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AUTUMN 2013 NEWSLETTER

Saving Special Places for 25 Years - Thanks to You!



**25
YEARS
OF SAVING
LAND**

Painting HCT's Bank St. Bogs Nature Preserve
during the Wildlands Musical Stroll:
Laura Balboni Cracium, Guild of Harwich Artists
Photo by Michael Lach

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Jane Doherty

Your support saves land.
Thank you for considering
a year-end gift with
the enclosed envelope.



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HCT's Mission

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



At HCT's 25th Annual Meeting on August 5th generously hosted by the Wequassett Resort on Pleasant Bay, HCT President and Founding Trustee **Robert F. Smith** was honored with the Ansel B. Chaplin Award for outstanding effort to preserve open space on Cape Cod by the Board of Directors of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Inc. The first recipient of the Award in 2003 was the late D. Isabel Smith, also a Founding Trustee of HCT.



The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for staff and Trustees to publicly thank donors, volunteers, foundations and businesses that make HCT's land-saving success possible. **The John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Foundation** was honored as HCT's 2013 Conservationist of the Year for its leadership philanthropy of contributing a challenge grant to jumpstart the 49-acre Pleasant Bay Woodlands Project (see page 3). **Christina Joyce** was honored as HCT's Volunteer of the Year for her support in a myriad of ways while the **Boundary Quest Team** was honored as HCT's Volunteer Group of the Year for their work finding and identifying property boundaries.



In Memory of Scot Byron McClain
Henry & Donna Peterson

In Memory of James McCroskery
George & Carol Epple
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In Memory of Humphrey W. Morrison
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In Memory of Christine Peterson
Henry & Donna Peterson

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Pamela J. Petro

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Kenneth F. Pring

In Memory of Louise Russell
Otis T. Russell & Monica Lussier

In Memory of the Smith & Kelly Families
Carol J. Kelly

In Memory of D. Isabel Smith
Anne C. Hayes

In Memory of Martha D. Smith
Preston L. & Sheila W. Smith

In Memory of Hazel & Vic Southerland
William J. & Angela Mueller

In Memory of Charles O. Verrill
Henry H. & Eleanor V. Hood

In Memory of Thad Wicks
Martha Wicks

In Memory of William H. Wiinikainen, Sr.
Christopher & Laurie M. Trzcinski

In Memory of Rose Wojciechowski
Frank H. & Mary E. Wojciechowski

In Memory of Nicholas Zapple
Jean Zapple

IN HONOR OF:

In Honor of David and Lynn Angell
The Angell Foundation

In Honor of Roberta Bratti
Christopher & Laurie M. Trzcinski

In Honor of Claire Collins
Peter F. & Patricia H. Watson

In Honor of Karen Goggins' Birthday
Leona H. Goodspeed

In Honor of HCT's good work
R. Dennis O'Connell

In Honor of Nancy Hipp
Shirley M. Knowles

In Honor of Christina Joyce
Lynn Schweinschaut

In Honor of Peter Lapointe & Kimberly Longey
Rob Cook & Karen Cole

In Honor of the Marretta & Smoot Families
Ronald M. & Mary Ann Rosivack

In Honor of Erin & John's Marriage
Brian R. & Carol Y. Lucas

In Honor of my loving parents Chet & Barb Maynard
Kris Lemay

In Honor of Iris McKenney
Andrea Aldrovandi

In Honor of Kaitlin Murphy
Helen M. Walden

In Honor of the Natural Habitat
Jane A. Pedersen

In Honor of the Sue Phelan & Green Cape
Bobbie McDonnell

In Honor of Sabara for Thompson's Field
John R. & Ingrid Peak

In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Charles & Rosemary Philips
Thomas O. & Doris W. Philips

In Honor of Robert (Bob) Smith
Anne C. Hayes
Robert & Grace Damiano

In Honor of Isabel Smith
David S. Crestin & Elizabeth Bierbow

In Honor of Donna Peterson
Garin & Crystal Casaleggio

We strive to save special places while being mindful of the many dedications to HCT.



Nancy Vail Shoemaker



N. Vail Shoemaker

Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

Dedicated gifts as of October 9, 2013

In Memory of Kathryn Howes Alvord
Clark & Harriet J. Alvord

In Memory of Evie Armbruster
Ronald Armbruster

In Memory of Richard G. Baldauf
Joanne M. Baldauf

In Memory of Lee W. Baldwin
Bruce & Beverly Nightingale

**In Memory of Lee Baldwin
& Florence Hancock**
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In Memory of Mariba Barca
Kevin J. & Beryl B. Daley

In Memory of William T. (Tom) Barker
Kathleen Gallo
Jeanne Barker

In Memory of Ted Barrett
Emily Barrett

In Memory of Henry Bracchi
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In Memory of Anita Brown
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In Memory of Eddy Brown
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In Memory of Carole Campbell
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In Memory of Paula Clifford
Friends & Gardeners

In Memory of Isabel, Dayton & Lisa Smith
William A. West

In Memory of Albert Dalmolen
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In Memory of Philip S. Eagan
Mary M. Eagan

**In Memory of Eric Farnham
& Wayne A. Eastman**
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In Memory of Maurice & Elaine Kennedy
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In Memory of Walter Kulesza
Pauline Kulesza & LuAnne Tribastone

In Memory of Michael LaDouceur
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In Memory of MaryBeth Lareau
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In Memory of Tim McCauliff
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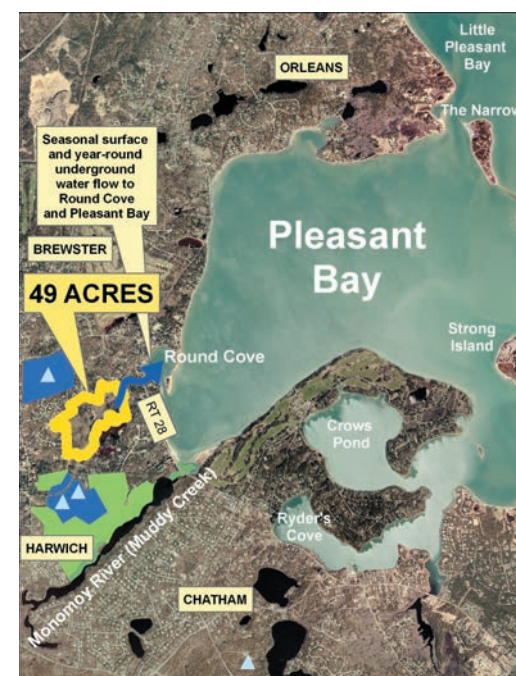
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HELP SAVE 49 ACRES TO PROTECT PLEASANT BAY.
Your donation will be **MATCHED** dollar-for-dollar!

HCT now has an opportunity to raise \$3.6 million and preserve 49 acres.
We only have \$890,000 left to raise. Help us to:

- ✓ Protect the largest, remaining undeveloped property in the 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay Watershed that encompasses the towns of Harwich, Chatham, Orleans and Brewster.
- ✓ Protect Pleasant Bay water quality because groundwater from the 49 acres flows toward the estuary, which is already impaired owing to surrounding development with septic systems and consequent nitrogen-loading.
- ✓ Protect drinking water because the 49 acres are located within the recharge area for public water supply wells sites that provide approximately 31% of the town's drinking water to 9,889 households.
- ✓ Protect wildlife habitats that are used by resident and migratory species for feeding, nesting, and sheltering. The land hosts potential vernal pools that can harbor sensitive species which are otherwise unable to survive without such habitats. Eastern box turtle, a Species of Special Concern in Massachusetts, has been observed in the vicinity.



For their vision and generous support, HCT thanks the Pleasant Bay challenge donors including The John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Wequassett Resort, The Friends of Pleasant Bay, and three anonymous families.

Again, every donation to HCT will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$1.8 million!

To donate or for more information about this exciting land-saving opportunity, call Michael Lach, HCT Executive Director, at 508-432-3997 or email him at hct@cape.com.



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Save Land, Protect Water

N. Vail Steemaker

Land in Harbor Watersheds Donated to HCT

To protect land, water and wildlife, three long-time Cape residents have donated four forested properties along South Street and Forest Street to the nonprofit Harwich Conservation Trust. Sharon Eberhardt and an anonymous individual donated two parcels along South Street as well as one on Forest Street while Pete Peterson donated a parcel off South Street. By preserving the land, they could benefit from important tax benefits.

The parcels provide woodland habitat as well as wetland features for a diversity of wildlife. The parcels happen to be located within and/or near rare species habitat as mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Because of the habitat mix, a variety of bird species inhabit the area. The calls of

northern flicker, great-crested flycatcher, oriole, catbird and other birds can be heard in the neighborhood.

These land donations also advance HCT's broader **Save Land-Save Water Initiative**, which is a long-range plan to protect sensitive saltwater and freshwater resources by strategically preserving watershed lands. The buildable upland and wetland on some of these parcels eventually drain via groundwater to Allen Harbor and Saquatucket Harbor on Nantucket Sound.

One parcel is in the Saquatucket Harbor watershed while the other three are in the Allen Harbor watershed according to the Town's Draft Wastewater Plan. By preserving specific watershed lands, we can help protect harbor water quality which reduces the cost to taxpayers for future wastewater infrastructure. An interesting fact is that a 13.7-acre parcel is for sale nearby.

Outright donation, also called fee simple donation, of land to a non-profit land trust is one of the simplest ways to protect land. The donor can potentially receive a federal income tax deduction for the value of the gift against 30% of adjusted gross income for up to six years. The donor needs an appraisal when the claimed value of the deduction is more than \$5,000. The donor also no longer has to worry about local property tax or liability.

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Janet DiMartia



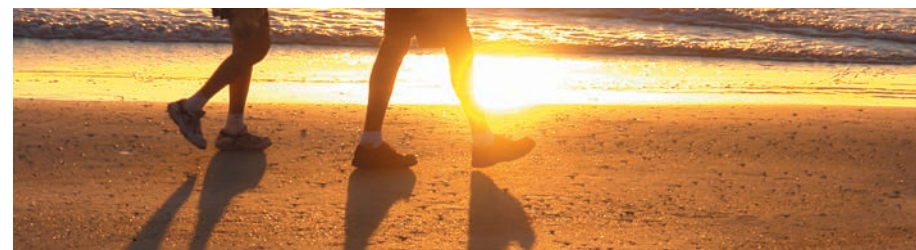
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HCT Volunteers

Coastsweep Beach Clean-Up

More than 25 citizen volunteers cleaned the Harwich harbor coastline and local beaches on a sunny late September morning. The Coastsweep event was coordinated by HCT with strong support from the Town of Harwich Natural Resources and Highway Departments. More than 200 pounds of trash were collected, including 601 cigarette butts, 225 food wrappers, 36 food take-out containers, 64 bottle caps, 46 straws, 123 plastic bags, 127 pieces of foam/plastic packaging, 19 paper bags, 51 balloons, 187 beverage cans, 96 plastic bottles, 41 glass bottles, 3 diapers, 6 buoys, 51 yards of rope, 35 fishing nets, 57 fireworks products, 295

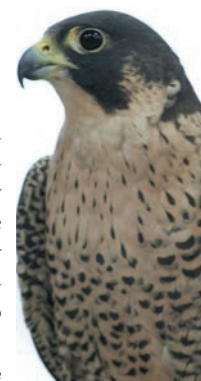
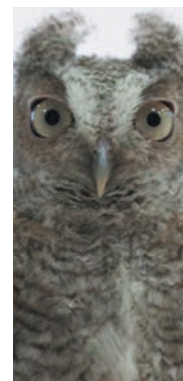
pieces of foam, glass and plastic under an inch long, dog waste, and other debris. The waterfront areas included Red River Beach, Neel Road Beach, Wychmere Harbor, Bank St. Beach, Earle Rd. Beach, Grey Neck Beach, Pleasant Bay Beach at Bay Rd., Pleasant St. Beach, and Long Pond Beach. This effort was part of the statewide Coastsweep campaign (www.coastsweep.umb.edu), the Commonwealth's annual coastal cleanup program, organized by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and the Urban Harbors Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston.



HCT hosted Birds of Prey on July 18th

Tom Ricardi, who helped to restore the Bald Eagle to the Northeast in the 1980s, shared stories about his rehabilitation work with a variety of raptors, which about 700 guests saw up-close including peregrine falcon, screech owl, turkey vulture, gyrfalcon, red-tailed hawk, and great-horned owl. Thanks Tom and volunteers who made the event possible!

Photos by Paul Blackmore



Wildlands Musical Stroll

Thank you to all who made HCT's Wildlands Musical Stroll possible!

Musicians

Tom Telesmanick
Ruth Treen
The Ken Badger Trio
Just Plain Folk
"Wild Bill" Corney
"Cajun Bob" Wilson
Paul Shoemaker
John Carlisle
Peter Kane

Guild of Harwich Artists

Chris Banks
Lydia Bell
Karla Cardillo
Matt Connors
Laura Balboni Cracium
Kathy Elkamouny
John Glass
Barbara Grasso
Weedie Tyldesley

HCT's Outstanding Volunteers!

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Breakaway Grill
BJ's
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Stop & Shop
Depot Dogs
A&W
Buca's Tuscan Restaurant
Bogs Dogs

LEFT: Ken Badger Trio

BELOW: Ruth Treen at piano, photo: Chris Stamas

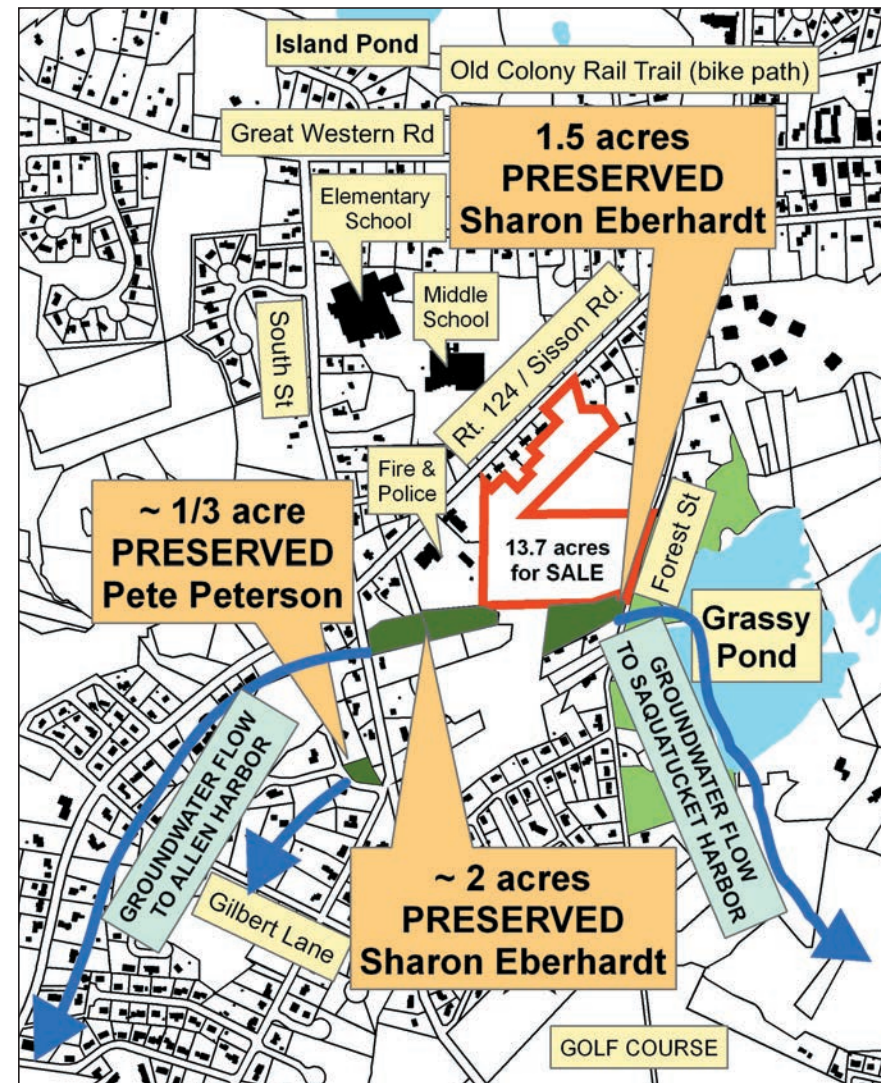
RIGHT: Artist Chris Banks, photo: Patti Smith

Town Departments & More

Board of Selectmen
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Harwich Historical Society
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Pilgrim Congregational Church
Sign-a-Rama
Nino & Shannon Corbett
Photographers Patti Smith and Chris Stamas



Save Land, Protect Water



Landowners can also now benefit from the state's new income tax credit. If you are an eligible landowner, your state income tax could be eliminated for the year, and the State would issue a check

for the difference between the amount of that tax, and \$50,000 or 50% of the land's appraised value, whichever is less. Contact HCT Executive Director Mike Lach for more information.

Wildlands Musical Stroll

Bill Gickas

Music, Art, Nature

At the Wildlands Musical Stroll on Saturday, Sept. 14th, in celebration of HCT's 25th Anniversary, more than 300 visitors walked the trails at HCT's 66-acre Bank St. Bogs Nature Preserve in Harwich Port. They enjoyed live acoustic folk, classical and jazz music played by musicians on piano, guitar,

accordion, bass, ukulele, percussion, even a wearable washboard, and other instruments while artists from the Guild of Harwich Artists painted the landscape. The famous "piano in the woods" mysteriously abandoned on conservation land in 2009 even made an appearance courtesy of the Harwich Historical Society.

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PAGE 6 TOP: Just Plain Folk, photo: Chris Stamas
LEFT: Wild Bill Corney, photo: Mike Lach
RIGHT: "Cajun" Bob Wilson and Franco

PAGE 7 TOP: John Carlisle & Paul Shoemaker
photo: Chris Stamas
MIDDLE: Artist Karla Cardillo, photo: Patti Smith
BOTTOM: Artist Lydia Bell, photo: Mike Lach

Wildlands Musical Stroll

Mark Robinson

Thanks to outstanding support from local businesses, volunteers, town departments, and HCT's summer college interns Kristen Kuzil and Kaileigh Tremble, the Wildlands Musical Stroll was a terrific success. Visitors enjoyed the fresh air and scenery while listening to live music and watching inspirational art unfold. The event also helped us raise funds in support of our 49-acre Pleasant Bay Woodlands Project.

To see a video and more photos, visit www.HarwichConservationTrust.org

