

**2018 Annual Meeting**

The 2018 land trust annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, at Landsford Canal State Park. Registration will begin at 1:45 and adjourn after a bar-be-que dinner at 5:00 p.m. This year's annual meeting promises to be enjoyable. We will have a "birding for beginners" hike led by former chief naturalist for South Carolina State Parks, Irvin Pitts; a nature hike led by Andrew Lazenby; and a history hike to the museum (the restored lock keepers house), which will be led by KVLt President Mark Grier. We are also planning on a visit from the Camden Military Academy fife and drum corps and local re-enactors who will portray Revolutionary War heroes.

S.C. 29721 or you can pay on the day of the event. KVLt will cover park entrance fees but if you want to pay, it will help the park. Bring a lawn chair.

**Annual Meeting Schedule**

- 1:45 Registration
- 2:00 Nature Hike; History Hike
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- 3:30 KVLt Annual Business Meeting
- 4:30 Fife and drums and revolutionary war re-enactors
- 5:00 Dinner

Again this year we will end the afternoon with an incredible barbeque dinner from renowned BBQ chef, Dan "the Pig Man" Huntley, with his amazingly delicious banana pudding.

We thank OceanaGold/Haile Gold Mine for being a Gold Level sponsor for this years meeting. We also thank Nisbet Oil and Duke Energy for sponsoring the meeting.

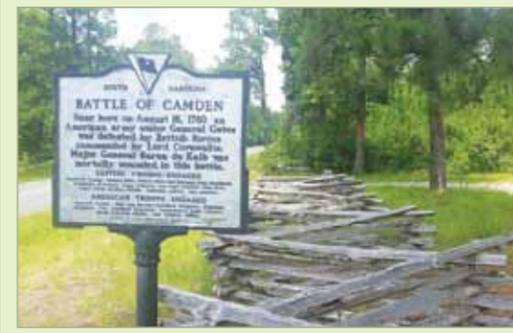
The cost for the annual meeting will be \$25 per person for KVLt members and \$35 for non-members. Children under 10 are free. You must register for this event no later than Friday, October 12 at 5:00 p.m. Email Dick Christie at [kvlt@comporium.net](mailto:kvlt@comporium.net) or call 803-285-5801 to register. You can send a check to KVLt, P.O. Box 1776, Lancaster,



Landsford Canal  
Dick Christie

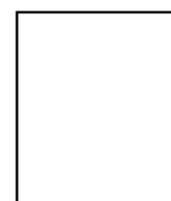
**Revolutionary War Battlefield Protected**

KVLt recently acquired another conservation easement on the Revolutionary War battlefield that was the site of the Battle of Camden on August 16, 1780. With the addition of this 294 acre easement, KVLt has now protected 772 acres in 6 conservation easements on this historic site. The Battle of Camden was an engagement between Continental troops and Patriot militia led by General Horatio Gates and British troops and loyalists commanded by General Charles Lord Cornwallis. By all counts, patriot troops were soundly defeated in this battle and American casualties were high with 900 killed or wounded and an additional 1,000 were captured. This easement includes the property on which General Johann de Kalb was mortally wounded.



Camden Battle Site  
Dick Christie

This conservation project is a partnership between KVLt, the American Battlefield Trust, the National Park Service, Kershaw County and Historic Camden. Dick Christie, KVLt Executive Director states, "the land trust has a strong interest in protecting important historical sites and we are delighted to hold this easement that protects this site".



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**KVLt Events at a Glance**

EVENTS	SPEAKER SERIES
Annual Meeting - October 5	Jennifer Tsuruda, Clemson - Oct. 18
Nitrolee History Hike - Nov. 4	Barry Beasley, KVLt - Oct 23
	Doug Bostick - Jan. 24, 2019

**Note Cards Available**



Mary Brown's beautiful note cards of area wild flowers and our special places are available at the KVLt office. The purchase of these note cards benefits the land trust. For more information call 803-285-5801 or stop by 106 E. Meeting St.



Upright Coral Fungus  
Angel Estridge



Design in the sand  
Bill Stokes



Mountain Laurel  
Dick Christie

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## Nitrolee History Talk and Walk!

On Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, KVLТ and the Lancaster County Historical Commission will co-sponsor a presentation on the history of the Southern Electro-Chemical Company or the Nitrolee Plant. The Nitrolee plant was built to make a form of nitrogen suitable for use in fertilizer. This plant employed experimental technology to extract nitrogen from the atmosphere and make nitric acid. Join us as former KVLТ executive Director Dr. Barry Beasley discusses the history of the early Southern Power Company (now Duke Energy) and their use of high-voltage electricity (think Frankenstein) to extract nitrogen from the atmosphere. This presentation will be held at the historic Lancaster County courthouse (second floor) and will start at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

On Sunday, November 4, the land trust will sponsor a hike in Great Falls to the remains of the Nitrolee Plant. The hike will be lead by former KVLТ Executive Director, Barry Beasley. KVLТ is now the owner of this property on Fishing Creek. Come

visit this beautiful property on Fishing Creek, see the ruins and learn the history of this fascinating, but short-lived facility.

We will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the electrical substation on the right on U.S. 21, just after you turn off of Hwy. 200 after crossing the bridge below the Fishing Creek Dam. The hike will end around 4:00. The hike is limited to 30 people. Call the office (803-285-5801) or email Dick Christie at [kvlt@comporium.net](mailto:kvlt@comporium.net) to register or for more details about the hike.



Nitrolee Building  
Barry Beasley

## Heelsplitter Project Wins National Recognition

Congratulations are in order to the Lancaster County, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Catawba Valley Land Trust for participation in a project that protected the endangered Carolina heelsplitter and controlled flooding on Gills Creek. Lancaster County earned national recognition from the National Association of Counties which honored the county its “Highways and Heelsplitters” project. Gills Creek was designated as critical habitat for the heelsplitter in 2002.



Carolina heelsplitter  
SC Wildlife

## Lindsay Pettus Greenway Needs Your Help

Under the leadership of

Sherri Gregory, the Greenway is moving towards construction in the very new future. Since we are providing much of the land necessary for the Greenway, the Greenway provides an opportunity for KVLТ to demonstrate the value of land protection to the general public, who will gain a better understanding of the benefits of our work. We look forward to

continued involvement as plans progress. Thanks to a generous contribution by Duke Energy, the LPGW received \$100,000 to develop an environmental education center on Gills Creek. An additional \$2.5 million in funding will be available if the Recreational Bond Referendum for Lancaster County, which will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot, is approved. **Be in Favor**, and vote “yes” to approve this referendum!

## KVLТ wins Duke Energy Foundation Grant



Pawpaw  
Dick Christie

We are pleased to announce that the Duke Energy Foundation has agreed to fund a plant identification brochure that will be developed for and given to Landsford Canal State Park. One of our KVLТ supporters, Mr. Andrew

Lazenby, conducted a plant inventory of the park as a requirement for his M.S. degree from Winthrop University. Andrew identified more than 450 plants at the park, and the brochure will highlight 50 or so that are easily observed from the walking trails. The brochure will include a color photograph and brief description of the plant, and there will be a quick read (QR) code that will link to more complete plant inventory. KVLТ is very grateful to the Duke Energy Foundation and Andrew Lazenby for helping to make this project possible.

## Conservation Bank Update

On July 31, 2018, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law H.4727, a bill that reauthorizes the South Carolina Conservation Bank in perpetuity. While off to a rocky start earlier in the year, both legislative chambers worked hard to finalize a bill that will allow our State’s policy of land conservation to continue. We thank all state and local legislators who supported this important bill.

## Comments from the Director

How this summer has flown by! It has been a busy summer, and fall is just around the corner! Ann and I took a couple of weeks in July to visit family and friends out west. We spent a few days visiting my brother and his family in Grand Junction, Colorado, where we spent time in the Colorado Monument National Park and the Grand Mesa National Forest. From there we traveled to Columbus, Montana, where we visited with friends, trout fished, went to Cody, Wyoming, and made a day-trip to Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone is grand, wild country, and although we have been there before, we always look forward to returning. While we have seen much of its wildlife, we wanted to see a mountain goat, so we spent a lot of time glassing the higher slopes in Lamar Valley. Mission accomplished, as we finally used my friends high-powered spotting scope to spy a couple of goats high on the side of the mountain. Other than knowing they were goats, they were so high and so far away that even with the spotting scope we could not tell much about them, nor could get a photograph.

Our final stop was with more friends in Kalispell, where we visited Glacier National Park. We hiked through slushy snow to Hidden Lake, and while I was reading the signs warning us that a grizzly bear was in the area, a mountain goat casually walked within 30 feet of us, grazing on little clumps of exposed grass, and obviously not concerned

about grizzly bears. I snapped this photo with my cell phone!

That is the way wildlife is. Predictable (we found the goats where we thought they would be - high on the mountain) but unpredictable – no one expected to see the goat at Hidden Lake!

We are so fortunate to have places like Monument and Yellowstone and Glacier. These wild places have been placed in the hands of Federal agencies to protect their natural resources. And while we work at a different scale than the Federal agencies, KVLТ takes our mission to protect our natural, historic and/or cultural resources just as seriously. You may not see any mountain goats around here, but get outdoors and look around - you may see some of the plants and animals shown in the photographs taken by Angel Estridge. Please continue to help us pursue our mission of protecting lands in the Catawba River Valley and surrounding area. Hope to see you at some of our KVLТ events!



Mountain Goat  
Dick Christie



Executive Director  
Richard Christie