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Nancy Viall-Shoemaker

Join HCT for its **9th Annual Spring Winetasting Dinner**. Space is limited, so reserve now! The Cape Sea Grille restaurant in Harwich Port will be offering a multicourse dinner, accompanied by fine wines.

**SPRING WINETASTING DINNER  
AT THE CAPE SEA GRILLE  
IN HARWICH PORT  
Sunday, June 19  
6 - 9 p.m.**

\$100 per person  
all inclusive with  
multi-course dinner,  
fine wines,  
and gratuity

Enjoy your evening  
while helping  
HCT preserve land.

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# Events

## LIVE Birds of Prey Thursday, July 14th 3:00, 5:00, or 7:00 pm show

Admission prices: \$10/age 12 to adult  
\$5/ages 5-11 (under age five cannot attend)

Reserve on-line at  
[www.HarwichConservationTrust.org](http://www.HarwichConservationTrust.org)  
or in advance by check  
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See raptors such as Peregrine Falcon, Golden Eagle, Great Horned Owl, Turkey Vulture & more  
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## SAVE THE DATE for an Evening on Wychmere Harbor Hors d'oeuvres, wine and a presentation by internationally known Political Geographer Dr. Harm de Blij



Nancy Viall Shoemaker

Thursday, July 28th

6:00 p.m.

in the Ocean Room  
overlooking the harbor at the

## Wychmere Beach Club

23 Snow Inn Road  
Harwich Port

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## Land Donated to HCT in Pleasant Bay Watershed

Approximately 280 feet of wooded roadside greenery along a busy road in East Harwich is now permanently preserved thanks to the conservation vision of an anonymous landowner who recently donated the land to the nonprofit Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT). The parcel is under two acres and within the Pleasant Bay Watershed. "This land donation helps to protect the water quality of Pleasant Bay and more



specifically Round Cove. The woodland and its collection of snags or standing dead trees offers sanctuary to wildlife in an area that is at risk of build out," said Michael Lach, Executive Director of HCT.

"The land donation advances HCT's broader *Save Land - Save Water Initiative*," said Lach. HCT's *Save Land - Save Water Initiative* is a long-range plan to protect sensitive saltwater and freshwater resources by strategically preserving watershed lands. "This gift of land is a great contribution to our efforts to protect the health and biodiversity of Pleasant Bay. We applaud the donors for their generosity and foresight, and HCT for their effective stewardship," said Carole Ridley, Coordinator, Pleasant Bay Alliance.

The annual spring migration of river herring, from coastal waters through rivers and streams to their freshwater spawning ponds, has been a longstanding phenomenon. While at sea, river herring are prey for many species including shark, tuna, mackerel, cod, striped bass and haddock as well as marine mammals. However, fisheries experts worry that water quality degradation, stream obstructions, and industrial-scale offshore fishing threaten the very survival of this keystone species.

The state has declared a moratorium on the harvest, possession and sale of river herring due to their precipitous decline. State fisheries scientists have recognized the need for more data on how many river herring are actually returning to spawn. They developed a protocol for communities to create herring count programs run by volunteers. The relative number of herring that migrate up the Herring River in Harwich can be documented to help guide future management decisions.

This year marked the third field season of HCT's annual volunteer Herring Count at Hinckley's Pond, which gained attention from groups across Cape Cod. In April, Elspeth Hay, who broadcasts weekly on WCAI (94.3 FM), the local National Public Radio (NPR) station, interviewed HCT's Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator Ryan Mann.

In addition, the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Service asked to partner with HCT to test for one week in April an experimental sonar device, a Dual-Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON), to create an image of the river and detect objects moving through the water, including fish. While the results of the DIDSON experiment are pending, the volunteer



count program has continued to thrive.

In 2009 the run size was estimated at 23,000 fish and in 2010 at 40,000 fish. With this spring's cold, rainy weather, the run was later in the season. Thank you to volunteer Herring Count Coordinator Chris Singer and the volunteers that make this "citizen science" program possible.