

# FRONT PAGE

Newsletter of the *Carroll County  
Land Trust*; March 2019 edition.  
*Edmund R. "Ned" Cueman, Editor*

## **ATTENTION !**

**\*\*\*HOLD THE DATE\*\*\***

**Thursday Eve, May 9, 2019**

### ***MEMBERS ANNUAL***

***Dinner MEETING ( 28<sup>th</sup> year)***

**6:30 P.M.** Meet & Greet

**7:00 P.M.** Invocation & Light Meal

**Place:** County Extension Office Bldg.  
(end of Smith Ave.) Westminster, MD

#### **Program Agenda:**

- + Very Short Business Meeting
- + County Commissioners' Landowner  
Recognitions
- + Program
- + Raffle

See **RSVP form** enclosed if planning to  
attend the Annual Meeting

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### **2019 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Members:** your ***Annual Contribution Slip*** is enclosed along with this notice of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Please don't forget to make your ***annual tax deductible contribution*** for 2019. Your contribution is vital to helping the *Carroll County Land Trust* carry out its ***mission*** to help reach the goal of **permanently preserving 100,000 acres** of Carroll County's agricultural land.  
***Many, many thanks and God bless!***

## **President's Corner**

*Dear Land Trust Members:*

*There is a great deal to brief you on since our last newsletter. Most pressing is our Annual Meeting and complimentary dinner which is quickly approaching on May 9, 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Bldg. in Westminster. I hope to see you there! It is an excellent opportunity to hear an update on land preservation efforts in Carroll County. Even more exciting is to hear the stories of the families who participated in the most recent cycle of agricultural land preservation and the positive impact it has had on their families, the land that was preserved and our community.*

*I would also like the opportunity to brief you in person on what the board has been hard at work on this past year. I was humbled to be elected as President last year as our long time President, Ralph Robertson transitioned to the board of directors. It is an honor to follow in Ralph's footsteps but also daunting given how much Ralph has accomplished in the world of agricultural land preservation and for the community in general. At a board retreat at Ralph's home after last year's annual meeting the board laid out a framework for what we would like to accomplish as an organization over the long term. This resulted in expanding our mission from assisting property owners through agricultural and conservation easement processes to also preserving the agricultural, rural and historic character of Carroll County. We believe we can accomplish this mission by continuing to accept donated easements but also by advocating for the preservation of land, the rural nature and historic character of Carroll County. We have identified very ambitious goals to work towards our mission and we are in need of people like you to become involved to help us drive these goals and this mission forward. So I hope to see you at our annual meeting or to hear from you in the very near future.*

*Sincerely,  
Jason B. Dutterar,  
President*

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## Salute to our Contributing Members of the Carroll County Land Trust—past, present & future!!

A year ago, *Front Page* featured member Alice Mildred Shipley who had recently passed and had been an inspiration to all that new her and her passion for farmland preservation in Carroll County. She was a generous annual contributor as well. And with that in mind, this edition of *Front Page* salutes and recognizes all other individual member contributors of the Carroll County Land Trust who have enabled this non-profit organization to be sustained for 28 years as an advocate and supporter of the County Farmland Preservation Program.

Maintaining momentum to a committed effort that began in 1980, over what will be a 50 year time span to reach the 100,000 acre goal of permanently preserved farmland, has been and remains a daunting challenge. Yet, Carroll County has persisted and done so for four decades. At the current pace, we have one more decade to go to reach the goal. So to our contributing members, past, present and future, a great big salute and ‘thank you’ for your continued support and being a part of this monumental noble effort instituted by the County Commissioners and the people of Carroll County nearly 40 years ago.

## Communicating

In today’s environment of rapid change and new technologies for communicating, the Board has been

working toward developing our web page as a means of communicating and reaching out to the public generally but to the people of Carroll County specifically. The Board is fully aware this communication tool is essential to functioning as a 501 (c)3 and undertaking our mission. Board member Alice Altstatt has been undertaking the lead on this project and devoted much of her time to it. When our web page is upgraded and up and running, the Board will notify the membership to check it out. A portion of member annual contributions are going toward this effort which necessitates needed technical assistance and will necessitate continuing oversight to keep the page up to date. We are most anxious to have this tool to work with.

## Board Membership

If you would be interested in and consider serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Jason Dutterar at the mailing address below or leave a message at the phone number below. The Board is seeking additional board members and members of the Trust are seriously considered. If someone you know comes to mind, and you think they might be interested in serving, please contact us by phone below.

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## ***BEQUESTS***

For those who wish to remember the Carroll County Land Trust in their wills, the following form is suggested: ***I give and bequest to the Carroll County Land Trust, Inc., for its general purpose, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.***