall in the dry woods of The Walthour-Moss Foundation.



## 2011 CONTROLLED BURN UPDATE

Prescribed burns have been completed on 350 acres of the Foundation to date. Weather permitting, controlled burns will continue through May. If you would like to be notified when the Foundation schedules a prescribed burn, please email Landon Russell at [director@walthour-moss.org](mailto:director@walthour-moss.org).

Safe Harbor agreements are voluntary, and therefore, participating landowners are allowed to terminate, transfer and change their agreements. If a landowner decides to terminate a Safe Harbor agreement, he or she will lose the regulatory assurances and the red-cockaded woodpecker incidental take authority provided to him or her. However, should the landowner decide to sell his or her land or transfer ownership in some way, then the new owner may assume the responsibilities and benefits of the existing agreement by working with the Safe Harbor biologist to draft a new agreement. Many land uses can be compatible with woodpecker habitat management including timber production, pine straw raking, quail management, hiking, hunting or other recreation and horse farms.

For more information on the Safe Harbor Program, please contact Susan Miller at 910-695-3323 or [susan\\_miller@fws.gov](mailto:susan_miller@fws.gov).



Photo by Landon Russell

A PRESCRIBED BURN IN THE NORTH COUNTRY OF THE FOUNDATION, MARCH 2011