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 - Redwood Garden Club

**In Honor of Karen Forget**  
 - Nancy Lowe

**In Memory of Fanny Epstein**  
 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wells

**In Memory of Roy McBride  
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 - Mr. & Mrs. Marshal Evans

**SPECIAL THANKS TO AUSTIN POOLE**, a Norfolk Academy student who raised over \$150.00 with a dog biscuit selling project to raise awareness of the affect of dog droppings on the watershed.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO LINLEY RICHARDSON**, a Norfolk Academy student who raised \$171.00 with a recycled-art sales project to raise awareness of improving water quality in the Lynnhaven River watershed.



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# LYNNHAVEN River NOW

## Our First Pearl Award Winners

The success of every organization depends upon the gifts of many people and Lynnhaven River NOW is no exception to that rule. Our success has been made possible by the gifts of time, talent and expertise that our committee members and other volunteers give month after month. We are indebted to the homeowners and pet owners in our watershed who have listened, learned and changed their behaviors. We greatly appreciate the teachers who have embraced our messages and worked hard to bring meaningful watershed experiences to their students. We owe much to the City of Virginia Beach for stepping up to the plate and taking responsibility for significant projects that have led to significant water quality improvements. And we are indebted to all of our partner organizations and members for working with us, supporting our work and caring about the Lynnhaven River.



**AMONG OUR MANY SUPPORTERS, AT OUR OYSTER ROAST IN APRIL, WE HONORED FIVE VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES WITH OUR FIRST PEARL AWARDS. OUR PEARL AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2010 ARE:**

- Runnymede Corporation** – For eight years, Andrew Fine and Runnymede Corporation have provided us with office space and office infrastructure and helped to guide the development of this organization.
- Harry and Calvert Lester** – Harry and Calvert were Founding Members eight years ago and are still leading this organization with time, talent and generosity. They have not wavered in their support of this work.
- Dave Iwans & Associates** – Dave Iwans and the other talented people at DIA have donated uncounted hours to helping us produce meaningful, effective and attractive publications, television ads and merchandise that are the core of our community outreach and communication – including this beautiful newsletter.

- Dollar Tree Corporate Giving** – Dollar Tree Corporate Giving has generously supported our school programs, especially the Wetlands in the Classroom program for three years. We have 30 Pearl School applications this year and outreach to almost all of the schools in Virginia Beach because of their generous support.
- 71st Street Anglers** – The 71st Street Anglers have generously supported LRNow for the past eight years—from the time we were LR2007! Their support helps fund our many outreach efforts into our community—presentations to civic leagues, garden clubs and other civic organizations, our garden club awards, landscaping workshops and citizen oyster gardening programs.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST PEARL AWARD WINNERS AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER AND LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW.**

## A Sustainable Chesapeake: Better Models For Conservation

The conservation Fund has released A Sustainable Chesapeake: Better Models for Conservation, a new book that provides a conservation resource for government agencies, community groups, businesses and others involved in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Lynnhaven River NOW is proud to have been included in this publication.

feature the work of government and private organizations and conservation leaders throughout the Bay watershed.

A Sustainable Chesapeake profiles promising conservation practices and technologies and describes the protection of critical land and water resources in a series of 31 case studies that

The entire publication is available on The Conservation Fund website at the following address: <http://www.conservationfund.org/news/sustainable-chesapeake>. You will also have the option of downloading the individual profile on Lynnhaven River NOW in Chapter Five.

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**DEAR MEMBERS,**

Much of our work at Lynnhaven River NOW has been centered on education and habitat restoration. We have formed important partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Virginia Beach that have led to major projects, sanitary sewer expansion, stormwater management projects and oyster reef restoration, that have resulted in improvements in water quality. At the same time, we have focused the majority of our resources on education and outreach. We have extensive programs in our schools, we have produced publications on many topics, done citizen workshops and made countless presentations to community groups. We continue to be amazed and gratified by the willingness of our citizens to make changes and support the effort to restore and protect the Lynnhaven River.

As important as this work is, there are also times when we must take a position on an issue that is a little further away from the river but has the potential to cause great harm or provide great benefit. That was the case, when our Executive Committee resolved to oppose the introduction of the Asian oyster into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and we appreciated the support of our members on that issue. Currently, there are two issues that demand that we take a position and ask for your support.

Our Executive Committee has passed a resolution in support of the Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act. We have made that position public in a letter to the editor of the Virginian-Pilot, in our spring newsletter and have met with Congressman Nye and Senator Webb's staff to discuss our reasons for supporting this important legislation. For two decades, the effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay has been voluntary and little progress has been made. The time has come to raise the bar on bay restoration and this legislation is a part of that plan. More information about this legislation is available on our website, <http://www.lynnhavenrivernow.org/ches-clean-water-act.aspx>. You may also call our office and we will send you information on this important legislation now being considered by Congress.

If you support LRNow's position in support of the Chesapeake Clean Water Act, we hope that you will contact your Congressman and Senators and ask them to support this legislation. Wouldn't it be great if our Chesapeake Bay Congressmen and Senators would become co-sponsors of this legislation?

The other issue that demands that we take a position is the proposed Cypress Creek Power Plant. Old Dominion Electric Cooperative has begun the process to build a massive coal burning power plant in the town of Dendron in Surry County. This \$5 billion plant will burn 9,000 tons of coal a day and produce nearly 12 million tons of carbon dioxide a year – the equivalent of 1.5 million cars. The prevailing winds will blow the emissions from this power plant directly across Hampton Roads and the Lynnhaven River. These emissions, among other contaminants, will add 1.9 million more pounds of nitrogen to our air leading to the deposition of large quantities of nitrogen in our river. Currently, approximately 35% of the excess nitrogen in our river is air deposited with car exhaust being the major contributor. If this coal plant is built, it has the potential to reverse any progress we can hope to make in reducing excess nutrients in the river through controlled and reduced use of fertilizers and will create larger oxygen depleted areas in the Lynnhaven and in the lower Bay. Nitrogen pollution promotes algae growth that clouds the water, stunts underwater grasses and robs the water of oxygen vital to fish, crabs, and oysters.

One of the primary ways that we can all contribute to the energy solution is through energy efficiency and conservation. A 10 percent reduction in energy through efficiency and conservation could eliminate the perceived need for this additional electricity capacity in Hampton Roads. We also have large untapped renewable energy resources, including wind, tidal, solar, biomass, municipal solid waste and others. This is where our investment in the future should be made.

Together, we have shown that we can do what others said was not possible. Together, we can shape a future where we protect our fragile coastal environment and continue to provide quality of life to all who share this ecosystem.

**KAREN WILSON FORGET**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**8<sup>TH</sup> Annual LRNOW  
Oyster Roast**

It was a great day for the Lynnhaven River. Despite the showers in the morning and the cool breezes, we had a wonderful celebration. The oysters were succulent and the delicious stew and barbecue topped it off. More Perfect Jones kept us entertained and happy. Thanks to all of you who helped to make our 8th Annual Oyster Roast a success!

What a great day we had! A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported our 8th Annual Oyster Roast this spring. The weather was a little cooler which made the oysters even more yummy and the warm oyster stew even more savory.

Many people were involved in making the day an enjoyable experience. The LRNow staff, Laura, Helen, Laurie, Michel, Ric and Karen and our small army of volunteers all helped to make the day a success.

A special thanks also to our caterers, Coastal Catering, Hoffman Beverages and Total Wine, and to Linda Lexier for the delicious oyster stew.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS:**

- Sentara
- TowneBank
- Runnymede Corporation
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- Bob and Eleanor Stanton
- 71st Street Anglers
- Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate
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**AND MUCH APPRECIATION TO THE ARTISTS AND OTHERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR SILENT AUCTION:**

- Albert "Buck" Doughty – Hog Island Creations
- City of Virginia Beach
- Carolyn Osmond
- Cathy Jo Ramsay – Glass Imaginings
- Chuck Guthrie
- Janice Gates
- Lesley Hildreth
- Mandy Oram Smith – Wildflower Jewelry
- Mannino's Italian Bistro
- Matthew Fine
- Michael Minor – Mike's Rain Barrels
- Penny Brown
- Robert Guess
- Robert Holman – Holman's Photography Studio

We hope you had a good time at the Oyster Roast and appreciate your support.



**CITY COUNCIL  
CANDIDATES FORUM**  
October 25

In November, we will be electing six members of our 11 member City Council. On October 25th, Lynnhaven River NOW and the Shore Drive Community Coalition are co-sponsoring a Candidates' Forum at Cape Henry Collegiate School Dreyfus Auditorium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Joel Rubin will be our emcee and a panel will address questions to the candidates. You will have an opportunity to submit questions in advance and the night of the forum. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the candidates and hear their positions on key issues before the November elections. You don't want to miss it.

**FIRST LANDING  
BICYCLE TOUR**  
October 2

We will be leaving from the new First Landing State Park Visitor's Center at 9:00 AM for a tour of the park and Cape Henry by bicycle. The route from the Visitor's Center will take us a short way on Shore Drive, into Fort Story and around Cape Henry. We will stop for a tour of the light houses and then continue down Atlantic Avenue, reentering the First Landing at 64th Street and following the trails back to the Visitor's Center. Watch for more details and registration information in our E-News and on our website, [www.LRNow.org](http://www.LRNow.org).

**SUMMER TEACHER  
WORKSHOPS**

See the insert in this newsletter.

**SUMMER OYSTER  
WORKSHOPS:**

New Gardener, Taylor Float and Roundups

See the insert in this newsletter.