

# THE BLUEGRASS *Conservancy News*



Conserving the Bluegrass forever...

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## BLUEGRASS CONSERVANCY TO PLAY PROMINENT ROLE IN 2004 NATIONAL CONSERVATION CONFERENCES IN KENTUCKY

**G**reat news for farmland preservation! Both the *American Farmland Trust* and the *National Trust for Historic Preservation* picked Kentucky as their national conference spot in 2004. And they've both selected the Bluegrass Conservancy to host sessions showcasing the beauty and significance of Bluegrass farmland to these national audiences!

The American Farmland Trust is a private, non-profit founded in 1980 to protect our nation's farmland. AFT works to stop the loss of productive farmland and to promote farming practices that lead to a healthy environment. Since their founding, AFT has helped win permanent protection for over a million acres of American farmland. Bluegrass Conservancy Board Chair Helen Alexander and Vice-Chair Libby Jones serve on the American Farmland Trust President's Advisory Council.

In recognition of Kentucky's farmland preservation victories, AFT selected Lexington for this year's *2004 National Farming on the Edge Conference* November 15-17. A growing network of hundreds of public and private leaders from across the country will gather around this year's theme, "*Meeting the Challenge*," to explore ways to protect farmland, support family farmers, improve environmental stewardship, affect public policy, and increase the economic viability of local agriculture.

In conjunction with the PDR program and LFUCG's Rural Service Area Land Management Plan, the Bluegrass Conservancy will give a presentation entitled "*The Keys to Success in Planning for Agriculture in the Horse Capitol of the World*." We are also working to support a dinner hosted by AFT celebrat-

ing the 140 Kentucky landowners who have permanently protected their land through agricultural conservation easements and the Kentucky organizations that make permanent farmland protection possible. For more conference information visit the AFT website at [www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org).

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately funded non-profit organization that provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities. Supported by more than 200,000 members and 50 years of service, the National Trust is the leader of the vigorous preservation movement that is saving the best of the country's past for the future.

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**This is a fantastic opportunity to draw national attention to Bluegrass preservation successes and challenges and to honor those farmers who have permanently protected their property for the good of everyone.**

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From September 28 to October 3, 2004 nearly three-thousand preservationists working to save America's historic places and revitalize communities all over the country will join forces in Louisville for this year's national conference, "*Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads*." In partnership with Keeneland and the Woodford Reserve Distillery, the Bluegrass Conservancy's field session entitled "*A Taste of the Bluegrass*" has been selected to spotlight the public/private partnerships that make farmland preservation efforts a success in the Bluegrass. We are honored and excited to give visiting preservationists a chance to admire the protected farmland and successful cooperation at work in the Bluegrass. For more conference information visit the NTHP conference website at [www.nthpconference.org](http://www.nthpconference.org) or call 800-944-6847.

Find information about attending either conference at the websites listed above. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and make time to attend or volunteer!



# PROFILES IN CONSERVATION: John and Kristina Penn

### *Please tell us about the background of John Penn Farm.*

Ours is the third family to have owned the property since its settlement. It was the central part of a large slave driven operation with sheep and cattle being the principal efforts until the Civil War. There are unique buildings, rock walls, and springhouses in varying states of repair. Bourbon County is in the midst of yet another attempt to allow unchecked development. Damn the descendents, full profit ahead seems to be the consensus.

### *Why did you decide to donate a conservation easement on your farm?*

My reasoning for donating the conservation easement was two-fold. First, I think it is proper to permanently prevent housing developments or factories on this small slice of history. Second, my wife and I have two children in college with a third close behind. This donation will allow us to more easily cover these expenses.



*John Penn on his now permanently protected farm.*

### *Do you have any advice for landowners considering donating a conservation easement on their farm?*

I would encourage any landowner in similar circumstances to consider the benefits of donating a conservation easement to the Bluegrass Conservancy. My wife and I would like to thank Margaret Graves and the staff at the Conservancy for their help, guidance, and hard work.

2,396 Acres Protected  
by Conservation Easements  
Held by the Bluegrass Conservancy

Woodford County: 1,107 acres  
Fayette County: 910 acres  
Clark County: 56 acres  
Jessamine County: 190 acres  
Bourbon County: 133 acres

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10,720 Acres Protected  
by Conservation Easements  
Held By the Fayette County  
Purchase of Development Rights Program

## CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Bluegrass Conservancy proudly acknowledges our Conservation Society. Members have given the extraordinary gift of a conservation easement on their land. These leaders in conservation deserve thanks on behalf of all associated with the Conservancy.

Please contact Margaret Graves for information about donating a conservation easement on your land by email at [mgraves@bluegrassconservancy.org](mailto:mgraves@bluegrassconservancy.org) or by phone at (859) 255-4552.

### CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONORS:

Helen C. Alexander	Alice Kinhead
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Governor Brereton C. Jones and Elizabeth Lloyd Jones	Dr. & Mrs. Smiser West
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## FOAL SHARE GIFT

At 11:30 a.m. on March 16, 2004, the Bluegrass's Conservancy's most creative gift to date was born! In an effort to support the preservation of Bluegrass farmland, crucial to the survival of the Thoroughbred industry in Kentucky, Brereton and Libby Jones of Airdrie Stud Farm and Don Slagel of Adena Run Farm gave the Bluegrass Conservancy it's first ever foal share gift! 50% of the income from the sale of the new foal, born to stallion Youni and mare Summer Matinee will be given to support the Bluegrass Conservancy. Thanks to Linda Marcum for taking care of Summer Matinee and little "Bubba" who is still awaiting his official name. Brereton, Libby, and Don: thank you for your thoughtful and creative support of the Bluegrass Conservancy's work to save the farmland that helps your industry survive!



Board Chair Helen Alexander with the new mother and foal.

## SPECIAL GIFTS

If you would like to remember a special person or occasion, what better way to honor those who appreciate the Bluegrass than by helping to protect the farmland that makes this area unique?

We accept donations in honor of birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, and other holidays as well as donations in memory of loved ones.

The honoree or their family will be notified of your contribution, so please include a clearly written address.

Please contact Tara Loyd for more information at: tloyd@bluegrassconservancy.org or 859-255-4552

# Thank You!

## Thanks to All Who Supported this Year's Farmland Conservation Auction

The Bluegrass Conservancy's Fourth Annual Farmland Conservation Auction was a roaring success!!

Among the ten live auction items were first row UK Basketball tickets directly behind the team, floor seats to the Westminster Kennel Club's Best in Show, a birding trip to King Ranch in Texas, a getaway at the Cabin at Xalapa farm, and an Ecuadorian rainforest adventure! Many thanks to our generous live auction item donors and bidders!



A special thanks to the Auction Committee. This event would not have been possible without the hard work of Bluegrass Conservancy Board members Boo McDonald, Laurel Garrett, Michael Burns, Lendy Brown, and Lucy Breathitt.

We hope you enjoyed bidding on items from the many businesses doing their part to help save farms. Special attention was paid to inviting local, downtown businesses to support this year's auction. Many were pleased to have a chance to support our mission to promote the conservation of the Bluegrass farmland which makes this area such an extraordinary place to live, work, visit, and do business.

Among the eighty silent auction items were memberships to the Lexington Children's Museum and Living Arts and Science Center, season Actor's Guild and Kentucky Theater tickets, gift



*Going once...going twice... SOLD! Auctioneer Walt Robertson of Fasig-Tipton donated his services to the auction again this year!*

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# FARMLAND CONSERVATION AUCTION

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*Conservancy supporters l to r: Carol Farmer, Liz Burns, Board member Lendy Brown, and Debby Oxley*

certificates to Bella Rose, Isle of You and local, downtown restaurants (many of whom support the Farmer's Market), and donations from local artists and farmers!

The auction wouldn't be nearly the success that it is without the generous support of our in-kind contributors. Thanks to the Woodford Reserve Distillery for hosting the event, to David Larson, Woodford Reserve Distillery's Chef-in-Residence, for donating his fabulous food, the Hurley Ridge bluegrass band for donating their time and talent, graphic artist Mick Jeffries for helping us thank our many contributors, photographer David Greenlee of Custom Photo for so beautifully documenting the evening, auctioneer Walt Robertson for leading the bidding charge, and both the Paperweight and Liquor Barn for their support.

Proceeds from the Annual Farmland Conservation Auction will support the ongoing operations of the Bluegrass Conservancy. We hope to see you there again next year!!



*Hurley Ridge donated their time and talent to the auction again this year. Visit them online to say thanks at [www.hurleyridge.com](http://www.hurleyridge.com) or call 502-696-9209.*



*Former Governor Breton Jones with Conservancy Board Chair Helen Alexander.*



*Conservancy supporters Virginia Hibbs, David Shipp, Former Governor Breton Jones, Conservancy Board Vice-Chair Libby Jones, and Sally Headley*



*Graphic designer Mick Jeffries' beautiful Thank You sign behind one of the many tables of fantastic auction items.*



*Conservancy supporters Greg & Becky Goodman were the proud buyers of André Pater's "Keeneland Heritage" donated by Greg Ladd of Crossgate Gallery.*

**AUCTION COMMITTEE**

Lucy Breathitt  
Lendy Brown  
Michael Burns, Committee Chair  
Laurel Garret  
Boo McDonald

**IN KIND CONTRIBUTORS**

Auctioneer: Walt Robertson  
Caterer: Woodford Reserve's  
    Chef-in-Residence, David Larson  
Graphic Designer: Mick Jeffries  
Musicians: Hurley Ridge Band  
Photographer: David Greenlee of Custom Photo  
Volunteers: Billy Noe & Susan Sharp

**AUCTION ITEM DONORS**

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Alexander, Helen  
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Arthur Murray Studio  
Bed and Biscuits  
Bella Rose  
Bellini's  
Black Swan Books  
Bodywork  
Bombay Brazier  
Bradley, Jennifer  
Breathitt, Lucy  
Brown, Darrel and Lendy  
Bubba Sue Shrimp  
Burns, Michael and Elizabeth  
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Clay, Robert and Blythe  
Cravings on Clay

Crossgate Gallery  
Dudley's  
Entree Vous  
Faite Irish Import Shop  
Floraciff Nature Sanctuary  
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Good Foods Market & Cafe  
Graves, Joe & Hart  
Greentree Tea Room  
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John's Run/Walk Shop  
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Lexington Art League  
Lexington Children's Museum  
Lexington Children's Theater  
Lexington Professional Massage  
Lexington Shakespeare Festival  
Living Arts and Science Center  
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The Film Lab  
The Kentucky Theater  
The Warwick Foundation  
Third Street Stuff  
UK Art Museum  
Wallace Station  
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Woodford County Farmers Market  
Woodford Reserve Distillery  
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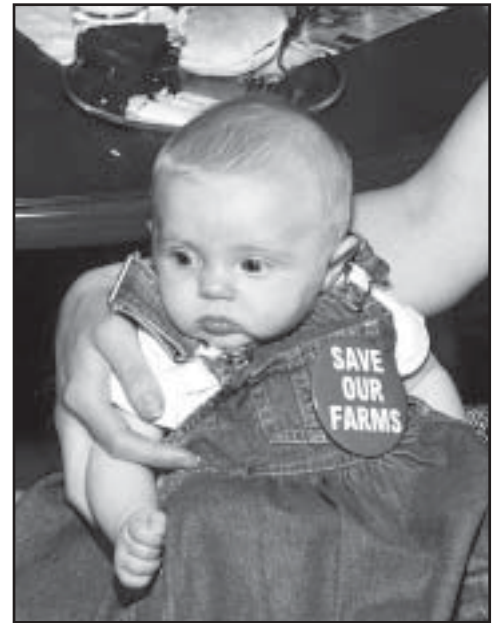
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*Katelyn Loyd, the Bluegrass Conservancy's newest member, providing inspiration to "save our farms."*



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**PAPERWEIGHT**

# EXCITED ABOUT SAVING FARMS BUT DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN FARM TO SAVE?

## Support the businesses that support the Bluegrass Conservancy and be sure to tell them you appreciate their contribution!

### RESTAURANTS

Bellini's  
Bombay Brazier  
Dudley's  
Greentree Tea Room  
Harvest  
Holly Hill Inn  
Joe Bologna's  
Le Matin  
Magee's Bakery  
Natasha's Café and Balagula  
Olive Street Table  
Portofino  
The Courtyard Deli  
Wallace Station

### ARTISTS

James Archambeault, Photographer  
Dell Hancock, Photographer  
Salina Ramsay, Painter  
Rachel Savané, Savane Silver  
Belinda Sillars, Bronze Sculptor  
Melissa Sutherland, Ceramic Artist  
Adalin Wichman, Painter

### OUTINGS

Actor's Guild of Lexington  
Arthur Murray School of Dance  
Floracliff Nature Sanctuary  
Lexington Children's Museum  
Lexington Children's Theater  
Lexington Professional Massage  
Lexington Shakespeare Festival  
Living Arts and Science Center  
Reed Valley Orchard  
The Kentucky Theater  
Woodford County Farmers Market  
Woodford Reserve Distillery  
Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour  
Xalapa Farm

### SPECIALTY SHOPS

Bella Rose  
Black Swan Books  
Cravings on Clay  
Crossgate Gallery  
Custom Photo  
Faite Irish Import Shop  
Isle of You  
John's Run/Walk Shop  
Last Genuine Leather Company

Liquor Barn  
Picture Perfect Photo  
Ruth Hunt Candy Company  
Savané Silver  
Tempur-Pedic Swedish Mattress Center  
The Clock Shop  
The Film Lab  
The Paperweight  
Third Street Stuff

### OTHER

Bed and Biscuits  
Bodywork  
Bubba Sue Shrimp  
Champagne Run  
Entree Vous  
Good Foods Market & Cafe  
High Street Ymca  
Hutton and Loyd Tree Farm  
Lexington Art League  
Mary Kay Consultant: Brooke Loyd  
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Specialty Foods America!  
The Warwick Foundation  
UK Art Museum

*If you would like to add your business's name to this list, please contact Tara Loyd at the Conservancy at 859-255-4552*

**Bluegrass Conservancy**  
For further information about current projects, please contact the Bluegrass Conservancy at (859) 255-4552.  
The Bluegrass Conservancy is a non-profit regional land trust. Our mission is to promote the conservation of Bluegrass farmland. The Bluegrass Conservancy's Board of Directors include:  
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