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SPRING/SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

25 Years & Going Strong Thanks to You!



Yellow Warbler by Gus Romano

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Nancy Vall Shoemaker

**On April 21st: Don't Miss
HCT's Spring Winetasting
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HCT preserves land
to protect woods,
water, wildlife
and our shared quality
of life in Harwich.



Join us for our **11th 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, April 21st
5 - 8 p.m.**

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

Enjoy your evening
while helping
HCT preserve land.

Reserve on-line at
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Gus Romano

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In Honor of Richard Filbin
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In Honor of Our Grandchildren
Ronald & Mary Ann Rosivack

In Honor of Our 11 Grandchildren
Peter & Bridget O'Rourke

In Honor of Tom Leach, Harbormaster (Ret.)
Bob Leach

In Memory of Paula's Mom
Ryan Mann

In Honor of HCT's Good Work
Tom & Joan Dolan

In Honor of my dog Sahara who loves Thompson's Field
John R. Peak

In Honor of Donna Peterson's Birthday
Crystal M. Casaleggio

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

Gus Romano





Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

Dedicated gifts as of March 5, 2013

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Events/Programs

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LIVE Birds of Prey

Thursday, July 18th
3:00, 5:00, or 7:00 pm show

Admission prices: \$10/ages 12 to adult
\$5/ages 5-11 (not recommended for under age five)

Reserve on-line at
www.HarwichConservationTrust.org



See raptors such as Peregrine Falcon, Golden Eagle, Great Horned Owl, Turkey Vulture & more
Shows will be held in the gym of the Harwich Community Center at 100 Oak Street

HCT's ANNUAL CELEBRATION & MEETING

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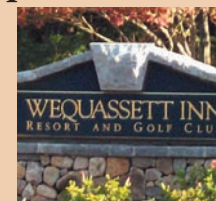
Monday, August 5th, 4:30-6:30 pm



Plus Annual Awards Ceremony
including HCT's Conservationist of the Year

RSVP by July 26th for this free event

Call HCT at 508-432-3997 or email: hct@cape.com



Wildlands Musical Stroll Saturday, September 14th

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Saquatucket Harbor Watershed

Andrea Aldrovandi enjoys her modest home, which is backed by quiet woods off Grist Mill Lane in Harwich. Those woods are located on a separate lot just behind her house and busy Bank Street. Her mother Marcia Iddles always wanted those woods permanently preserved. And now, Andrea has fulfilled her late mother's wishes by donating two parcels to HCT. Her timing was good, too, since she recently preserved the land as part of the state's new Conservation Land Tax Credit program.

Andrea had this to say: "Marcia Iddles, my mother, was a staunch advocate for Cape Cod's dwindling open space long before it became a popular, mainstream notion. She lived plainly and simply; in quiet rebellion during a time of belief in environmental inexhaustibility. This resulted in her harmonious existence with the Earth and its natural processes. In accordance with her philosophy,

she bought 2 parcels of land on Grist Mill Road in the 1960s, permanently safeguarding this tiny area from harm. My mother bought this land not to resell for a profit or to build on, but with the intention of doing her part, no matter how infinitesimal in the eyes of others, to preserve it for Cape Cod. My mother said: 'This way, some of the little animals that are driven out of their homes by development will have some place to live.'

"The trees and plants on the land were allowed to flourish and die according to nature's plan: my mother made no effort to "clean up" or alter the property in any way. Each season, she and I would walk around it, remarking on the vegetation and animal life from squirrels to turtles, ladybugs to lady slippers. In this way, I too learned to have regard for the Earth, no matter the size of the piece of it I was connected to.

I am happy that HCT will now be the steward of this small piece of the world. And I am confident that they will ensure it stays as my mum wanted it to be: protected and preserved for the years to come."

Meanwhile, just across Bank Street Richard Tichnor and his wife Jennifer Smith preserved 4 acres of wetland by donating the land to HCT. They also benefited from the state income tax credit. The wetland is situated in the watershed to Grassy Pond that flows



Citizen Science Projects

Herring Count Project

Now in its fifth season, the annual Herring Count Project is just starting to ramp up. Volunteers once again have amazed us with their enthusiasm and dedication. Last year's run estimate was more than 101,000 river herring compared with 10,000 in 2011, 41,000 in 2010 and 19,000 in 2009. While 2011's count concerned us, it was encouraging to see the numbers greatly increase the next season. We hope to report more good news following this year's run. Learn more about this program and recent updates at: www.HarwichConservationTrust.org.



Feisty river herring swim upstream - with some going airborne in the process (see above).

Photos: Ryan Mann



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Citizen Science Projects

With over 450 acres of open space preserved by HCT, the stewardship of our special places is a big task. HCT's residential internship program along with all of the dedicated volunteers has continued to raise the bar on what is possible. Through activities such as trail maintenance, invasive plant control, grassland management, citizen science projects, and boundary quest, the open space entrusted to HCT is in better shape ecologically than ever. Thank you to all that have made a difference in continued management of our open space during our first 25 years. Here's a summary of our longest running citizen science projects.



Bird Nestbox Project

The Bird Nestbox Monitoring Project is in its 8th season. Volunteers from HCT and the Cape Cod Bird Club monitor and maintain three nest box trails in



Harwich. In the spring and summer, volunteers check the number of eggs, nestlings and fledglings as bluebirds, tree swallows, house wrens, titmice and chickadees fill the air with song. Hundreds of baby birds have been raised in the nest boxes over the past seven seasons.

Top: Chickadee by Janet DiMattia

Bottom: Channel 18's Jill Mason films nestbox monitors Kelly Sattman and Taylor Mills

Eel Migration Project

The Eel Migration Project is in its sixth season. Volunteers visit the site daily to record the numbers of elvers (the name for baby eels) that enter the Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve overnight.



The eel ramp was only the second in coastal Massachusetts when it was first installed and has involved over 20 volunteers over the past 5 years. We are excited to continue this unique project.

Save Land, Protect Water



via Cold Brook through HCT's Bank St. Bogs Nature Preserve into Saquatucket Harbor on Nantucket Sound. The land also connects town-owned land to the north and south. "Andrea, Richard and

Jennifer not only helped to protect groundwater flowing to Saquatucket Harbor, but they also helped to protect the wildlife of their neighborhood," said Mike Lach of HCT.



Save Land, Protect Water

Bill Gikas

Historic Cahoon Canal

Thanks to forward-thinking land donations, HCT continues to complete an open space puzzle that helps to protect water quality, wildlife habitat and history amidst Hinckley's Pond, Seymour's Pond and Long Pond. Recently, Bonnie and Stephen Chandler preserved 1.44 acres buffering a vernal pool and Don Bates preserved 1.48 acres with 250 feet on the historic Cahoon Canal and another 150 feet of Seymour's Pond shoreline. In 2003, Joe and Anne Welch protected their land with a conservation restriction. Then in 2007, Rita Cahoon Root and her family placed a conservation restriction on their 24 acres that spans Hinckley's Pond and Seymour's Pond as well as Cahoon Canal and Princess Brook. These ecologically strategic land protection projects help advance HCT's Priority Ponds Project.

The goal of HCT's Priority Ponds Project is to preserve watershed lands that specifically protect pond water quality and habitat. So far, through its Priority Ponds Project HCT has helped individuals and families preserve 105 acres with 5,850 feet of shoreline across eight different ponds. Thanks to conservation-minded land donors, HCT has helped to protect more than 1,200 feet on herring runs, too, including the Cahoon Canal.

In the fall of 1852, Harwich Sea Captain Alvin Cahoon began hand-digging the canal between Seymour's Pond and Hinckley's Pond as part of his entrepreneurial cranberry growing venture. He had been adapting native, wild cranberry vines for commercial cultivation by planting the vines in cleared red maple and Atlantic white cedar wetlands. He owned wetland on Seymour's Pond and realized that optimal growing conditions called for a lower water level.



Don Bates (left) and HCT Exec. Dir. Mike Lach stand next to the Cahoon Canal.

Photo: Jamie Balliett

But how? "In order to lower the pond he had to dig a ditch five feet wide for a distance of over 200 yards, running in places through hills which were nearly 30 feet high," says a 1917 *Cape Cod Magazine* article. Nowadays modern environmental protections won't allow such feats, but the resulting waterway remains an important fish passage for imperiled herring swimming upstream to spawn.

Watch the Cahoon Canal video on HCT's website!



Save Land, Protect Water

Mark Robinson

