

## Directors Consider Land Acquisition Fund

As the amount of available land in Avon shrinks, more and more attention is directed to those few large parcels that remain. It has always been an unofficial policy of the ALT to include in its holdings only donated property. The day may be coming when this is not enough. As the last stretches of open space are brought to the block, we may find ourselves helpless to stop their development.

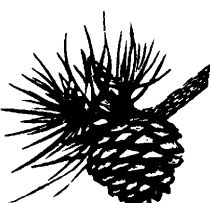
One possible solution is to buy. The State of Connecticut has programs in place that provide matching funds toward the purchase of open space. However, the dollars to be matched must be available in order to apply for the grant, and the ALT has always been cash poor. The trustees are considering starting a land acquisition fund aimed at the purchase of these last large tracts. The land trust, formerly a bystander, might become a player in the game.

Other land trusts in Connecticut have done it, and perhaps it is time that Avon looked into it. The fund would accept bequests, estate donations, artwork, and cash donations.

Progress will continue as it always has. In this new millenium we may find that if we don't adapt and become creative with our resources, we may forever remain bystanders.

Location	Donor	Acres	Year
Hunter's Run	Avon Partners	75.93	1986
Woodford Hills	F. Caraballo Construction	31.79	1988
Ciderbrook Road Conservation Easement	Mr & Mrs Bruce Manternack	27.00	1997
Hunter's Run Easement	Hunter's Run Condo Assoc.	20.28	1992
Oak Bluff Road	Henry McLane	20.00	1978
Hunter's Run	Hunter's Run, Inc.	19.16	1992
West Avon Road/Scoville Road	George & Irena Osborn	19.00	1979
Route 10 Easement	Mrs. Eleanor R. Oakes	13.48	1990
Avalon	Presidential Development	13.40	1995
Wellner Family Conservation Area	Dr. & Mrs. Murray Wellner	13.05	1996
Farmington River Flood Plain (no access)	Mrs. Ralph Lasbury	12.20	1977
Deercliff Drive	Frank Mairano	6.70	1994
Ridge Crest Lane	Gregory M. Cook	5.16	1986
West Avon Road	Max Smith	4.84	1993
Huckleberry Hill Road	Edgar Brown	4.61	1975
Delbon Lane	Ethel Davis	4.52	1998
North and South Surrey Lane	James Mancini	4.09	1981
West Avon Road/Scoville Road	Oliver Thompson	3.84	1979
Haynes Road/Nature Conservancy	Mrs. Warren Fletcher Oakes	3.78	1980
Route 10/Old Farms Road	Archie Albright	3.26	1990
635 Waterville Road	Sarah Curtin	3.10	1986
Lovely Street	Marion Buttles	3.02	1981
Bishop Lane/Ciderbrook Road	Ostrom Enders	2.65	1995
Huckleberry Hill Road	Edgar Brown	2.46	1975
North and South Surrey Lane	James Mancini	2.33	1981
485 Waterville Road	Charles P. Stevenson	1.98	1976
Whortleberry Hills	Harold F. Wheeler, Jr.	1.78	1992
Old Wheeler Lane	Marion Buttles	1.00	1981
<b>11 parcels under 1 acre</b>	<b>Various Donors</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Total ALT Holdings:</b>		<b>331.54</b>	

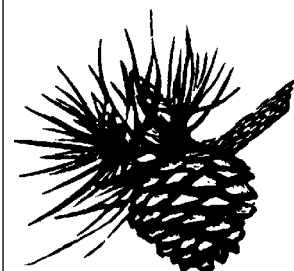
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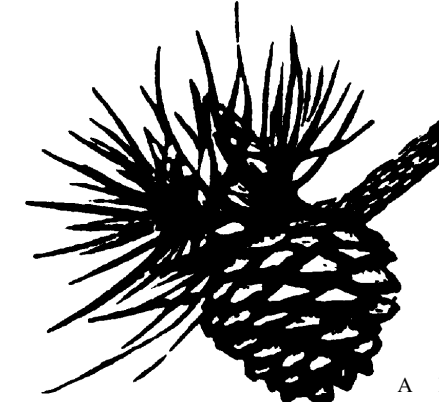
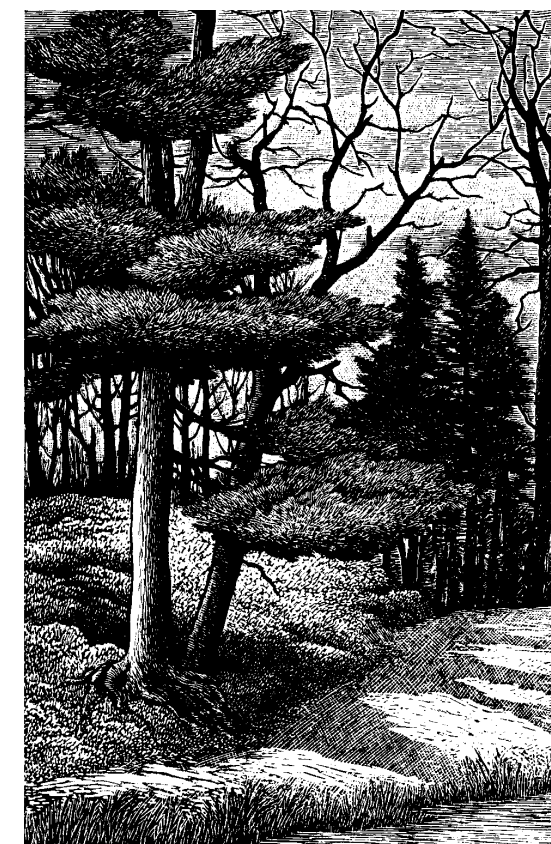
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*Future generations may not remember our names, but they will certainly be glad that we were here.*

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#### Avon Land Trust Call to the Annual Meeting

November 15, 2000  
7:30pm

Avon Senior Center  
West Avon Road, Avon  
Guest speaker:  
Walt Landgraf

*see inside for details*

## WELCOME TO THE AVON LAND TRUST

### President's Message

Avon's beauty is both a blessing and a curse. People want to live here, and that's good. The development that accompanies this popularity, together with the number of new families, is changing the character of our town—a phenomenon known as progress.

With an eye toward balancing development with preservation, the Avon Land Trust is working with the town's government to set aside some of the remaining rural beauty of our surroundings as open space. To date, over 300 acres have been set aside as land trust property, but this is a small fraction of Avon's total land area.

In the past few months the Trust has been given an opportunity to participate in an exciting new venture by joining forces with neighboring Farmington and the State of Connecticut in preserving 34 acres of magnificent forestland. Although the details are confidential for the time being, the site includes hills and ravines, towering oaks and maples, and a significant population of one of Connecticut's most endangered species. Both hiking and cross-country skiing would be among the recreational possibilities.

By joining with others in this effort, the people of Avon will realize the benefits of a large tract of unusually beautiful open space at a fraction of the cost of setting aside that space. In addition, this could serve as a pilot project for future cooperative efforts throughout the region.

Finally, the ultimate thanks for retaining some of the beauty of the town we love will come from our children and from our children's children.

Tom Morganti, *President ALT*

Dick Keiler, *Farmington Land Trust*

## ALT Now Registered for SNET Community Connection Donations!

Following the lead of the Avon Historical Society and other CT Land Trusts, the Avon Land Trust has registered itself with the SNET Community Connections program.

People who either currently have SNET, or decide to switch over to SNET long distance service can call SNET at 1-800-635-7638, and sign up for the program. SNET will then donate 5% of your long distance charges to the Avon Land Trust, at no cost to you! Be sure to specify that you want the SNET donation to go to the Avon Land Trust — organization #3212. Thanks for your support!

Rick Dubiel

# Avon Land Lovers

by Ruth Maher

## Wade and Jacquelyn Horsey

Wade Horsey II and his wife Jacquelyn have seen many parts of the world, near and far away, but they chose an acre of Avon to call "home," the people of Avon to call "friends and neighbors," and the town of Avon to receive the caring community service Wade gives so abundantly.

When Wade's work brought him to CIGNA, he and Jacquelyn began searching for a home in the local area. Jacquelyn's two special preferences were for a Tudor-style house and a country kitchen. A luxurious Tudor house in West Hartford offered impressive features but lacked the dream kitchen. Widening their search, the Horseys looked for a town that would afford opportunities for active involvement in civic organizations and projects designed to benefit the community. Avon filled the bill to overflowing. They found their lovely acre with just the right kitchen tucked into a just-right colonial on a beautiful street in Avon.

Wade's father grew up in Crisfield, Maryland, not far from the town of Horsey, Virginia, which was named for a distant relative. Some of his ancestors came from England in 1824. Others, on his mother's side, were here from the beginning, members of the Cherokee Nation of North Carolina. Wade was born in Baltimore, where his parents still live. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University as a computer specialist with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. As an R.O.T.C. member, he was designated a "Distinguished Military Graduate," which qualified him for a commission in the regular U.S. Army. Second Lieutenant Wade Horsey's first assignment was as a graduate student at Rutgers University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

During his five years in the military he attended Combat Platoon Leader School at Fort Benning, then Ranger School. For six months he served with 2nd/70

Armor Battalion outside Munich, Germany. He was sent to Jungle School in Panama, then in December, 1967, to the central highlands of Vietnam with 2nd/8 Mechanized Infantry. He was there during the Tet Offensive launched in February, 1968. His R&R leave was spent in Tokyo. After Vietnam Wade worked for two years at the Pentagon, where he was responsible for classified computer information regarding troop locations and movements. In the event of military crisis in any part of the world, it was his duty to report to Pentagon officials information about availability and readiness level of all troops who might be needed.

In 1969 Wade and Jacquelyn were married. They spent their honeymoon on the beaches of Ipanema in Brazil. In 1970 Wade decided to retire from military service. Hoping, among other things, to fulfill a long-time dream of skiing in the Alps, he bought one-way tickets to London for his wife, himself and their baby daughter, Erika. They visited France and Switzerland, where they did ski in the Alps. They also lived in the Flemish city of Ghent, Belgium, before moving to the Walloon city, Charleroi, near the French border.

When they ran out of money (not a part of the original dream), it was Charleroi where Wade found a job. Charleroi is known as the town where Napoleon slept the night before the Battle of Waterloo. Wade's new job was with the European Space Agency, where he worked for two years, testing rocket performance by computer. In other words, he was a rocket scientist. "You know the saying that 'You don't need a rocket scientist in order to...?' Well," he laughs, "I'm the rocket scientist you don't need." Ariane, the rocket system developed from that program, is now being launched from French Guiana.

Back in the United States, Wade received his MBA from Harvard Business School. He worked three years

with Citibank and earned a CFA designation (Certified Financial Analyst). Since 1980 he has been employed in the investment arena. Currently he is an Associate Vice President of Investments with the Advest Group.

Wade is a member of many community organizations including Avon Land Trust. He has served as president of seven groups, including Farmington Valley Arts Center, and has been on the Board of Directors of several service organizations, including FAVARH and Farmington River Watershed Association. He has also been Commander of VFW Gildo Consolini Post 3272.

A letter of appreciation from Farmington Valley Arts Center states, "When God gave out talent, brains, vision, humor and 'passion,' he blessed Wade Horsey II with the mother lode... As President he has run a calm ship, taking us through an economic storm on an even keel... Thanks forever."

During much of Jackie's childhood she lived abroad, exposed to many different cultures. Her father was an economist employed by ALCAN, a Canadian aluminum company, and his career took him and his family to many South American countries. Jackie is fluent in French and also speaks Spanish, Portuguese and some German. For a number of years she has served the U.S. State Department as interpreter and guide for delegations of one or as many as twenty, sent by French-speaking countries to study American social and economic policies regarding our systems of justice and law enforcement, government, education, agriculture, public health, conservation of natural resources, etc.

Most large cities have a World Affairs Council program agency that helps arrange tours and conferences in both cities and rural areas appropriate to the interests of the official visitors. The delegates meet with professional colleagues in states across the country, thus assuring a range of experiences with exposure to vastly different conditions in various regions of the United States. An effort is also made to introduce the visitors to ordinary citizens in the communities they visit. Jackie has worked with representatives of established countries as well as emerging nations who sought information



clockwise from top left: Wade II, Erika, Wade IV, Wade's mother and Jackie

about setting up a Constitution, encouraging citizen involvement, and creating a system of small-town governments as part of a national system of government. She has escorted individuals and groups to meetings held at the Supreme Court, Congress,

law enforcement agencies and penal institutions ranging from the toughest, most tightly restricted top security prisons to some that allow more freedom in a campus-like setting. With some delegates she has visited runaway shelters, treatment and prevention-education centers that deal with AIDS, drug abuse and alcoholism, hospitals and clinics, schools and colleges, American Indian reservations and even sports arenas.

Not surprisingly, some of Jackie's assignments have led to lasting friendships with visiting individuals. As a result of one such friendship, the Horsey family was invited to visit Morocco where they spent an exciting month and enjoyed a tour of the "Imperial Cities."

Jackie is currently teaching French and Spanish at Watkinson School in Hartford. Because of her teaching responsibilities, she will now be able to accept State Department duties only when school is not in session. Her most recent assignment, completed in August, was with a delegate from the European Community who was working with the World Trade Organization. His mission in the United States was to develop further understanding of American trade and agriculture policies. There is great concern in Europe about the need for labeling genetically modified corn, wheat, soybeans, rice and other grains that the United States may export for human consumption or as food for animals that provide meat or dairy products. Authorities worry that long-range outcomes of such genetic alteration and use of hormone additives are as yet unknown. Their experience with "mad cow disease" has given them cause to be wary. Europeans also want genetic alteration information included in labels on all California wines that are exported. Wines produced in Europe are required to bear detailed information on labels.

When Wade and Jackie came to Avon in 1978, they took advantage of the state's offer of 200 young trees and shrubs at

One of Jackie's Stone Walls



Jackie traveling in style in Morocco

a nominal cost. Today their land is well shaded by oak and evergreen trees and mountain laurel shrubs. Many of the pine, spruce, hemlock and laurel were planted or transplanted by Jackie herself. At first

glimpse of their property in the Cotswold area of Avon, she knew it would be the perfect setting for stone walls. She has a special affinity for rocks and the earth from which she digs them. A great sense of humor prompts her suspicion that her rocks have a mysterious power to reproduce, for as soon as she places two together, a new one seems to appear in the soil from which the last one was dug. She has built stone walls of various sizes and forms in selected locations throughout the wooded yard, and each seems to tell its own story. My favorite is one that's curved and tapered, like arms reaching out to embrace a friend. Jackie's inspiration for building stone walls comes from her appreciation of the beauty and durability of traditional stone walls built by New England farmers as they cleared their land.

The Horsey family includes daughter Erika and son Wade IV. It's interesting to note that, like her father, Erika graduated from Johns Hopkins, and Wade IV is enrolled as a student of engineering at Boston University, Jackie's alma mater. Other members of the family are Zoe, a beautiful malamute, Domino the cat, and Sidney and Irving, two iguanas who travel on leashes when all enjoy family walks. Jackie and Wade are gifted individuals who have generously shared their time and skills. After twenty-two years as residents of Avon, they remain confident that they made the perfect choice when they selected their acre where trees grow tall and stone walls are fertile.



## Call to the Annual Meeting

On November 15, 2000 the ALT will hold its annual meeting at the Avon Senior Center, West Avon Road, Avon. The business meeting will commence at 7:30 pm followed by a talk given by Walt Landgraf of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. Mr. Landgraf is the curator of the Stone Museum, People's Forest, and is renowned for his lectures on the many aspects of the Farmington Valley, covering history, geology and conservation issues. His discussion this year will be on "Reading the Forest", techniques that can be put to use in determining the past history of the woods around us. Both parts of the meeting are open to the public and refreshments will be served.

## ALT Enters the Electronic Age!

The Avon Land Trust proudly announces the launch of its new website! Check us out at <http://members.aol.com/horseradsh/AvonLandTrust-MainMenu.htm>

In addition to information about our organization, the ALT website also provides a convenient springboard to other local websites, such as the Avon Historical Society, the Farmington River Watershed Association, as well as other CT and National land trusts.

The website is still evolving. There are plans to have past issues of our popular newsletter available online. Please feel free to e-mail any suggestions to the webmaster.

Rick Dubiel

## ALT Approved by Aetna for Matching Gifts

ALT recently became an Aetna-approved non-profit organization. As a result, Aetna will match, dollar for dollar, all donations over \$25 made by Aetna employees.

Please help the Land Trust double your dollars whenever possible by submitting all your donations to any similar employer matching programs. Thanks!

## Art for Land's Sake

The Pomfret CT Land Trust received an interesting donation recently—an entire art collection! The land trust sold off just a few of the paintings, and with the million dollars received from the sale, was able to purchase and preserve a very large tract of land for all posterity.

### IN MEMORY OF BOB GARVIN

The Avon Land Trust recently received over \$1,000, given in memory of former ALT member Bob Garvin. ALT hopes to name a trail in his honor and place a memorial marker commemorating Mr. Garvin's contributions to the community.