

# Hedgerows

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## Gold Award Project

Sherianne Secaras of Upper Montclair recently fulfilled the requirements for a Girl Scout Gold Award by transforming an attic storage area in our mill into an educational display of historic artifacts. Sherianne's parents toured the mill one Saturday when they were exploring Long Valley. They brought Sherianne to meet with us several weeks later and the idea of the display area took shape.

After developing a plan and receiving approval from us and from the Girl Scouts, she acquired donated sawhorses and lumber from the *(continued on page 4)*



*Sherianne Secaras working on mill display*

## Land Trust Alliance Rally 2002

Land Trust Alliance Rally 2002 is expected to draw a record-breaking crowd to Austin, TX, Oct. 26-29. The Land Trust Alliance is making plans to accommodate more than 1,700 land conservationists to the largest-ever conference specifically designed for those concerned about protecting open space. Rally 2001 attracted more than 1,600 land conservationists to Baltimore, MD. For more information visit <http://www.ita.org>

### *Upcoming Regional Conference*

Regional conferences offer close-to-home training and unparalleled opportunities for networking:

## Mid-Atlantic Land Trust Conference

June 20-22

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

LTA President Rand Wentworth will present the keynote address of the Mid-Atlantic Land Trust Conference, scheduled June 20-22 at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Rand will speak at 9 am on Saturday, June 22. Participants can attend a pre-conference seminar on tax strategies on Thursday, June 20, or field trips on Friday, June 21. Statewide meetings for Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia land trusts are scheduled for the afternoon of June 21. For more information visit <http://www.ita.org>

## Long Valley Mill Window Adoption Program

Our Window Adoption Program has raised \$11,000 to-date toward the estimated \$40,500 cost of accurately restoring the mill's 57 windows. We are grateful to the following people for their recent donations:

*Jeannine Duane,  
Gail and Greg Jones,  
Karen and Jim Richards,  
Shirley Gillette,*

*Robert W. Jones  
Memorial Donations:  
Anjo Commercial Floors,*

*Ann Stephenson,  
Mr. & Mrs. Norman  
Helmstetter,  
Sandy Walsh,*

*Jeannine Duane, and  
McCormick Communications*

### Mission Statement

The Washington Township Land Trust was organized to protect and preserve the ecological, cultural, and historical integrity of the areas that contribute to and enhance the rural character of Washington Township and its environs. The Trust also promotes public interest in conserving land for open space uses in harmony with the natural environment and acquires interests in land by purchase or donation. It also manages land and property easements for the benefit of the public and educates the public to be stewards of the land.

### 2002 OFFICERS

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## WTLT coming events for 2002

August 3 . . . . 2nd Annual Talent Show to be held at the same location as last year, the Middle Valley Community Center

October 5 . . . . Long Valley Fall Festival (look for our table)

October 19 . . . Halloween Dance

## New Members

Peter M. Albano  
Brian Blejwas  
Christopher W. Brown  
Harold L. Bush  
Janice H. Collester  
Anneliese DiVito  
Laurie Getto  
Derek J. Groff  
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## Become a member of the Land Trust

### 1 Please select a class of annual membership:

Student \$5    Individual \$25    Family \$35    Business \$100

2 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Mail to:

Washington Township Land Trust  
PO Box 4  
Long Valley, NJ 07853-0004



## Special thanks to Charlie Noll

Chris and Caryl mentioned to Charlie during the Fall that the Land Trust would need to mow the blackberry paths and large area around the daffodils in the spring. When they went to check on the daffodils recently, they discovered all the mowing had been completed. A few phone calls confirmed that Charlie had mowed the area for us.

Thank you, Charlie

## Workshop at the Mill

The Heritage Conservation Network, a non-profit organization promoting the conservation of historic architecture and sites, is offering a workshop at our mill, July 21-July 27, 2002. Out-of town participants will pay \$925 to cover lodging, insurance, most food and workshop materials. In return, they will receive instruction and hands-on experience in carpentry and masonry. During the week, there will also be excursions to Chester and other sites in Morris County. The fee for those not requiring lodging will be \$350, except for members of the Washington Township Land Trust who would pay \$150 to cover lunches, insurance and workshop materials.

Walter Hollien will instruct participants in the use of traditional hand tools to install mortise and tenon floor joists, and perform other carpentry projects necessary in the restoration of a heavy timber frame building.

Keith Hayes will teach the techniques involved in mixing mortar containing historically used materials and applying the mortar to joints in the mill. Caryl Brackenridge and Chris Steffan will work alongside the participants and provide liaison with the Washington Township Land Trust.

Additional details about the Heritage Conservation Network and this workshop can be found on their website. ([www.heritageconservation.net](http://www.heritageconservation.net)) WTLT members who are interested in participating should call Caryl Brackenridge (876-4478). If you would like to attend the workshop but have not paid your dues this year, the difference in price may be a good incentive to get those dues in!

MILL COMMITTEE  
Caryl Brackenridge  
876-4478



### Progress on the Long Valley Mill

*(Top) Streamside view of northwest corner. (bottom) Inside view of northwest corner.*

West Essex Building Supply Company in Verona. The attic space was cleared with the help of some of our regular volunteers, and the sawhorse tables were erected. Then Sherianne's team got to work cleaning, identifying, tagging and artistically displaying numerous remnants of the milling operation.

The mill is open for tours most Saturdays from 10am to 4pm when volunteers are working, and appointments for tours at other times can be made by calling Caryl Brackenridge at 908-876-4478. We hope you will stop in and see our new display area.



The finished display area. Items identified, tagged and arranged by Sherianne Secaras's team of volunteers.

**PARK COMMITTEE**  
**Jon Wagar**  
766-4018



On April 25 volunteers planted 25 Sweetgum and 25 Pin Oak trees on the Land Trust's Park property.

Pin Oak  
"Swamp Oak" "Spanish Oak"  
*Quercus palustris* Muenchh.

Sweet Gum  
"Red Gum" "Sapgum"  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* L.



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