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success with the 49-acre
Pleasant Bay
Woodlands Project!**



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to protect woods,
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Visit www.HarwichConservationTrust.org
for updates on all of HCT's wild
happenings from walks & talks to land
stewardship and land-saving success to
innovative volunteer citizen science
projects.

COVER PHOTO: Soaring osprey courtesy of Janet DiMattia
Inset: Wild Bill Corney at the Woodlands Music & Art Stroll

Pleasant Bay Woodlands

PRESERVED

Congratulations one & all! You saved 49 acres!

Thanks to strong community support across Cape Cod and beyond from members, foundations and businesses, HCT successfully saved the 49-acre Pleasant Bay Woodlands in East Harwich just 1,000 feet back from Round Cove. HCT supporters helped to preserve the largest undeveloped, unprotected landscape in the 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay watershed to protect woods, water and wildlife. Otherwise, a 40-lot subdivision could have occupied the site with groundwater flowing directly into Round Cove on Pleasant Bay.

In addition to protecting critical water resources and wildlife habitat, the 49-acre preservation project also safeguards the story of the land. Professor Emeritus Timothy Earle of Northwestern University is interested in organizing an archaeological assessment of the land. He believes that the site is a microcosm of Cape Cod history from glacial origins to Native American settlement through Colonial times and the present. Scott Ridley, local historian and author of "Morning of Fire", writes about Captain John Kendrick's daring Pacific odyssey in his book. Ridley discovered in researching his book that Capt. Kendrick was born on land within the Pleasant Bay Woodlands acreage. Kendrick was known to Revolutionary era leaders, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and others.



Hawk by Janet DiMattia

The land stewardship steps for this site include: drafting a land management plan; researching vernal pools; determining best places for parking and trails; organizing an archaeological assessment; safely removing the remnants of the dilapidated house; marking the property boundaries; and undertaking other initiatives before we can officially open public access.

While the 49 acres has been recently preserved, believe it or not, we're already quietly embarking on new land-saving projects. The timing is tough as we don't want to cause donor fatigue. We'll be as sensitive as possible while making sure we don't lose precious places amidst rising real estate values, a recovering economy, and increasing development pressure. Stay tuned.

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Pleasant Bay Woodlands (continued)

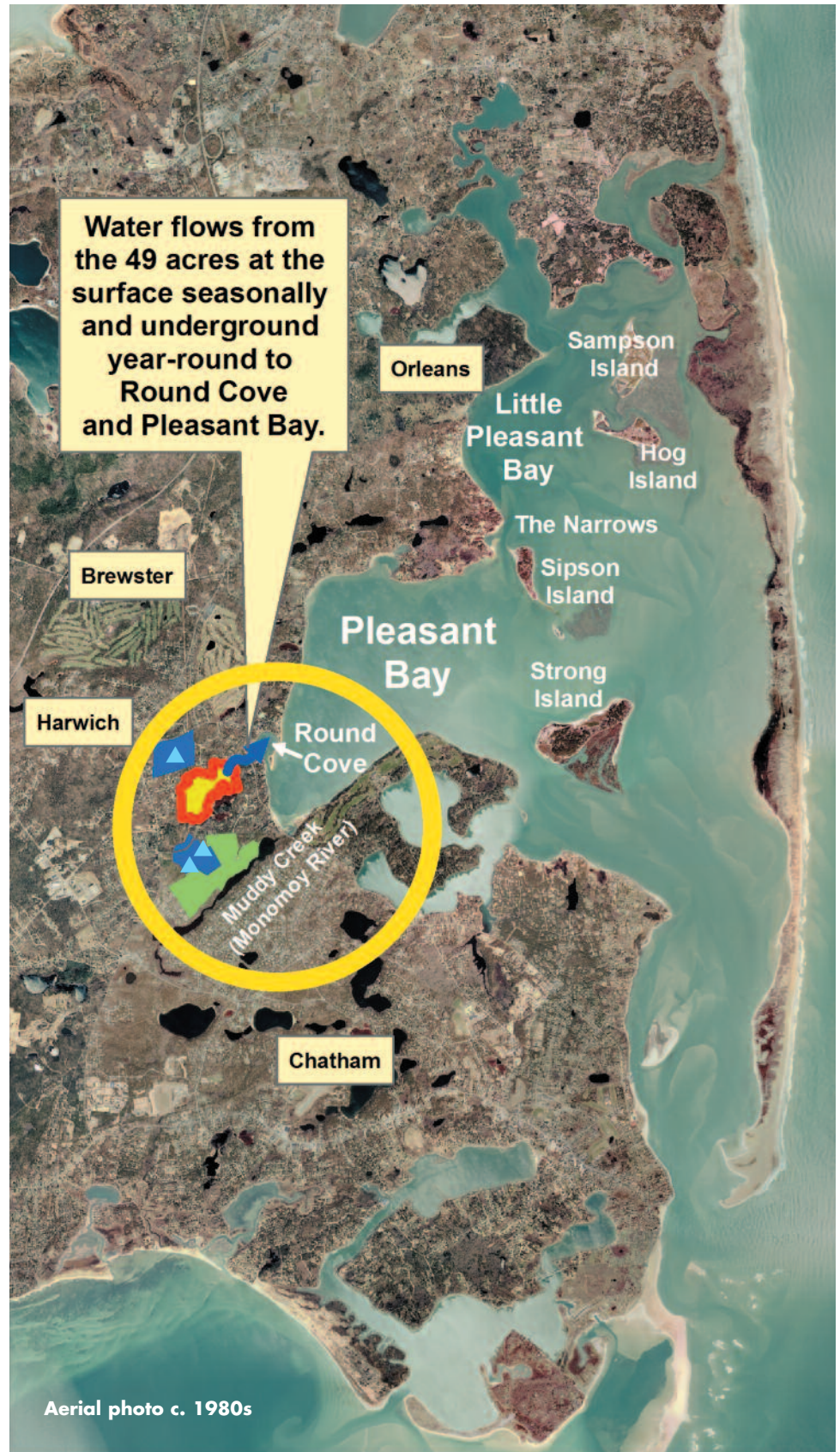
Thank you to all who contributed any amount to this once-in-a-lifetime project! We extend special thanks to the Pleasant Bay Challenge donors including the Wequassett Resort, The John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Foundation, The Friends of Pleasant Bay and three anonymous families who matched every donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$1.8 million.

Together, we succeeded with one of the boldest land-saving projects on Cape Cod to protect Pleasant Bay, drinking water, wildlife, and history.

Thank you. We couldn't have done it without you.

Conservation Significance

- ✓ Protect the largest, remaining undeveloped property in the four-town 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay Watershed.
- ✓ Protect Pleasant Bay water quality.
- ✓ Protect drinking water because the 49 acres are located within the recharge area for public water supply well sites that provide approximately 31% of the town's drinking water to 9,889 households.
- ✓ Provide future walking trails and scenic views.
- ✓ Protect wildlife habitats for resident and migratory species that forage, nest, and/or shelter on the 49 acres.
- ✓ Protect potential archaeological importance.



▲ Public water supply well site ■ Protected land ■ Water Dept. land

WILDLANDS MUSIC AND ART STROLL

Music filled the air while artists painted the landscape under sunny skies as more than 300 visitors enjoyed the Second Annual Wildlands Music & Art Stroll hosted by Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) in September.

The Guild of Harwich Artists painted en plein air and local musicians played jazz, classical, and folk music on the original “piano in the woods” as well as guitar, mandolin, saxophone, accordion and other instruments sprinkled throughout HCT’s 66-acre Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve in Harwich Port.

The unique art and culture event was originally inspired by a mysterious piano that was discovered on Harwich conservation land back in 2009, which sparked worldwide news coverage. We’re very grateful to the artists, musicians, business sponsors, town officials, and all of our volunteers who really made the Wildlands Music & Art Stroll possible as a way to enjoy art and music in the great outdoors. The original ‘piano in the woods’ even made an appearance courtesy of the Harwich Historical Society.



Artist John Glass



Accordion player Tom Leidenfrost demonstrates some smooth moves to a fascinated audience



Pianist Ruth Treen welcomes visitors



Weedie Tyldesley's pastels in the sun

WILDLANDS MUSIC AND ART STROLL



Kevin Foster, guitar; John Squibb, sax; Bob Wilson, drums; and Paul Shoemaker, piano - mixing Cajun spice and jazz



Upper left: Joey's tempting choices of hot sauce

Upper right: Artist Weedie Tyldesley

Right: Artist Chris Banks

Left: Artist Elizabeth "Dib" Carlson

Below: Guitarist Kevin Foster



WILDLANDS MUSIC AND ART STROLL (continued)

Thank you to our talented artists from the Guild of Harwich Artists including: Chris Banks, Karla Cardillo, Elizabeth “Dib” Carlson, John Glass, Barbara Grasso, Kathy Elkamouny, Elaine Felos Ostrander, Maryrose Reynolds, Weedie Tyldesley, and Martha Wicks.

And a special thanks to our talented musicians including: Dorothy Hemmings, Ruth Treen, Just Plain Folk, Wild Bill Corney, Tom Leidenfrost, Kevin Foster, Paul Shoemaker, and Cajun Bob Wilson.

Thank you to our generous Wildlands Music & Art Stroll sponsors: Cape Air; Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank; Cape Destinations; The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod; Benson, Young & Downs Insurance; Cranberry Liquors; EPOCH Senior Living; Maps of Antiquity; Mid-Cape Home Centers; and Nauset Disposal.



Pianist Dot Hemmings with an appreciative audience of her sister Marge

Town and County support was invaluable: Barnstable County Sheriff's Dept.; Town of Harwich Fire Dept. & EMTs; Town of Harwich Police Dept.; Town of Harwich Board of Selectmen; and Harwich Historical Society.

Thank you to auction donors: Agway of Cape Cod (Chatham); Bird Watcher's General Store; Cape Coastal Nursery; Cape Cod Beach Chair Company; Cape Fishermen's Supply; Cottage Street Bakery; Cranberry Jewelers; Maps of Antiquity; New England Gardens; R. A. Ribb Company; Salon 2000; Sativa; Snow's – Cape Cod Home & Garden Store; and William Hugh Lutz Art Studio & Gallery. And thanks to food donors: A&W; Big Rock Oyster Company; Marion's Pie Shop; Star Market; and Stop & Shop.

More photos at: www.harwichconservationtrust.org.

Photos by Michael Lach and Nancy Viall Shoemaker



Barbara Grasso skillfully applies pastels

KING TIDE STRIKES AGAIN

“King Tides” have become hot newsmakers, but there’s nothing new about them. They are the highest tides of a 14-month cycle and are predictable, natural events caused (as all tides are) by the forces of gravity exerted by the sun and moon in combination with the earth’s rotation. These extra high (and low) tides occur when the moon is close to Earth while the sun, in its elliptical orbit, is making its closest path to Earth.

Cape Cod experienced a “King Tide” on October 9th. It made the news and this would-be reporter felt compelled to leave the office and run down to West Harwich’s Herring River. The winds from the north bucked the tides coming into south-facing inlets so, happily, the levels predicted weren’t quite reached. But flooding did occur, reminding the observer of the effects of our oceans rising because of climate change. The Association to Preserve Cape Cod held a Sea Level Rise Workshop this past May and presented some sobering predictions. It is estimated that sea level in the Northeast is rising three to four times faster than the global rate. Preserving land is one way to reduce the effect of climate change on our oceans.

When we support our local conservation groups, we are not only saving our beautiful vistas and wildlife habitat, we are investing in the future of our planet.



Photos by Nancy Viall Shoemaker

Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

GIFT DEDICATIONS From 4/1 – 10/6/2014

With deepest sympathy for his family, we honor the memory of HCT Trustee Bill Baldwin. There was no task too big or too small for Bill - always done with a smile. He led the effort to establish HCT's first headquarters. He also founded and led the Annual HCT Golf Fundraiser for nine years, chaired the HCT Sign Committee, and actively promoted land preservation. We will miss this quiet gentleman.



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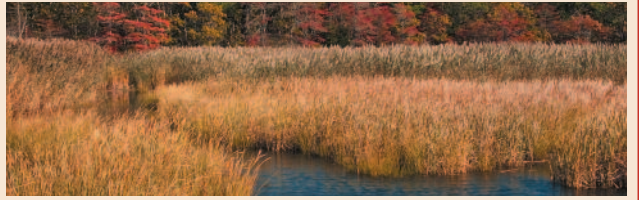


Kingfisher by Janet DiMattia

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