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HCT preserves land  
to protect woods,  
water, wildlife  
and our shared quality  
of life in Harwich.



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Visit [www.HarwichConservationTrust.org](http://www.HarwichConservationTrust.org)  
for updates on HCT's wild happenings  
from walks & talks to land stewardship and  
land-saving success to innovative volunteer  
citizen science projects.

COVER: Music, art, and nature inspired more than 300  
visitors to HCT's 3rd Annual Wildlands Music & Art Stroll.  
Cover Photos: courtesy of Kathleen Magnusson

# Meet Our New President Tom Evans



Tom Evans doesn't need to be reminded about the value of land conservation. When he and his wife purchased an antique house in North Harwich in 1973, it was on a quiet road to nowhere. Today, the road is busier than ever, heavily traveled by lots of vehicles – including 10-wheel dump trucks pulling heavy equipment used to prepare construction sites.

But thanks to the foresight of conservationists, his back yard faces a thick forest that's penetrated only by the meandering Herring River.

Evans has just been elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Harwich Conservation Trust, succeeding his longtime friend, the late Bob Smith.

"Jan and I have known Bob and Patti Smith for many years," Evans said. It was Smith who first convinced him to join the Trust's board. Just two months before Smith passed away, Evans had a heart-to-heart talk with him.

"I said to him, 'At some point, you might want to rest,'" Evans recalled. Smith's response was predictable: he said that, if he stopped volunteering, he wouldn't know what else to do. "All of us knew that the Trust was Bob's passion," Evans said. Largely under Smith's leadership, the Harwich Conservation Trust has helped to protect more than 550 acres, with large tracts around the Herring River and around Muddy Creek plus smaller parcels all around town. Keeping land from being developed not only preserves wildlife habitat and scenic areas, but eases the burden on the Cape's aquifer and its infrastructure.

Evans grew up in the Chicago area as the youngest of eight children. His parents were both intellectuals; his father was a neurosurgeon.

"I decided I didn't want to be a doctor," he said, but he liked academics. Evans was a sociology major at Dartmouth, and found himself in the midst of an interesting sociological conflict: the Vietnam War.

"No colleges were happy places" at the time, Evans recalled. He was subject to the first year of the draft lottery and his birthday was number 223. His draft board got to 222, so he was narrowly spared military marching orders. But despite his major, Evans spent most of his time studying education, thanks to another quirk of fate.

## Tom Evans (continued)

When he was 11, he and two siblings were sent to French-speaking boarding schools in Switzerland. “I was young, alone, and didn't speak a word of French,” he recalled. “It was the single-most formative experience in our lives.” Evans returned home a year later speaking French fluently. He studied with John Rassias, the Dartmouth professor who pioneered a new method of teaching foreign languages, and was drafted as one of Rassias’ “drill instructors.” At the age of 21 or 22, he was earning a handsome paycheck, and gaining invaluable experience as a classroom teacher at the college level.

And so began a lifelong, albeit unintentional, career in education. Evans was hired as a French teacher at the Williston-Northampton School, a private prep school, was promoted to Director of Admission after two years, and four years later he took a post as associate head at the Carroll School outside Boston. He began to understand the unique challenges that face private schools, and took a post with the National Association of Independent Schools, where he served as a liaison with 35 state regional associations of independent schools across the country.

Evans learned that Cape Cod Academy, a “struggling little day school,” was in the market for a new leader, and he was hired. At the time, the private school had an enrollment of 75 students, and was renting space on a year-to-year basis in Osterville. The school had excellent board members, but was otherwise operating “on a wing and a prayer,” Evans said. He was 32 years old when he took charge of the school.

“I was much too young,” he said with a laugh. “But I didn't know it at the time.” When he retired in 2006, Cape Cod Academy was very highly regarded and had an enrollment of more than 400. It was operating from a campus of its own, and benefiting from a growing endowment.

Upon retirement, Evans became a consultant with a group of seven other educators organized as Resource Group 175. The firm helps recruit leaders for private day schools and boarding schools, and helps those schools with sound strategic planning. After six years,

Evans recently stepped down as the firm's president, and plans to begin easing himself into retirement.

Years earlier, he had joined the board of directors of the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, after the off-Cape bank that held Cape Cod Academy's mortgage failed. He and his board vowed to do business only with banks that knew their customers. Evans has also served on the board of the Cape Cod Foundation for the last eight years. Retirement will offer him the chance to spend more time with these groups and the Harwich Conservation Trust.

If there's a key issue facing Cape Cod now, it's probably the need to protect the region's waterways, which are the reason people choose the Cape as a place to visit or to live. Economically speaking, a water quality crisis, like a disaster at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant, “has the capacity to kill the Cape,” Evans said. In the years ahead, groups like the Harwich Conservation Trust will be critical tools for offsetting the burden of development.

“I believe strongly that the Cape needs to pay attention to balancing its resources,” Evans said.

Photo of Tom Evans and story by Alan Pollock, *Cape Cod Chronicle*



*Dedication of the Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve  
left to right:  
Tom Evans,  
Colin Leonard,  
Patti Smith,  
Bill Schumann,  
Bruce Nightingale,  
Jonathon Idman,  
Donna Peterson,  
Nan Poor*





# Wildlands Music and Art Stroll

More than 300 visitors enjoyed HCT's 3rd Annual Wildlands Music & Art Stroll on a warm & sunny Saturday, September 19th.

People of all ages (sometimes three generations from the same family) strolled HCT's 66-acre Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve. They watched as the Guild of Harwich Artists painted en plein air and listened as local musicians played jazz, classical, and folk music on the original "piano in the woods" as well as guitar, clarinet, accordion and other instruments.



Elizabeth  
"Dib" Carlson  
paints a  
scene.



Weedie Tyldesley's beautiful landscape.

**Thank you to our talented artists from the Guild of Harwich Artists including:**

Chris Banks  
Karla Cardillo  
Elizabeth "Dib" Carlson  
Matt Connors  
John Glass  
Barbara Grasso  
Kathy Elkamouny  
Elaine Felos Ostrander  
Maryrose Reynolds  
Weedie Tyldesley  
Martha Wicks



Artist Chris Banks pauses before her  
landscape painting.

Karla  
Cardillo  
deftly  
handles  
the brush.





## Wildlands Music and Art Stroll

**Thank you to our talented musicians including:**

Dorothy Hemmings  
Dylan Routhier &  
Keb Hutchings-McMahon  
Jennifer Stratton & Gerry Mack  
Jordan Renzi  
Just Plain Folk  
Kathleen Healy  
Ruth Treen  
Tom Telesmanick  
Humberto Cordero



Dot Hemmings gets a little help from her sister Marge Walsh.



Jennifer Stratton & Gerry Mack strumming up a storm!



Kathleen Healy (right) performs alongside her husband Billy.



Just Plain Folk delighted their audience.



## Wildlands Music and Art Stroll (continued)

### **We extend a special thanks to all involved including:**

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank  
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### **Food donors:**

The Local Scoop  
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Even ice cream was available for sale from The Local Scoop!



Accordionist Humberto Cordero teaches Esme Hildebrand some notes.



Tom Telesmanick tickles the ivories.



Event photos thoughtfully contributed by  
Dave Crestin, Kathleen Magnusson & Gerie Schumann.



# Geocaching Adventures - It's All in the Family

No mistaking it – this is an adventure. Melissa Hennessey, her five-year-old daughter Sophia, and Jenna Zoino slip off the beaten path, duck beneath a barely visible opening in the tangle of Virginia creeper and briars, and slip into the woods.

Not only does an air of adventure hang around the trio, but an aura of mystery too. Who knows what they'll find?

"If we're going to reveal the sites, we have to agree on having personal anonymity," says Zoino, holding a branch aside for little Sophia to duck beneath. Hearing the humans' approach, some creature skitters away, its noisy escape announced by leaf cover left dry by a summer of too little rain.

Everyone pauses to consider what it might be.

"Squirrel?"

"Sounded like something bigger."

Everyone squints into the woods for a moment. Then, they continue their trek, following the arrow of the compass.

"If we don't reveal where the sites are, we can use our names in the article," she suddenly says. The reporter following them agrees to keep their destinations – a series of hidden spots around the town of Harwich – a secret.

Anonymity, code names, hiding things and finding things – this is geocaching, and it's a favorite hobby for Zoino and Hennessey and their soon to be kindergartner children.

Hennessey first heard about geocaching from a co-worker at Cape Cod Five

"He kept talking about these adventures he'd had with his son," she said. "It seemed like a cool thing to do."

Not long after Hennessey and Sophia tried geocaching, they met Jenna Zoino, who works for the office of developmental services. They met at the pre-school attended by Sophia and Zoino's son, Jeremy. The children had become

friends; moms became friends; and the quartet joined the geocaching world as a fierce team that has found hundreds of caches, and hidden its fair share.

"It's just a great way to get out and see hidden places you might not otherwise ever see," Zoino said. Hennessey listens, nodding.

"I've lived here all my life," she said. "But I've found places I never knew existed because of geocaching."

"Knowing that Harwich Conservation Trust has an active volunteer program and supports geocaching on selected walking trails, Melissa approached us with an interest in volunteering her geocaching



## Geocaching Adventures (continued)

skills,” said Michael Lach, HCT’s Executive Director. “She and I met to discuss her ideas at her Cape Cod Five offices and it was clear she has a natural ability to lead and inspire enthusiasm. We’re thrilled that she’s volunteering with HCT.”

When Hennessey and Zoino create a geocache, they do so with intent. They want people who are searching to pass through experiences they might not otherwise see: a location rich with birds, a hidden vista, or little known landscape.

Geocaching is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. The “game” evolved with the advent of GPS technology. According to the official website [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com), it all began when a computer consultant in Oregon, hoping to test the accuracy of the new GPS technology, hid a bucket in the woods near his home. He published the coordinates of his stash, which was filled with prizes and a log book. It worked. Today, there are more than 2.5 million caches worldwide. There are hundreds all over the Cape and Islands.

While geocaching isn’t new, Michael Lach hopes it will become a new way to get people out exploring

conservation land they might not otherwise see. Hennessey developed a geocaching guided tour to teach people the basics. HCT’s first geocaching tour took place on September 26th, led by Hennessey.

Cell phones have enhanced geocaching. A free app is available and, most cell phones have the necessary GPS capability, Hennessey explained, noting that both she and Zoino have equal success with an iPhone and Samsung.



Geocaching has a special language: sites must be hidden in “muggle-free zones.” The term “muggle” borrowed from the Harry Potter series. It means caches must be hidden far from crowds of non-caching folks. FTF – first to find – is a high honor that is noted in a cache log, where geocachers make note of the date of their visit. People have secret code names they use. Zoino and Hennessey both declined to share theirs in the article.

There are large caches, most of which are hidden in Tupperware boxes containing trinkets. For Sophia, this is one of the most fun aspects of the game. If you take something from a box – a sticker, a plastic trinket, a pretty rock – you must replace it with something. There are micro-caches as well, tiny and challenging to find.

Games within the game exist as well, Hennessey explained. For some there are mysteries to be solved, others are a kind of treasure hunt with one cache leading to another and another. There is letter box caching, which involves stamping log books as you go.





## Geocaching Adventures (continued)

There is also “earth caching” in which you seek out a site where you will then be given a lesson on the geography and ecology of the site you’ve found.

“I’ve learned a lot about glaciers this way,” Zoino said with a laugh.

And there is the tradition of “cache in/trash out,” the two women explained, that encourages geocachers to care for the lands they explore by removing the trash they find. When the coordinates for a geocache are

downloaded, its name, perhaps clues and a difficulty rating are included. In addition to logs at cache sites, many have online logs where people are invited to comment.

“It’s a great activity for groups of friends and family,” Hennessey said. And both women agreed, in an era when it’s difficult to get kids to put down their personal devices and get outdoors, this is a way to get kids to follow their phones on a great adventure into the world around them.

Photos and story by Susanna Graham-Pye



If you can find this beautiful HCT sanctuary overlooking the Herring River marsh, then you just might also find the secret geocache!



# Land Stewardship Highlights

Along with preserving land comes the responsibility of managing land and water resources over time. Matt Cannon, HCT's Land Stewardship Coordinator, summarized these selected highlights of the many land stewardship initiatives underway at HCT.

**Cold Brook Restoration Project:** HCT and its project partners [Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) and United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFW)] continue the large-scale ecological restoration planning process at the newly renamed Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve (formerly Bank St. Bogs Nature Preserve) to address dilapidated flumes, inhibited water flow, xeric conditions, and other environmental constraints. Project goals include enhancing wildlife habitat diversity, restoring native wetlands, improving water flow, and public access. In 2016, HCT will transition from the planning phase to the educational phase in order to explain eco-restoration benefits as well as the permitting phase of this multi-year endeavor.



Photo by Bill Gikas



**Pleasant Bay Woodlands:** At the newly preserved 49 acres off Kendrick Road, HCT's volunteer Boundary Quest team was very busy last fall and spring locating bounds, marking property lines, and inventorying the property. Since then, we have certified one vernal pool (with two others pending), mapped out an archaeological plan, removed the collapsing house, and have begun drafting a land management plan. After the land management plan is completed, we can then begin planning for walking trails.

**Carbon Sequestration:** With the help of our former AmeriCorps member Kelsey Dunn, we have quantified annual carbon sequestration for all HCT properties per ton of carbon per year. This means HCT can determine how much CO<sub>2</sub> is stored in each of its properties, depending on the habitat type, and how that contributes to alleviating excess CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, a primary driver of global warming. For example, HCT's preservation of the Coy's Brook Woodlands has helped offset or eliminate carbon emissions of more than 35 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. Annually, HCT's properties capture the carbon equivalent of 5,148,705 miles driven in an average passenger vehicle, 243,328 gallons of gasoline consumed, or 2,322,724 pounds of coal burned.



Photo by Vince DeWitt



# Land Stewardship Highlights

**Tour de Trash:** Our 2nd annual Tour de Trash town-wide trash clean up will take place April 30, 2016 in conjunction with the Town Conservation and Highway Departments. Tour de Trash 2015 was very successful and proved to be a great way to work with fellow neighbors on beautifying the Town.

Photos by AmeriCorps



**Invasive Plant Removal, Outreach, and Social Media:** This summer, HCT volunteer intern Emily Wood helped further our online presence with Facebook and Instagram, which advanced land stewardship like removing invasive plants (see right: Japanese knotweed removal on Gilbert Lane). She was a huge help and we wish her the best in her academic pursuits at the University of Vermont! Emily helped us grow our social media reach and we will continue to expand on her work. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering to help us with social media adventures.



Photo by Matt Cannon

Photo by Janet DiMatteo



**Box Turtle Project:** This past spring, HCT asked the public to keep watch for Eastern box turtle, a beautifully orange and yellow sunburst patterned terrestrial turtle which is a Species of Special Concern in Massachusetts, meaning it's rare. When someone observed a turtle, HCT asked that a photo and location description be emailed to HCT so that we could fill out a "rare animal observation form" and submit it to the Commonwealth's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), which studies the population dynamics of rare species. Thanks to "citizen scientists" reporting their box turtle encounters, we submitted nine different observations to NHESP.



# Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

GIFT DEDICATIONS From 4/3/2015 – 10/1/2015

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**In Memory of Nat and Edna Allen**  
Ronald M. Allen

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Clark and Harriet Alvord

**In Memory of Ralph "Bud" Angier**  
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**In Memory of William T. (Tom) Barker**  
Kathleen Gallo

**In Memory of Lee Baldwin**  
Michael W. Lach  
William and Gerie Schumann

**In Memory of William (Tom) Barker**  
Jean Barker

**In Memory of Billy**  
Marcia Tyler

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Suzanne Bogdanoff

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Cormorants by Janet DiMatteo

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Snowy Owl. Photo by Janet DiMatteo





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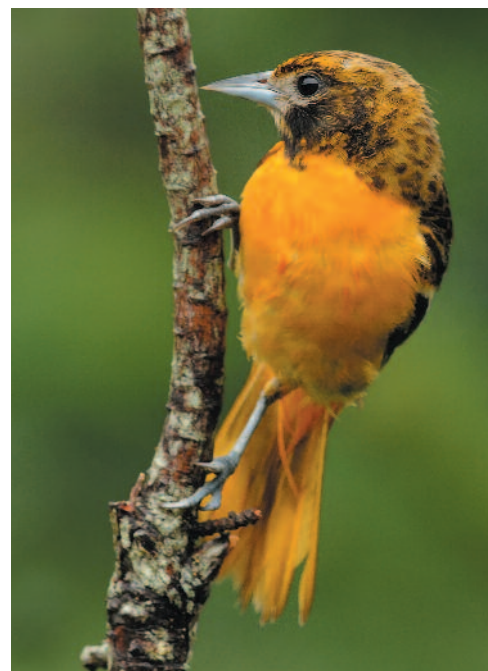
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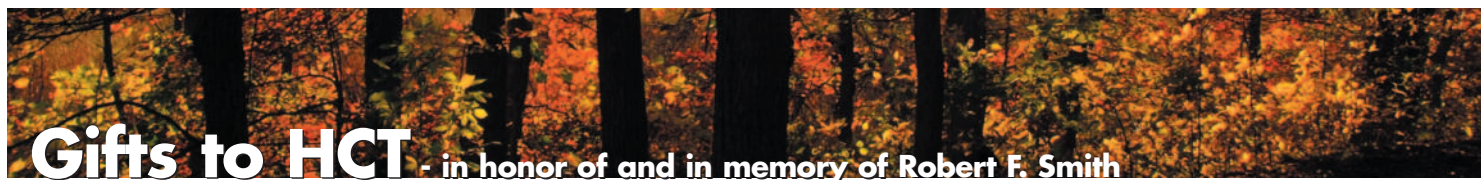
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Swallowtail by Janet DiMatteo



# Land Protection Updates

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## **PENDING: Herring River/West Reservoir Project**

HCT continues to work with the Hall family and the Town to complete a \$630,000 Town open space purchase of the Halls' 4.1 acres that have 750 of shoreline on the Herring River/West Reservoir. Preserving the land will extinguish four houses from being built on the shoreline which means the natural scenic view around the West Reservoir will be preserved forever. West Reservoir and the Herring River are popular destinations for kayakers and fishermen while the forested trails around the reservoir attract hikers, joggers, and birdwatchers. The property is bordered by the 200-acre Bell's Neck Town Conservation Lands on the south and the Cape Cod Rail Trail bikepath on the north. Each year, an estimated 400,000 people travel the bike path, which overlooks the property. If preserved, the land could complete a walking trail loop around the entire reservoir.

The 4.1-acre Hall property overlooks the Herring River/West Reservoir along which ospreys and other wildlife make their homes. Photo by Janet DiMattia



Photo by Farley Lewis

## **WATCH LIST: Muddy Creek Headwaters**

At any given time, HCT is creating, cultivating and/or coordinating multiple land protection projects. Some take longer than others. For more than a decade, HCT has been interested in preserving a 17-acre landscape with 1,400 feet of shoreline on Muddy Creek (aka Monomoy River) that flows along the border between Harwich and Chatham into Jackknife Cove on Pleasant Bay. The property could support up to 12 building lots and is currently listed for sale at \$1.55 million. This landscape along Church Street in East Harwich includes woodland and meadow as well as wetland bordering the upper reaches of Muddy Creek. Just downstream, the Muddy Creek Restoration Bridge Project is underway to restore tidal flow and aquatic health by replacing two narrow culverts under Rt. 28 with a bridge. It also makes sense to protect the water quality of Muddy Creek and Pleasant Bay by preserving the 17 acres. HCT continues to watch for an opportunity to save this important landscape.

## **PRESERVED: Red River Salt Marsh**

Barbara and Peter Sidel donated not one, but two 1.3-acre salt marsh parcels to HCT in the Red River estuary that flows into Nantucket Sound. The scenic sweep of salt marsh habitat is tucked just behind Red River Beach and Uncle Venie's Road. Although salt marsh and freshwater wetlands are protected from most development under local and state regulations right now, donating wetland parcels to HCT helps to preserve these habitats long-term in case local or state protections change over time. Salt marsh offers a variety of ecosystem services to the community including storm surge buffering, filtering of stormwater road run off, and providing the nursery grounds for many species of commercially caught finfish.



Great Blue Heron. Photo by Janet DiMattia



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