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28TH ANNUAL

GARDEN PARTY

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4PM - 7PM

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PROGRAM

Sunday, May 17, 2026

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES AT DR. ANDREW AND JANE BISHOP'S STONEHEDGE

- 4:00 – 7:00 PM Enjoy the music, food, open bar & Signature Cocktail
View raffle items and purchase tickets
Peruse LTV's 2025 Annual Report and Landowner Stories
Take in the views of Stonehedge
- 5:30 PM Welcome – Polly Gault, LTV Chair
Presentation of LTV's 2026 Annual Awards – Ashton Cole, LTV
Executive Director
(See List of Annual Award Winners on page 9)
Raise a glass in support of conservation
- 7:00 PM Thank you for coming and for your continued support of LTV!

Please join the Board of Directors in thanking our wonderful hosts, Dr. Andrew and Jane Bishop.

Restrooms are available along the hedgerow between the driveway and pool.

Please note: *The Garden Party is a public event, and photographs may be taken for use in LTV's promotional materials. If you prefer not to be photographed, please visit the registration table.*

2026 GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE

Take a chance on something extraordinary! New this year – a raffle featuring unforgettable experiences, from a premier table at *Sunset in the Field* to a steeplechase weekend in Aiken and an exclusive day at the *International Gold Cup*. You can also enhance your own landscape with a native plant consultation and tree.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. See page 12 for more detailed information.

A TRADITION OF LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA GARDEN PARTIES

Founded in 1992, Land Trust of Virginia was formed out of concern that our beautiful countryside, agricultural fields, and historic sites were being lost forever to development. Volunteers rallied to contact private landowners and encourage them to permanently retire their properties' development potential through a legal process called a conservation easement. These easement documents are recorded with the deed and forever travel with the ownership of the property.

Since 1998, LTV has hosted an annual Garden Party as a critical fundraising effort to support this mission. What began as a fundraiser to "Save Virginia's Countryside" has become a not-to-be-missed gathering at some of Virginia Piedmont's most illustrious estates.

We are pleased and proud to gather our top supporters for our Garden Party each spring at a one-of-a-kind property like Stonehedge, whose owners, Dr. Andrew and Jane Bishop, uphold the conservation values we work to protect every day.

Thanks to your support, LTV has worked with over 280 families to conserve their properties through conservation easements, resulting in the protection of 38,269 acres across 39 Virginia counties. Through the generous leadership of these landowners, farms, fields, forests, wildlife habitats, waterways, wetlands, and our history have been protected in perpetuity.

Land Trust of Virginia remains the Commonwealth's premier land trust. We hold more conservation easements than any other private land trust in the Commonwealth and are accredited by the National Land Trust Alliance. This certification marks our quality of work and ethical standards.

We are forever grateful to the landowners and you for making our work possible. Because of your support, we are able to accomplish each conservation easement.

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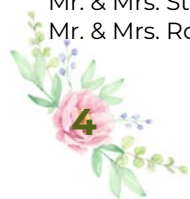
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ATTENDEES ENJOYING LAST YEAR'S 27TH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY AT ELYSIAN FIELDS

We sincerely appreciate Tom and Nancy Dungan for graciously opening their beautiful Greek-inspired home, Elysian Fields, on Sunday, May 18, 2025, for our Garden Party and recognition of over 30 years of support. Guests sipped on our signature cocktail and enjoyed delightful food and wine pairings by LoCo Kitchen and Slater Run Vineyards. Tom and Nancy's property provided a wonderful backdrop to our conservation awards ceremony and made our 27th Annual Garden Party an event to remember.



LTV Executive Director Ashton Cole and Chair Polly Gault



Lynn Stillwater and Karla Etten



Bobby and Kara Doyle



Reid Stuntz and Michael Zuckerman

Photos by John Scott Nelson Photography



Garden party guests enjoying the ceremony for our 2025 Conservation Awards



Hannah Rogers Tucker, Leah Carlyle Brower and Guest



LTV Executive Director Ashton Cole and Nan McCarry



Zohar Ben-Dov, Natalie and Michael Jacoby



Susan Long and Sarah Roberts

A HISTORY OF STONEHEDGE

William P. (Pappy) Hulbert was one of the many avid equestrians who migrated south in search of more open land and fairer weather for the sport of fox hunting. In 1917, after WWI, Pappy relocated from Cincinnati to the Middleburg area and purchased the 223 acres that are now Stonehedge. The Stonehedge acreage was originally part of Springfield Farm, the estate of John Crain. Two log cabins built sometime between 1790 and 1829 served as the first dwellings and were eventually incorporated into the main house. Completed in 1919, Pappy built the central stone structure of the home in the unusual Cotswold Tudor Revival style. Pappy was known to be innovative, and some might say eccentric, as his last addition was a wing with a second-story children's nursery, opening out onto the stone arch. With a walkway across the top and steps down, his nursery design cleverly disguised a children's "fire escape".

Two unique features of Stonehedge are the dam on the west side of the bridge and the grand stone feature on the east. In 1920, impatient with the slow progress of power lines to rural areas, Pappy resourcefully built a dam and constructed a millrace and paddlewheel to generate electricity, thereby supplying power for a fully self-sufficient farm. Inspired to name the farm after the "stone hedge," he revealed and enhanced this natural asset to create a semi-circular stone enclosure as a charming picnic area for gatherings.

On the property, there are other original log and stone dwellings, a springhouse, and a root cellar, which were typical of the early claimants from approximately 1790 to 1829.

Contributed by Mrs. Jane C. Bishop



LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONSERVATION AWARDS

STEWARDS OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to the owner of a property in conservation easement with LTV who has demonstrated significant and elevated care in the stewardship of their property's scenic, natural, and/or historic resources.

Vern and Mary Sue Conaway

Vern and Mary Sue were the original donors of LTV Conservation Easement #54 in 2006, protecting their land near Hillsboro, on the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge in Loudoun County. Although they no longer own that property, they continue to exemplify exceptional land stewardship through their work at *View of Heaven Farm*, also in Loudoun. The farm is located on Yellow Schoolhouse Road near Round Hill, and it's protected by a 1996 County Board of Supervisors easement donated by a previous owner.



At View of Heaven Farm, the Conaways have created a nonprofit farm that grows fruits, vegetables, and herbs using environmentally sustainable practices while providing meaningful, year-round employment for individuals who are neurodiverse or have physical disabilities. The creation of the nonprofit was deeply personal, inspired by their son Thomas, whose experiences helped shape the Conaways' vision and desire to create a place where individuals of all abilities could find meaningful work and community. Their thoughtful management of the property reflects a deep commitment to both environmental stewardship and community impact.

By growing food without pesticides and distributing it locally, the farm promotes sustainable agriculture, strengthens connections between local farms and residents, and creates meaningful opportunities for individuals who often face barriers to traditional employment.



LANDOWNERS OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a landowner who has donated a conservation easement to LTV, thereby protecting their property's important scenic, natural, and/or historic resources.



Chip and Jeffra Gasch

Chip and Jeffra Gasch committed to conservation through the permanent protection of their 541-acre property, “Woodmont,” in Caroline and King William Counties. Located just northeast of Hanover in an area facing increasing development pressure, Woodmont stands as a great example of what thoughtful, conservation-minded stewardship can achieve. By donating a conservation easement to Land Trust

of Virginia in 2025, the Gasches ensured their land would remain intact as a single, non-divisible parcel with only limited future building, preserving the rural character and scenic beauty of the landscape for future generations.

Their vision centered on safeguarding the property's extensive forests and the diverse ecosystems they support. With nearly 470 acres identified as having “Outstanding” ecological integrity and significant portions ranked among the highest forest conservation values, Woodmont provides critical habitat for native flora and fauna, including threatened and endangered species. The easement also protects vital water resources, including more than a mile of frontage along the Pamunkey River, along with streams, wetlands, and floodplains that contribute to the health of the broader watershed. Prime agricultural soils further enhance the property's conservation value. Reflecting on their decision, Chip and Jeffra shared, “We wanted to protect and preserve a uniquely wild and beautiful piece of property in perpetuity. Hopefully, that's been accomplished.”

CONSERVATIONISTS OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an individual(s) who has made extraordinary contributions to the conservation and preservation of Virginia's scenic, natural, and/or historic resources.



Steffanie Burgevin

Steffanie Burgevin exemplifies the spirit of the Conservationist of the Year award through more than 18 years of extraordinary service, leadership, and generosity in support of land conservation in Virginia. A dedicated member of the Land Trust of Virginia's Board for 17 years, she served continuously as an officer—guiding the organization at various points as President, Secretary, and Treasurer—and remains actively involved on the Easement Committee today. Steffanie has played a pivotal role in shaping LTV's growth and impact, contributing to critical financial decisions, creating and refining core policies, and helping guide the careful evolution of conservation easement agreements. Her contributions are

reflected in many of the properties protected by LTV and in the organization's long-term strength and stability.

Beyond her leadership, Steffanie's personal commitment to conservation is just as significant. She has been one of LTV's most generous major donors since 2006, founded the LTV Legacy Giving Fund, and continues to lead by example as a legacy donor herself. In 2025, she permanently protected her own 36-acre Loudoun County property through a conservation easement donation to LTV, further demonstrating her deep belief in our organization and its mission. Whether encouraging friends and fellow landowners to conserve their land, contributing to the success of our Sunset in the Field event through her generous support of live music, or establishing a new wetlands preservation fund to protect vital water resources, Steffanie's passion for Virginia's open spaces is both enduring and contagious. Her lifelong connection to the land—and her constant dedication to preserving it—have made a lasting impression on the landscape and the community alike.



2026 GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE ITEMS

Raffle tickets: \$25/each or 5 for \$100

- 1 A reserved table for 8 at Sunset in the Field – Sunday, October 11, Farmer’s Delight in Middleburg** *Retail value: \$1500*



Gather your friends and family for one of the most fun and beautiful events of the fall at LTV’s Sunset in the Field! Savor a delicious barbecue dinner and libations, excellent toe-tapping music, and a festive family scene at the beautiful Farmer’s Delight plantation near Middleburg. You and your guests will enjoy premier views of the band and sunset with custom bar service at your reserved table for 8.

- 2 Weekend stay at Airbnb in Aiken, SC, with tailgate spot at Aiken Spring Steeplechase** *Retail value: \$2700*



Enjoy the beautiful Vixen’s Rest 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom home. You have an updated, fully equipped kitchen, dining room, family room, and living room with a gas fireplace, all on one level. There is parking for 2 cars in a private driveway.

The home is located adjacent to the historic Hitchcock Woods – a 2,100-acre park with 70 miles of walking and equestrian trails. You are 6 minutes from the elegant, historic Willcox Hotel and 10 minutes from the Steeplechase course.

The package includes a tailgate spot with parking and 4 patron tickets for the Fall Aiken Steeplechase on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

3 Table for four at the Summer House at the 89th International Gold Cup

Value: Priceless



The International Gold Cup 2026 runs on Saturday, October 24th at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia. Plan to spend your race day in the lap of luxury at Great Meadow's Summer House, reserved exclusively for Life Members and their guests. Enjoy the ease of premium parking, libations, and a buffet lunch for 4 guests, all while watching an exciting day of racing!

What to Expect:

- Premium Parking
- Libations: Savor a variety of refreshing beverages throughout the day with an open bar.
- Buffet Lunch: Enjoy a sumptuous lunch designed to delight your palate.
- Unmatched Views: Watch the thrilling races unfold from the comfort of your exclusive table.

This is more than an event; it's an unforgettable day of racing and relaxation. Don't miss your chance to experience the International Gold Cup in unparalleled style.

4 Garden consultation with Desiree Lee, Hunt Country Gardens, and one native tree from Abernethy & Spencer in Purcellville

Retail value: \$500



Desiree will walk and talk with you during a one-hour garden consultation, where she can identify existing native plants and how to incorporate additional natives into the garden and landscape. Founded in 2011, Hunt Country Gardens assists local estates in the region with horticultural services ranging from pruning and restoration of trees to vegetable gardens.

This item also includes a native tree of your choice from Abernethy & Spencer nursery in Purcellville, Virginia, valued at up to \$250.

CONSERVATION LEADERS CLASS OF 2025

As of the publication of this program, Land Trust of Virginia has helped 282 families permanently conserve 38,269 acres. We consider these landowners true conservation leaders. While there are significant state and federal tax incentives for placing property in the easement, there is also a loss in the value of their property as each family permanently retires the development potential. Families primarily take this step out of love for their land, and their actions make a significant contribution to the quality of life we all enjoy.

With this in mind, LTV is honored to welcome the Class of 2025 into the family – landowners who conserved their properties this year.

Curtis Backus

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Steffanie Burgevin

Cresthaven Properties, LLC

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