

## Try your chance to win Two Kayaks (w/paddles)!

Prize: TWO Perception Prodigy 10 Kayaks and TWO Harmony Sea Passage Paddles \$5 per ticket to win BOTH kayaks & paddles  
Purchase at HCT's office (#947 Rt. 28, S. Harwich). Call 508-432-3997 or e-mail hct@cape.com for more info.  
Drawing: Nov. 18, 2010 at 2 pm, HCT's office. You need not be present to win.

Kayaks furnished by the Goose Hummock Shop ([www.goose.com](http://www.goose.com)) in Orleans

Raffle benefits  
the Harwich  
Conservation  
Trust



Printed on recycled paper with soy-based ink



HARWICH  
CONSERVATION  
TRUST  
PRESERVE LAND FOREVER

P.O. Box 101, South Harwich, MA 02661

Address Service Requested

PSRT STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 7  
ASHLAND, MA



Reserve at HCT's website  
or by check for

**HCT's 16th Fall  
WINETASTING DINNER**

hosted by The Port  
Sat., Nov. 6th (6-9 pm)  
\$80pp



HARWICH  
CONSERVATION  
www.HarwichConservationTrust.org TRUST

PRESERVE LAND FOREVER

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

## THIS GENERATION'S CARETAKERS Preserving Land & History on Long Pond

- Story on page 4 -



### IN THIS ISSUE

**Conservationists of the Year** page 2  
**RSVP for HCT's Annual Meeting** page 3  
**Reserve NOW for Mission Wolf** page 3  
**Preserving Land & History** pages 4-7  
**Thank You for Giving** page 8  
**Winter 2011 Talks** page 9  
**Volunteer Awards** page 10  
**Land Stewardship** page 11  
**Memorials/Gifts** pages 12 & 13  
**Business Support** pages 14 & 15



Photo: Bill Ciolek

Walk leaders to be honored with  
HCT's Volunteer EverGreen Award  
on November 7th.





## HARWICH CONSERVATION TRUST

P.O. Box 101  
South Harwich, MA 02661  
508-432-3997 • hct@cape.com

[www.HarwichConservationTrust.org](http://www.HarwichConservationTrust.org)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*President* - Robert F. Smith, Esq.  
*Vice President* - Thomas M. Evans  
*Treasurer* - Edward A. Rubel  
*Secretary* - Donna J. Peterson

William F. Baldwin, Matt Cushing  
Colin A. Leonard, Bruce Nightingale,  
William R. Schumann, Andrea Silbert

### STAFF

*Executive Director* - Michael W. Lach  
*Outreach and Stewardship  
Coordinator* -  
Ryan J. Mann

## HCT's Mission

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



## Conservationist of the Year Award

The Conservationist of the Year Award is given annually to an honored guest who has actively helped protect the woods, waters, and wildlife of Harwich. Nominations for individuals, groups, businesses, or other entities actively helping to protect the Harwich environment are accepted on a rolling basis.

### PAST RECIPIENTS:

2005: Anne & Joe Welch  
2006: Barbara & Charles Birdsey  
2007: AmeriCorps  
2008: Wequasset  
2009: Town of Harwich Natural Resources Dept.

*The Cape Cod Chronicle*, *Cape Codder*, *Harwich Oracle*, and *Cape Cod Times* newspapers are HCT's 2010 Conservationists of the Year Award recipients for their comprehensive, consistent coverage of environmental issues affecting Harwich and Cape Cod. Clear, concise, and compelling stories about the importance of widely supported land protection projects that preserve wildlife habitat, water quality, and Cape Cod character raise awareness for residents and countless visitors. Other stories range the environmental spectrum from water quality concerns to renewable energy to fascinating wildlife. The opinion pages offer a forum for debate on a range of topics and the environment surfaces in every edition. These newspapers focus on environmental stories that track our common challenges, chronicle controversy, and identify unanswered questions. Taken together, their coverage helps shape the future of our shared special place.



## Business Support

**Let Mid-Cape Garage Door help you choose a  
new garage door that's perfect for  
your home -- one that suits your budget!**



**Wood, Steel & Vinyl Overhead Doors**  
**SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION**  
**508-398-2705 800-286-2705**  
652 Main St., Dennisport  
[www.midcapegaragedoor.com](http://www.midcapegaragedoor.com)

**MID-CAPE  
GARAGE DOOR INC.**  
Reliable Service Since 1948



Tree Removals • Stump Grinding • Tree & Shrub Pruning • Free Estimates  
MA Certified Arborist #2290 • Fully Insured  
**508-945-1554**





NYS



Ann Hart is a local artist supporting HCT. She kindly shared her images with us in this newsletter. Her watercolors can be seen at Gallery Antonia in Chatham, as well as at her website: [www.annhartsart.org](http://www.annhartsart.org)



Ann Hart

## Free! But RSVP for HCT's Annual Celebration & Meeting

**Wequassett on Pleasant Bay  
Sunday, November 7th, 5-7pm**

**Featured Speaker: Greg Skomal  
"Tracking Great White Sharks"**



Join us to honor local newspapers (*Cape Cod Chronicle*, *Cape Codder*, *Harwich Oracle*, and *Cape Cod Times*) with HCT's Conservationist of the Year Award and outstanding HCT volunteers with our EverGreen Awards.

RSVP by October 29th for this **free** event.

Call HCT at 508-432-3997 or email: [hct@cape.com](mailto:hct@cape.com)

### 8th Annual Golf Tournament Sponsors

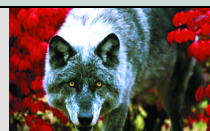
**Back Office Associates, Cape Cod Cooperative Bank,  
The Cape Cod Chronicle, Wequassett Resort**

Andale Café  
Bates Hardware  
BB's Automotive  
Benson, Young & Downes Ins.  
Bothfield Financial  
Box Office Cafe  
Cape Aquatics Pools & Hot Tubs  
Cape Cod Associates  
Cape Cod Claddagh Inn  
& Irish Pub  
Cape Cod Computer  
Cape Cod Five  
The Chatham Corner Store  
Wm. Coffin & Sons Rubbish  
Removal  
Coldwell Banker Murray RE  
Colin Leonard Enterprises  
Cranberry Jewelers  
Cranberry Liquors  
Crocker Nurseries  
CVS Pharmacy  
Dairy Queen  
Dino's Breakfast  
Driscoll Plumbing & Heating  
EAS Painting  
Ember  
Fettig Tile Company  
Forest Beach Design  
Four Hundred East  
Gardens By The Sea

George's Fish Market  
Handkerchief Shoals Inn  
Handren Bros. Building  
Hannon Electric  
Harwich Paint and Decorating  
Harwich Pet Supply  
Harwich Remodeling Center  
Harwichport Heating & Cooling  
Harwich Spirits Shoppe  
Heather's Hairport  
Hemeon's Garage  
Henry T. Crosby & Son  
Hess Route 137  
Hot Stove Saloon  
Dennis Hoye, Head Pro  
John Martin Excavating  
Kennedy Gallery & Studios  
La Barge Real Estate  
Lower Cape Irrigation  
Luddy's Paint & Wallpaper  
William Maloney  
Matt's Automotive  
Mayflower Glass  
M. Smith & Company  
Mobile PC Doctor  
Monahan & Company  
Moran Engineering, Inc.  
Nor'east Comfort  
Northern Paving

Dan O'Leary, Landscape  
Personalized Fitness Solutions  
Peterson Realty Inc.  
Potted Geranium  
Heinz Proft  
R&K Landscape  
Realty Executives  
The Boston Red Sox  
Rockland Trust (Chatham)  
Rick Roy Construction LLC  
Ruggies  
Sanders, Walsh & Eaton  
SDM Electric, Inc.  
Shaws Market  
Robert F. Smith, Esq.  
Stinson & Ford  
Stop & Shop  
Stove Place II  
Subway  
Summit Insulation  
Sundae School Ice Cream  
The Port  
Today Real Estate  
Tree Wizard  
Waystack Realty  
Weatherdeck Restaurant  
Windsong Antiques  
Winstead Inn & Beach Resort  
WB Mason Office Supplies

## Mission Wolf - LIVE WOLF PROGRAM



**Thursday  
October 21st**  
**Special 6:30 pm show**  
Limited to 125 people  
**EVERY SEAT IS A FRONT ROW SEAT!**  
**\$100/person**  
(under age five cannot attend)



**FULL MOON!**  
**Friday  
October 22nd**  
**5 pm or 7 pm show**  
**\$10 for ages 12 - adult**  
**\$5 for ages 5 - 11**  
(under age five cannot attend)

Reserve in advance at [www.HarwichConservationTrust.org](http://www.HarwichConservationTrust.org)  
or by check (payable to Harwich Conservation Trust)  
Mail to P.O.Box 101, South Harwich, MA 02661

Shows will be held in the gym of the Harwich Community Center at 100 Oak St.

Sponsored by *The Cape Cod Times*, *The Cape Cod Chronicle*, *The Cape Codder*,  
*Harwich Oracle*, *The Register*, and White Marlie

PHOTOS: Courtesy of Mission Wolf

# Preserving Land & History

## This Generation's Caretakers

Interview with an anonymous landowner  
Written by Mary J Metzger

*"We came only in the summers, as there was no heat or electricity in our camp. There was just a dirt cart path then (the late 1930's), wide enough for a horse and cart or an old beat-up car. The first thing we would do on arrival would be to prune the path back to the main road so the car wouldn't get scratched up. From here, you couldn't see another house on Long Pond, and only two other fishing camps. It was deep woods."*

That land is private, but what's left of those deep woods is preserved with a conservation restriction held by the Harwich Conservation Trust. These memories belong to a family whose ties to their pond-shore land go back to 1790. In that year, their ancestor, Nathan Underwood, accepted an offer to take the minister's job at what is now the Harwich First Congregational Church. Nathan had grown up on a dairy farm in Lexington, fought in the Revolution, and then studied at Harvard Divinity School, graduating in 1788. He was stepping into a contentious local squabble.

When Harwich was incorporated in 1694 it included what is now Brewster. The parish meeting house was in the northern reaches. The southern population had to traverse seven miles (one way) from Harwich to the North Parish each Sabbath through the soggy middle lands of ponds, swamps, and sloughs. A South Parish was officially sanctioned by the state legislature in 1746 and a meetinghouse and minister

needed to be procured. Rev. Pell came in 1747 with the offer of grain, cord wood and a house. This deal was later sweetened with an offer of hay.

Rev. Pell never quite took to the less prosperous South Parish and expressed his doubts about its success even after his death at age 41, when his wishes to be buried in the North Parish church's burying ground were carried out. Rev. Pell believed the South Parish's graveyard would soon be abandoned to a pine/oak wasteland.

Pell's successor, Nathan Underwood, came to Harwich with a realistic plan for his permanent place in the community. Drawing on his dairy heritage, he acquired land on Long Pond and at Red River with the idea of using the salt marsh hay to feed inland-raised cows. At his own expense, he built a large parsonage/farmhouse on twelve acres in Harwich Center. "Rather out of place on Cape Cod," wrote Sidney Brooks, "containing more shining milk pans than could be well filled."

The farmstead flourished with barns, sheds, gardens, and a "thrifty cherry orchard," thanks in part to Mrs. Underwood, "a model of a pastor's as well as a farmer's wife." She also gave him seven sons.



Photo (1885-1900) of the old camp road

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

In Memory of Greg Fishbein  
Sara Shields & Bruce Fishbein

In Memory of all Veterans:  
RIP, Fighting & Retired  
Peter & Bridget O'Rourke

In Honor of all who help  
such a worthy cause  
Marcia Andrews

In Memory of Eric Bennett  
Donald Bennett & Linda Chicklas

In Memory of James Alcock  
Elizabeth Naughton

In Memory of Judd J. Corbett  
Ursula K. Corbett

In Memory & Honor of Lee Baldwin  
Florence & Gail Hancock  
Connie Pina

In Memory of Oliver Pelton  
Carol Pelton

In Memory of Doris & Howard Doane  
Sarah Doane

In Memory of Recci & Elaine Kennedy  
Robert Kennedy

In Memory of Eve Toolin  
Michael & May Ann Brockelman

In Honor of Mary Jane & Donald Curran  
Wedding Remembrance  
Cornelia Doherty

In Memory of Martha Smith  
Sheila & Preston Smith

In Memory of Mark Keilty  
The Hot Stove Saloon

In Memory of Martha & Frederick Davis  
Bonnie & Ross Hall

In Memory of Thad Wicks  
Martha Wicks

In Memory of Eric Garham  
Patricia Eastman

In Memory of Trudy Duquette  
Betts Swanton & Diane Kopec  
Debra Leach

Marcia Andrews  
Cindy Briggs & Anne Briggs  
Bradford & Betsy Babb  
Ralph Mackenzie & Georgene Riedl  
Adeline Harrington

In Memory of Walter & Esther Trainer  
Sara Trainer

In Memory of Robert W. Udell  
Joyce Udell

In Memory of Dana Morse  
Paul & Sheila Sones



## RAPTOR SHOW RECAP

On July 15th, over 800 people came to see the "Bird Man," otherwise known as Tom Ricardi, a birds of prey rehabilitation expert credited with restoring the American bald eagle to the Northeast. He shared his expertise and inspirational experiences.

Since retiring as a state game warden, Tom has devoted much of his time to rehabilitating

injured hawks, owls, and eagles at his center in Conway, MA. Many of these injured birds can be reintroduced to the wild, but the more serious injuries require life-long care. Tom's shows offer a unique opportunity for the public to learn about birds of prey and get a close-up look. Audiences were in awe at the Harwich Community Center as they watched the show's stars, including red-tailed hawk, great-horned owl, peregrine falcon, American kestrel, turkey vulture and even a golden eagle.



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

In Memory of Irene Gay  
Bette & Francis Gouveia  
Robert W. Collins  
Janice & Robert Sponberg  
Pleasant Bay Homeowner's Association  
Colchester Middle School Special Education  
Marianne Nealy  
Katie Keidel  
Jen Gamache  
Jen Geroux  
Julie Tanguay  
David and Stacey Lee  
Erika Boerger & Richard Caraher  
Mary E. Cunningham  
Jeffrey & Laura Marin  
Alburt Rosenberg & Greta Tyson  
Jean E. Brown & Family  
William & Jeanne Brown  
Mary H. Brown  
Elizabeth & Lincoln Thurber

In Memory of Bertha Weld  
David A. Haller, Jr.

In Memory of Marcia Iddles  
Andrea Aldrovandi

In Memory of Harold McKenna  
Anne McKenna

In Memory of Elizabeth L. Pring  
Kenneth F. Pring

In Memory of Louis A Chaduk  
Harriet F Chaduk

In Memory of Rev Harlow T Doliber  
Pauline M Doliber

In Memory of Frederick N Adams  
Julia C Adams

In Memory of Philip S Eagan  
Mary M Eagan

In Memory of Catherine A O'Brien  
Patrick J O'Brien

In Memory of Isabel Smith  
David S. Crestin  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pickett  
Anne Hayes

In Memory of Isabel & Dayton Smith  
William A West

In Memory of Henry Bracchi  
Jean Bracchi

In Memory of Richard & Rita Trifiro  
Jim & Lana Argir

In Memory of Richard G. Baldauf  
Joanne M. Baldauf

In Memory of Ralph "Bud" Angier  
on what would have been his 100th year  
Susan T. Shoch

In Memory of Ruth C. Keith  
Louisa J. MacPherson

In Memory of Edmee & Charles Bradley  
Maria & Robert Bradley

In Memory of Mary E. Langway  
Chester C. Langway Jr.

In Memory of Isabel Smith  
Paul J. Cuddy, Jr.

In Memory of Dr. Russell Smith  
Doris B. Schaub

In Memory of John Joseph Horton  
Susan Horton

In Memory of Evie Armbruster  
Ronald Armbruster

In Memory of Peg Slicer  
J. Samuel Slicer

In Memory of Carnig Thomason  
Philip Thomason

In Memory of Waldo A. Stevens  
Elizabeth Stevens

In Memory of Irene Bielakowski  
Irving David Weiner

In Memory of the US Armed Forces  
Robert Naughton

In Memory of  
Sherman Alexander Robinson  
Roslyn R. Mann

In Memory of Marion M. Phair  
Donald Phair

# Preserving Land & History

It was good that Nathan Underwood had planned ahead for his family's security. In 1803, the more prosperous North Parish was able to form its own town (Brewster). By 1809, the Congregational minority could no longer levy taxes for support of the South Parish from the growing Baptist and Methodist populations. Nathan Underwood served as pastor until 1828 with very little remuneration.

But what was the condition of that Long Pond property that Nathan Underwood acquired in 1790?

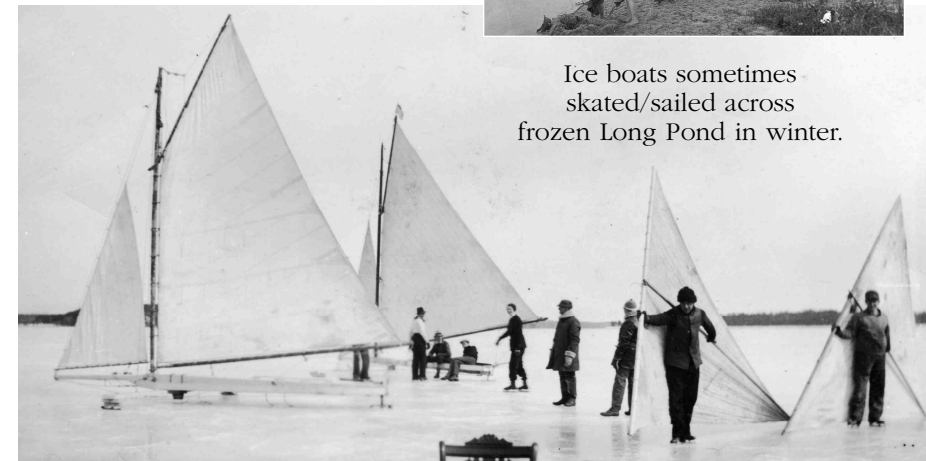
The first European settlers to the Cape described a "goodly land, wooded to the brink of the seas." In less than a century, the land had been mostly cleared for crops and pastureland. Timber was used for fences, buildings, ships, wind mills, and for heating and cooking fuel. The last 30 acres of Chatham's original forest was felled in 1815, followed the year after with one of the Cape's first pine reforestation efforts to try to stave off rapid topsoil erosion.

Yet it is possible the inland portions of Harwich remained more wooded. According to Harwich historian Josiah Paine, the Selectmen's report of 1781 shows 58% of the land was wooded and unimproved with 34% given over to pastures, 4% to salt and fresh meadows and 4% to tilled land. When the State Legislature approved Brewster's separation in 1803, it cited the South Parish of Harwich to have two-thirds of the woodland and all the "valuable Cedar Swamps."

Nathan Underwood's dairy cows were tended on what was part of the Quason purchase. These long and narrow parcels of land between the south shore of Long Pond and what is now Queen Anne's Rd. had been purchased in 1713 from the native people for the



Harwich Historical Society



Harwich Historical Society

Ice boats sometimes  
skated/sailed across  
frozen Long Pond in winter.





Ann Hart

Plimoth Plantation's Old Comer families. Settlement in this part of Harwich was sparse, not only because of its soggy nature. With the rapid loss of topsoil, Cape Codders were forced to turn to the sea for a living. And the increase of population and roads along the north and south shores reflected that reality.

While Brewster became the home of prosperous whaling captains, Harwich did well enough developing its own packet boat businesses. Like modern day truckers, these mariners transported goods all along the East Coast. There was probably not a lot of change in the Harwich woods during this time. Sidney Brooks (1813-1886) describes long walks in his youth in the North Woods stretching unfettered from Harwich Center to Long Pond. The community would have continued to cut firewood and ice from the area.

The Civil War and arrival of the railroad severely impacted the freight schooner industry, and Harwich's tenuous hold on prosperity crumbled. The Town's economy improved after Alvin Cahoon's 1846 experiment with commercial cranberry farming caught on.

Any soggy plot in town could now yield a little money, and families cleared swamps everywhere.

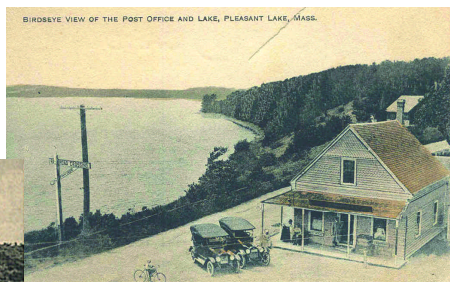


Interestingly, Nathan Underwood's descendants did not develop cranberry bogs on the Long Pond property. Perhaps this is because the branch of the family that owned the land had turned from theology and dairy farming to the mercantile trade. By the turn of the century, the Long Pond land was still remote, used by the family only as a summer hunting and fishing camp.



The camp (circa 1940). Note the kerosene lamp.

Camping became all the rage in the 1920's with upscale Adirondack styled resort cabins in the Catskills. The family designed a "camp" to mirror these summer places. The camp house had a large stone fireplace and screened porch facing the pond.



ABOVE: Pleasant Lake with the General Store in the foreground (familiar to Harwich residents today), courtesy of Harwich Historical Society, [www.harwichhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.harwichhistoricalsociety.org)

LEFT: Pleasant Lake Railroad Crossing, courtesy Maps of Antiquity, Chatham, MA



Ann Hart

## Spotlight on Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve

The Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve has been a conservation destination open to the public since it was acquired in 2001 by HCT. The 60-acre site includes more than two miles of level walking trails that offer views of wetland, upland, and stream habitats. There is a diversity of wildlife, especially birds, ranging from red-tailed hawks overhead to small songbirds to American woodcock that amaze with aerial displays in spring.

Transitioning in different stages from past cultivation, the plant communities thrive here. Robert Zaremba, Ph.D., completed a botanical study in 2007 discovering 278 species of plants (nearly 20% of the catalogued plant species in Barnstable County), adding to the area's uniqueness.

Since 2008, HCT has been working with the USDA's Barnstable County Natural Resources Conservation Service through a program called the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) to enhance the site's natural qualities and encourage biodiversity. HCT's eel migration ramp, which just finished its third field season, was funded through this partnership with assistance from the state's Division of Marine Fisheries. Plans are now underway to improve water flow along Cold Brook (the stream that stretches from Grass Pond under Bank St. through the Preserve to Saquatucket Harbor) and enhance fish passage. HCT was awarded a \$18,325 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) to fund the planning stage of this stream restoration project.



Bill Glicks

Thanks to volunteer time, energy and dedication, wildlife continue to benefit in many different ways. For example the bluebird nestbox monitoring program, with help from the Cape Cod Bird Club, had another successful year.

Eels had another banner year. Ten volunteers worked throughout the spring and summer monitoring the eel migration ramp. More than 5,000 eels were recorded this season!

In mid-August, 120 volunteer high school seniors from Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC spent two days at the Preserve trimming trails, installing benches, and removing highly invasive purple loosestrife. Special thanks to HCT volunteers Mike O'Neill, Larry Seberg, Matt O'keefe, Ross Hall, and Marie and Dennis Corcoran for their support during this event. Over 8,000 pounds of debris were removed. We look forward to having the senior class of 2012 back next summer.

By the way, Fall is a great time to enjoy the Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve. Wildflowers are still blooming and migratory birds are visiting during their flights south. Pack your HCT Trail Guide and take a walk on the wild side.





Chris Singer is the 2010 recipient of HCT's individual EverGreen Volunteer Award. He has been volunteering with HCT for the past four years. In the spring of 2007-2008, Chris volunteered to certify vernal pools throughout Harwich. In 2009, Chris coordinated the vernal pool certification team.

This past spring, Chris coordinated 60 volunteers in our second annual her-ring count. Thank you Chris for all of your hard work!

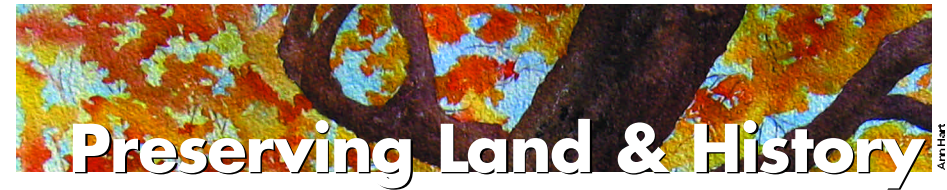
HCT's volunteer walk leaders are the recipients of the group EverGreen Volunteer Award. Our walk leaders take folks on guided walks through HCT and town-owned conservation lands to learn about the landscapes' flora and fauna as well as its human history and conservation background. From birds to botany, Native American history to cranberry culture, the lead-ers share their time and naturalist insights with countless visitors. While walking and talking with others, they build a bridge of grassroots support for HCT's mission of preserving land to protect woods, water, wildlife and our shared quality of life.



## Walk Leaders Honored with HCT's Volunteer EverGreen Award

Mary Metzger, *Coordinator* (2006-10)  
Beth Bierbower, *Coordinator* (2010)

Connie Boyce  
Leo Cakounes  
Jan Cormier  
Ruth Connaughton  
Fred Dunford, PhD  
Donna Wood Eaton  
Rich Eldred  
Gail Hancock  
Kim Humphrey  
Todd Kelley  
Tom Leach  
Farley Lewis  
Blair Nikula  
Bob Prescott  
Heinz Proft  
Deborah Richmond  
Peggy Rose  
Pat Sarantis  
Irwin Schorr  
Cynthia & Matt Sutphin  
Rufin Van Bossuyt  
Robert Zaremba, PhD



LEFT: Visitors to Long Pond in 1890.

BELOW: The camp before 1970.



*"There was no electricity. They had an ice box, a wood stove, kerosene lamps, and indoor plumbing of sorts. They had to draw water from the pond to flush toilets. On summer evenings they could also sometimes hear music wafting from a speakeasy across the pond. C.D. Caboon painted from this part of the shore and Elmer Crowell carved working decoys for a duck blind here. The Provincetown writer John Dos Passos also visited the house."*

This simple place of spirited relaxation did not continue.

*"The Mid-Cape Highway changed everything. Our land was broken in half by eminent domain. The same thing hap-pened with the extension of Long Pond Drive in 1952 to what is now Route 137. The town presented a \$1,200 check one day in exchange for the takeover, and our land was further divided. We con-tinued to use what was left to us as a summer retreat. There was an explosion of houses on quarter-acre lots that you see today around the rest of the pond."*

In 1972, the family brought in electricity, plumbing, central heating, and added rooms to the camp. They spent their winters in Florida, but continued summer gatherings. In 1990, the place was turned over to the current generation.

The four acres of Red River salt marsh were donated to the Chatham Conserva-tion Foundation. A portion of the Long Pond property across the road was sold with the stipulation that only one house could be built. The six acres of remaining privately owned land (with-out public access) have been perma-nently protected with a conservation restriction donated to HCT.

*"Some nights in the winter, looking out across a foggy pond from this protect-ed place, it's easy to imagine how it looked 12,000 years ago."*

This generation's caretakers have continued the family's heritage of stewardship. Nathan Under-wood would be proud.

Skyler Lach, age 7





# Thank You For Giving

Thank you for giving in so many different ways over the years to enhance HCT's land conservation success. Businesses donate time, labor, and expertise. Volunteers donate their time and talents. Many people donate funds to save land and support HCT as contributing members.

Thanks to diverse donations, HCT supporters are creating lasting legacies by preserving land that protects our woods, water, wildlife and our shared quality of life in Harwich on Cape Cod. Donors can also benefit tax-wise since donations to HCT, a 501c3 nonprofit land trust organization, are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Below is a sampling of how folks are giving to HCT now, to save land for tomorrow.

## Giving to Save Land:

- Membership donations, year-end gifts, appreciated securities (HCT can provide account and routing numbers), and other unrestricted gifts support HCT to advance land conservation, stewardship, and other important projects.
- Restricted donations to HCT's Save Land – Save Water Initiative help to preserve priority lands within watersheds that protect sensitive water resources including Pleasant Bay, our harbors, Nantucket Sound, freshwater ponds, and our sole source drinking water aquifer.
- Donations of land and/or conservation restrictions.

- For some supporters, a bequest is a forward-thinking way of making a significant gift to Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT). You may provide a bequest for HCT by creating a new will, adding a codicil to your present will, including Harwich Conservation Trust in your revocable trust, or designating Harwich Conservation Trust as the beneficiary of your retirement plan or insurance policy.

To ensure that your exact intentions are carried out, wills, codicils, and trusts should be prepared by and with the advice of your attorney. HCT is available for additional information on the various methods of designating a bequest to Harwich Conservation Trust or for guidance in planning a gift.

**You make HCT possible.  
You make land  
conservation possible.  
Thanks again.**



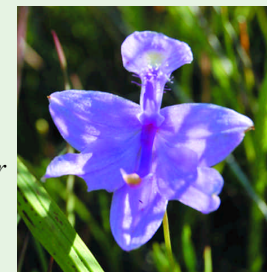
## WINTER TALKS - Discover Your Nature with HCT!

**All talks held at the Harwich Community Center.**

**Visit [www.HarwichConservationTrust.org](http://www.HarwichConservationTrust.org) for dates and times**

### Orchids of Cape Cod

While most everyone is familiar with the pink lady slipper, there are over 25 other orchids found on Cape Cod and the Islands. Rich Eldred, botanist, will talk about the beauty and mysterious nature of these unusual flowers. Rich is a reporter for the *Cape Codder* and *Harwich Oracle* newspapers. He holds a degree in Botany from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters in Plant Science (Ecology) from the University of Western Ontario.



Grass pink orchid (*Calopogon tuberosus*)  
Photo: Rich Eldred

### Spadefoot Toads on Cape Cod

The Eastern Spadefoot Toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*) is the rarest frog species in Massachusetts; its status in the state is listed as "threatened". Ian Ives will explore the secret life history of this elusive and little known species as well as discuss his project aimed at protecting the Eastern Spadefoot Toad population on Cape Cod. Ian is the Director at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture, Ashumet and Skunknet River Wildlife Sanctuaries on Cape Cod.

### Cape Cod Bay and Beyond - Current and Future Ocean Challenges

We look forward to this informative talk which will focus on challenges facing Cape Cod Bay and the seas beyond. Richard F. Delaney is the Executive Director of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown. Previously, Mr. Delaney was the Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs in Massachusetts and the Director of the Coastal Zone Management Program. He also was founding Director of the Urban Harbors Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston where he continues as a Senior Fellow.

### A Half Century of Changes in Cape Cod Land Cover and Implications for the Future

With almost 400 years since the Pilgrims landed, land use on the Cape has changed dramatically. Tom Stone will share his striking images regarding land use on the Cape. Stone is an environmental geologist who specializes in remote sensing and GIS applications studying land cover changes on Cape Cod, as well as in the northeastern US and the tropics. He is a Senior Research Associate at the Woods Hole Research Center in Falmouth, MA.