

Foundation News

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TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES

40 YEARS



LAND PRESERVATION

OUR PAST. OUR PRESENT. OUR FUTURE.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BRICK CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM FOREST PRESERVATION

Over the past four years, the implement shed at Lyells Meadow has become a focal point for Walthour-Moss Foundation events and other equestrian gatherings. With that in mind, Cathy Carter of Jay-Kar Contracting, Inc. organized, at no cost to the Foundation, the donation of materials and labor to create a brick patio off the back of the implement shed. Site preparations for the brick patio began in late February with a completion date expected in early April.

To support the long-term preservation of The Walthour-Moss Foundation, the bricks used to create the patio are available for purchase at the gold and silver level. Gold level bricks are limited in number and will be placed in the center of the patio. The cost of each gold level brick is \$300.00. Silver level bricks are available for \$125.00 each and will be spaced throughout the remainder of the patio. All bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of twenty characters each including spaces.

The commemorative brick campaign represents a unique opportunity to create a permanent marker for the donor, a pet or equine friend, or to memorialize or honor someone with a gift that will be used for the long-term preservation of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Brick contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and the contributions received will be deposited into our endowment for the long-term preservation of the forest. To secure your gold or silver level brick(s) please contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org. We do expect the center bricks to go quickly!

A very special thank you to Cathy Carter for organizing the donations and for her dedication to the project. Thank you to Neil Schwartzberg for the patio design work. Thank you to Lee Brick of Sanford for donating 3,000 brick pavers, to John Wiedmer and Jay-Kar Contracting, Inc. for providing materials and project oversight, to Johnny Harris Trucking Inc. for supplying materials, to David Needham from Needham Masonry for his masonry work, to Mike Gatti from Speer Concrete for donating materials, to Locust Lumber for donating materials, to Tommy Wilkes from Wilkes Grading for donating equipment and labor for site preparation, and to Kevin Tanner Construction for supplying the labor to pour the concrete.

We are excited to kick off this campaign as a part of our forty-year celebration and look forward to seeing names added to the patio for years to come!



Photo by Landon Russell



Photo by Cathy Carter

THE FIRST TWO BRICKS ARE READY TO BE PLACED IN THE PATIO

NEIL SCHWARTZBERG AND DAVID CARTER WORK ON PATIO LAYOUT

WMF EQUESTRIAN ACCESS UPDATE

Members of our community continue to protect and preserve access to The Walthour-Moss Foundation as well as historic neighborhood bridle trails by granting equestrian access easements. These equestrian accesses tie our community together and protect the equestrian nature of our community both now and for the future. A very special thank you to the following equestrian access donors:

Harvey Access

Elisa and Brian Harvey granted an equestrian access on their property on Good Barn Road that connects Lakebay Road to the Van Camp access.

Logan Access

Diane and Bill Logan granted an equestrian access easement on their property that connects Furr Road to the North Country of the Foundation above Firestone Lake.

Van Camp Access

Jim Van Camp granted an equestrian access on his property on Good Barn Road that connects to the Harvey access.

THE PROCESS OF GRANTING AN EQUESTRIAN EASEMENT

We are often asked about the process of granting an equestrian easement to The Walthour-Moss Foundation (WMF). As this project is so very important to our equestrian community, we aim to make it as easy as possible for each landowner.

There is no cost to the landowner to grant an equestrian easement to WMF. WMF bears the cost of the easement survey as well as recording fees. The legal fees are donated by local attorney and WMF board chairman, Stephen Later.

One thing to note: rather than granting an equestrian easement, some landowners have opted to donate a strip of land as granting the land is tax-deductible which may better serve the interest of the landowner. Granting an access easement is not tax-deductible.

Once a landowner has decided to grant an equestrian access, the following occurs:

1. WMF representative meets with the landowner to discuss the location of the equestrian easement, walk trail, and review map.
2. WMF makes arrangements with the surveyor and an on-site survey is performed if needed (some surveys can be completed using existing maps).

3. The surveyor prepares a map for the landowner and WMF to review. The landowner reviews map and adjustments are made if needed.

5. Once map is approved by the landowner, the easement paperwork is prepared for the landowner and WMF to sign. Signatures on the paperwork must be notarized.

6. The signed easement document is recorded with the Moore County Register of Deeds.

7. A plaque recognizing the donor is installed on the equestrian access.

THANK YOU TO OUR WMF EQUESTRIAN ACCESS DONORS!

2007	Mile Away Farm, Inc.	2012	Lefreda Williams
2008	Marcia and Don Bryant Dick Cavedo Effie and Nick Ellis Kendyl and Eric Janis Elizabeth O'Donnell Cameron Sadler Camilla Vance and William Holmes Anne and Dick Webb	2013	Joan Bowden Susie and Bob Cook Dottie Greenleaf Leslie and Greg Griewe Roisin O'Rahilly Tracy and Peter Theran
2009	Veronese Atkins Lin and John Burgess Leslie Baldwin Bo and Mott Carter, Judy Carter, Caroline Yawars, and Lee Carter Maryann and Brad Charles May and Denny Emerson Amy Newton, Jan Van Fossen and Gary Lergner Lori and Richard Rader Lynna and Doug Spence Claudette and Pat Ward Ellen Chaney John Williams Deborah and John Wilson	2014	Carol and Dan Butler Danila Devins Deer Path Properties Homeowners Julie and Chris Petriini Ticon Properties LLC
2010	Nina Carter David Carter Andrea and Dick Moore Sherry and Tom Mortenson Neil Schwartzberg Pamela Silverman and Mark Whalen Tiffany Teeter and James Rigney	2015	Bonnie and Bob Caie Rebecca and Richard DeRose Marcie and Dave Quist Wendy and Steve Preble Leila Cluff-Ryan and Sean Ryan Kathryn and Ralph Saunders Anne and Dick Webb
2011	Joan and John Addison Marcia and Don Bryant Hunting Hills Road Association Donna and Dick Verrilli	2016	Jackie and Rick Allenbaugh Maureen and Paul Grippa Anne and Rick Thompson
2018	Elisa and Brian Harvey Diane Martin and Bill Logan Jim Van Camp	2017	Lin and John Burgess Stephen Later Chris and Alan Wilson Deborah and John Wilson

BUSHWHACKER CLUB BLUEBIRD BOX CLEANING

For the first time in seven years, rain fell on the Bushwhacker Club during the bluebird box volunteer day. Several hearty bushwhackers braved the elements and cleaned boxes in torrential rain while others waited for the sun to shine and went out during the week to get the job done. By the end of the week, the job was complete. Just under 100 boxes were prepped for the spring nesting season. Volunteers removed previous nesting debris from nest boxes, trimmed branches growing around the boxes and rubbed plain soap on the inside roof of each box to deter wasps from building nests. Most of the Foundation nest boxes are used each spring, primarily by the Eastern Bluebird, and also by Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Brown-headed Nuthatches.

Thank you to the following Bushwhacker Club volunteers who turned out to complete this important project:

Tannetta van Vlissingen	Kerry Kaylor
and Mike Bissitt	Page and Matthew Nesser
Terry Cook	Ann Robinson
Linda Gibbs	Landon Russell
Karleen Hubley	

BUSHWHACKER CLUB LONGLEAF PINE PLANTING

On Sunday, February 18, in less than two hours, twenty-five members of The Walthour-Moss Foundation Bushwhacker Club planted 1,000 longleaf pine seedlings. The seedlings were planted in an area that had been thinned of slash pine in 2016. The slash pine was removed from that section of the North Country in an effort to convert the area back to longleaf pine forest.

Thank to our forester Terry Sharpe for leading the seedling planting day and to the Nature Conservancy for loaning WMF 14 dibblers. Many thank you to the following Bushwhacker Club volunteers who made quick work of planting 1,000 seedlings:

Gabriel Alexander	Diane Martin and
Marcia and Don Bryant	Bill Logan
Aggie and David Cohen	Page and Matthew Nesser
Clay Dunnagan	Landon Russell
Donna Ellis	Irene Russell
Lauren Ellis	Paul Schnatz
Giff Fisher	Terry Sharpe
Wendy Good	Nicholas and Beth Susen
Lee Howard	Marc Townsend
Karleen Hubley	Trish and Mike Warren



Photos by Landon Russell

WMF LEGACY PROGRAM

The Walthour-Moss Foundation began, in effect, as a Legacy Gift from William O. "Pappy" Moss. After his death, 1,738 acres were placed in a charitable trust to ensure the preservation of the open land that he and his wife, Virginia "Ginnie" Walthour Moss, so treasured.

Those 1,738 acres became the very first bequest, or "legacy gift," of land and are now the centerpiece of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Virginia Moss gave the second bequest of land to The Walthour-Moss Foundation - the Sweetheart Lake property including more than 114 acres that unites the once-fragmented North Country.

Following Pappy and Ginnie's example, others who loved the equestrian lifestyle and the land that made it possible have remembered The Walthour-Moss Foundation in their wills. To date, Legacy Donors are Page Shamburger, Marcie Caffey, Libby Evans, Marty O'Rourke, Angela and Greg Baldwin and Mot and Bo Carter. The importance of their gifts cannot be overemphasized, for it is the Legacy Donors who ensure the long-term protection of our forest. All legacy gifts to The Walthour-Moss Foundation are directed to our endowment.

There are many ways to support The Walthour-Moss Foundation, including becoming a Legacy Benefactor. Legacy gifts are gifts given through planned giving or estate planning.

What Legacy Giving can mean to you

- * It is a meaningful and important way to "give back," realizing that life events experienced in relation to The Walthour-Moss Foundation have been important to you, your sport, and your community.
- * It serves as an example to successive generations.
- * It helps to preserve our community. Your gift shapes the future of our community and helps to ensure that future generations will enjoy the precious gifts of nature just as you do.
- * Many of these gifts cost nothing today and, in some cases, give you money back in the form of tax benefits and/or life income payments.
- * It is a gift of clean water and air.
- * It is a gift of solace and respite in a busy world.
- * It is a way to memorialize the donor or a loved one.

Every family's financial situation is unique. It is important that you check with your personal attorney or financial advisor to find the most suitable arrangements for you and your family.

If you have remembered The Walthour-Moss Foundation in your estate planning and you wish to be listed as a Legacy Benefactor, please let us know.

LEGACY DONORS

Virginia and William O. Moss
 Angela and Gregory Baldwin
 Marcella Ivers Caffey
 Mot and Wilbur L. Carter
 Elizabeth Taylor Evans
 Martin M. O'Rourke
 Alice Page Shamburger

LEGACY BENEFACTORS

Leslie Baldwin and Martha Baldwin
 Betsy and Larry Best
 Joanie Bowden
 Maryann and Bradley Charles
 Susan Davis
 Lynn and David Dillard
 Mike Edie
 Teresa Graham
 Sharon and Jim Granito
 Lynn M. Harvey
 Maureane Hoffman
 Camilla Vance Holmes and
 BG (Retired) William Holmes*
 Stephen Later
 Eileen Leto
 Andrea and Dick Moore
 Sofie F. Moyle
 Cindy and Dominick Pagnotta
 Tiffany Teeter and James Rigney, M.D.
 Cameron and Lincoln Sadler
 Neil Schwartzberg
 Susie and Rick Smith
 Paul Striberry
 Patricia Taft
 Alice Petty Thomas
 Leslie and John Watschke
 Anne and Dick Webb

* DECEASED

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SPRING RIDE & CARRIAGE DRIVE

Saturday, May 19, 2018

**TWO SEPARATELY MARKED TRAILS
ONE FOR RIDERS, ONE FOR CARRIAGES**

**OPEN START, LYELL'S MEADOW
225 MILE AWAY LANE, SOUTHERN PINES, NC**

**Trail ride and carriage drive 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Lunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

\$25 per person. Entry fee includes lunch.

Choice of hamburger or hot dog, chips, drink and dessert

Proceeds Benefit WMF Trail Repair Fund

Entries accepted through May 19th

Entries received before May 4th will receive a WMF bandana

Entries accepted by mail, phone, and online. Please see entry information on reverse

Ride and drive will be held rain or shine

For more information please contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811

The Walthour-Moss Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

WMF SPRING TRAIL RIDE AND CARRIAGE DRIVE

Please indicate your preference: ☐ Trail Ride ☐ Carriage Drive

Participant Name 1: _____ 2: _____

Participant Name 3: _____ 4: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ My Check, payable to WMF is enclosed for \$ _____ Charge my credit card \$ _____

Card no: _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____

Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from
the State Solicitation Licensing Section at (919)807-2214. The license is not an endorsement by the State.



SPRING TRAIL RIDE AND CARRIAGE DRIVE

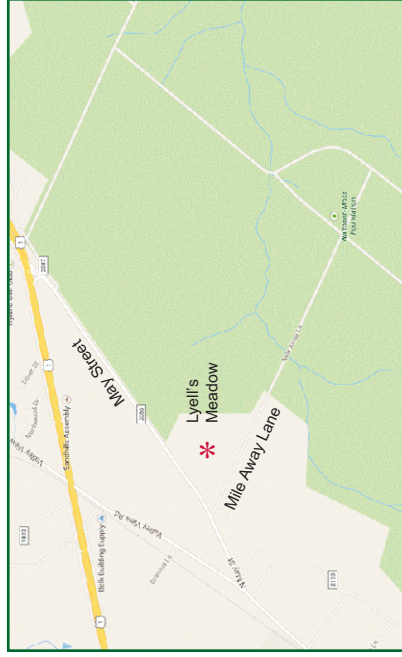


TO SUPPORT THE TRAIL REPAIR FUND OF THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION

Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Please join us and enjoy a spring ride or carriage drive through the trails of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Two separately marked trails, one for riders and one for carriages, will be open from 8:00 am until 11:30 am. The entry fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm and includes choice of hot dog or hamburger as well as chips, drink and dessert.

Sign up by May 4th and receive a complimentary WMF bandana!



Event Information

- ENTRY fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch.
- TWO separate trails will be marked. One for riders and one for carriage drivers.
- ENTRIES received on or before May 4 receive WMF bandana.
- LUNCH served from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and includes choice of hotdog or hamburger, chips, drink and dessert.
- TO enter, please return entry form or call 910-695-7811. To enter online, please visit: www.walthour-moss.org.
- OPEN start. Sign in at welcome table and ride or drive when you are ready.
- ON SITE water available.
- SIGNED WMF release and COPY of current negative Coggins are required to participate.
- ENTRIES will be accepted through the day of the event.

Directions: From US Highway 1: Take the May Street exit towards Southern Pines. Drive 2 miles on May Street to Mile Away Lane. Turn left on Mile Away Lane and follow signs to parking at Lyell's Meadow.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1794
SOUTHERN PINES, NC 28388



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LAND MANAGEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Following is an update on our forest stewardship activities for 2018. With the help of our forester Terry Sharpe, we continue to implement our long-term forest stewardship and management plan. The plan covers a wide range of forest stewardship activities including some that take place annually, like prescribed burning, oak removal and bluebird box maintenance, as well as some long range projects that will take place over a span of fifty years at an interval of every eight to ten years. Most of these forest stewardship activities are not new to the Foundation, but some have not been seen in awhile. We are proud of what we have accomplished since implementing the plan in 2014 and we continue to be excited about our forest stewardship plan as it provides for the long range preservation of our longleaf pine forest. If you have any questions or comments, we would be happy to discuss them with you.

2018 Prescribed Burning Update

The 2018 prescribed burn plan calls for burning on approximately 800 acres. To date, burns have been completed on approximately 600 acres, and we hope to have the remainder completed by the end of year. Prescribed burning is not only critical to certain native plants, like wiregrass, but reduces the fuel load on the ground and thus limits the danger of forest fires.

2018 Loblolly and Slash Pine Plantation Conversion Update

The ten acres along Furr Road where loblolly and slash pine were removed in 2016 were treated with herbicide in the summer of 2017 to slow regrowth. The entire area was replanted with longleaf pine seedlings in February 2018.

2018 Firelane and Trail Stabilization

Sections of the firelanes and trails have been stabilized by mixing wood chips with the existing sand. This project is ongoing in an effort to stabilize the sand, alleviate washouts, and create better footing. It also helps us conserve Foundation funds by minimizing the work needed on these trails.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Projects

A grant was received from the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for three projects including the rehabilitation of a vernal pool near Moor Meadow, control of invasive species in six locations of the Foundation, and the treatment of hardwoods on an eighty acre stand of predominantly oak trees with scattered mature longleaf pines. Opening up the eighty acres for additional longleaf

pine growth will widen the foraging habitat for red cockaded woodpeckers now nesting near Moor Meadow.

Communication and Questions

We will continue to update you on our forest stewardship projects via the Foundation News, email, Facebook and Twitter. Some of the projects will involve heavy machinery, and those walking, riding or driving in the Foundation should take care to avoid those areas while the machinery is in use. We will send out notices when each project gets underway with details on location and as estimated time frame for completion. As always, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you, as always, for your support and patience.

THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION APPLIES FOR LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Walthour-Moss Foundation is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how The Walthour-Moss Foundation complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, please see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on The Walthour-Moss Foundation's application will be most useful by May 19, 2018.



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or via email at director@walthour-moss.org or logon to our website at
www.walthour-moss.org.

HORSE COUNTRY HOEDOWN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TOE-TAPPING, BOOT-STOMPING,
KNEE-SLAPPING, HORSE-LOVING GOOD TIME!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
5:30 PM UNTIL 9:30 PM
LYELL'S MEADOW SHED

\$100 PER PERSON OR \$200 PER COUPLE
HOST TICKETS \$500

For tickets, please call
Landon Russell at 910-695-7811,
email director@walthour-moss.org,
or visit www.walthour-moss.org.



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