




The 64 acre Grazing Fields Farm in Bourne is protected by the Wildlands Trust through an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.



In Plymouth and Bristol Counties, 296 farms were lost between 1997 and 2002.

## Saving Our Agricultural Heritage

Although few would confuse Southeastern Massachusetts with California's Imperial Valley or even the Connecticut River corridor, our region has a proud and distinguished agricultural heritage that extends back to our Native American forebears.

By Scott MacFaden, *Land Protection Specialist*

The first European immigrants to our area arrived to find vast open areas cleared by the creative use of fire, a practice utilized by Native Americans to enable the growing of crops. Throughout four centuries of settlement, farms have remained an integral component of the region's identity and economy, despite the reality that we have lost farms in recent years because of development, the aging of the farming community, and the often challenging economics. According to the U.S. Census of Agriculture, between 1997 and 2002 (the most recent sample years available), Plymouth County lost 206 farms, a 21% drop, and Bristol County lost 90 farms, a 13% drop.

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The Wildlands Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving land and preserving the natural heritage of Southeastern Massachusetts. We work to permanently protect and steward important habitats and landscapes, including woodlands and fields, ponds, coastal areas, agricultural lands, and river systems.

# Thanking Those Who Make a Difference

Back in June, nearly 100 faithful supporters of the Wildlands Trust gathered at the Pinewoods Camp in Plymouth for the annual meeting of our membership. It was a perfect summer day with clear blue skies, warm temperatures and a steady breeze across a wind-rippled Long Pond. The rustic charm of the waterfront "camp house" was the perfect setting to celebrate, among other things, the 2007 addition of 500 acres to our holdings.

The meeting is a chance to recognize and thank the dedicated individuals who help us accomplish our goals, most notably our staff, partners, and board members, as well as other conservation leaders who provide vision and guidance for our work.

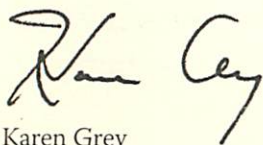
It was a pleasure to honor Bernie McHugh, director of the Mass Land Trust Coalition, as this year's recipient of the LeBaron Briggs Conservation Award, an award established in 1998 to honor Wildlands Trust founding board member and regional conservation leader, LeBaron Briggs III. Bernie's commitment to land trusts is unsurpassed and granting him this award was just a small way to honor him for all he has done to advance our issues at the state level.

The Helen Philbrick Award, new this year, was established to recognize board members for exceptional leadership and service to the Wildlands Trust. The recipients were Lois Wood, Gary Langenbach, Phil Benjamin, Mike Nuesse and Howard Randall.

The Community Partner Award was given to our good friends, Robb Johnson and Casey Shetterly of the Nature Conservancy's Southeastern Massachusetts office. They are steadfast and trusted partners in our efforts to save land and we couldn't do it without them.

The Trust does not have a formal award to recognize staff members so suffice it to say that Gabriela Silva, Scott MacFaden, Jessica Schultz, Kay Foster and Marilyn Levandoski were recognized for doing yeoman's work each and every day to help shape a better future for our region.

Caught up in the moment of thanking so many people, I realized shortly after the meeting ended that I failed to address our funding needs. So needless to say, the highlight of the day was being followed out to the parking lot by a long-term member waving her check book. When she caught up, she ripped the check out of her check book and said, "Here. I am giving you this because you didn't ask for it." To her, I send a very special "thank you."



Karen Grey  
Executive Director

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# Partnerships Prevail Again


The protection of the Wildlands Trust's two newest properties once again owes its success to fostering partnerships with towns, land owners, and organizations committed to conservation.



**Freitas Preserve**  
**16.3 ACRES, MIDDLEBORO**  
 Habitat for five state-listed rare species, open fields, and Nemasket River floodplain.

- Wetlands
- Deciduous Forest
- Mixed Woodlands
- Upland Fields
- Coniferous Woodland
- Protected Species
- Protected Habitat
- River and/or Pond

In the latest example of the value of partnerships, the Trust recently acquired the 16.2-acre Dorothy Freitas parcel in Middleboro, just east of the Nemasket River. Long a conservation priority because of its agricultural, ecological, and historic resources, the Freitas parcel encompasses rich open fields and Nemasket River floodplain, provides habitat for five rare species, is an integral part of southwest Middleboro's rural landscape, and abuts other parcels of conservation significance.



**Allen CR**  
**12.6 ACRES, DUXBURY**  
 Primarily wooded property with 1,000 feet of frontage (with sand dunes and grasses) on Kingston Bay.

- Wetlands
- Deciduous Forest
- Mixed Woodlands
- Upland Fields
- Coniferous Woodland
- Protected Species
- Protected Habitat
- Ocean and/or Bay

Initiated by the Town of Middleboro, the project eventually included The Nature Conservancy and then the Trust. Funding came from a variety of sources, including the Town, the Sheehan Family Foundation, the Commonwealth's Conservation Partnership Grant Program, and TNC. The Town and TNC co-hold a conservation restriction on the Premises, ensuring the maximum possible protection for the land.

The Allen parcel, an extraordinary 13-acre property on Kingston Bay in Duxbury, is now permanently protected with a conservation restriction held by Wildlands Trust. The property is owned by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society (DRHS), a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a better understanding of the history and rural heritage of Duxbury. Working together, DRHS and Wildlands preserved the property's outstanding natural beauty, with its oak and white pine woods, beach dunes and grasses, and breathtaking scenic vistas to and from Kingston Bay. The Allen property inspires tranquility and exemplifies the natural heritage of this beautiful town.

Wildlands Trust works with landowners throughout Southeastern Massachusetts to protect their property's natural characteristics and to further the conservation of the region's open spaces and distinctive character of our towns. We thank the DRHS for working with us on this outstanding project.

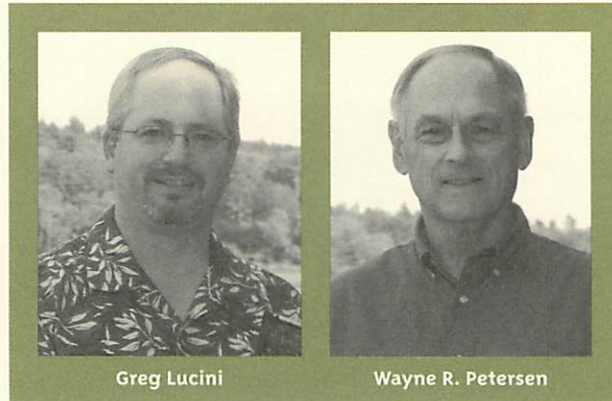
# Trust Welcomes Two New Board Members, Bids Goodbye To Three

Board transition is important for a healthy organization—the downside is the departure of loyal, steadfast friends to make room for the new.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD



The staff of the Nature Conservancy's Southeastern Massachusetts office was recently recognized for the vital support they provide to the Wildlands Trust. Robb Johnson and Casey Shetterley received the first-ever Community Partnership Award, honoring them for the land protection and policy work they conduct throughout the region. Over the years, the Wildlands Trust and TNC have partnered to save significant open space and biologically rich lands in Plymouth and in the Taunton River Watershed.



Greg Lucini

Wayne R. Petersen

At the Annual Meeting on June 7, Trust members elected Greg Lucini and Wayne Petersen to the Board of Directors.

**Greg Lucini** grew up in West Bridgewater. He graduated from Boston College in 1983 and earned a CPA soon after. Currently Greg is the CEO of ISM, a global supply chain management company based in Providence with offices around the world. Greg and his wife Patty reside on the Taunton River in Berkley with their children Gregory Jr., Michael, Christina, and Steven. They recently protected their beautiful river-front property with the Wildlands Trust.

**Wayne R. Petersen** is Director of the Massachusetts Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program at Mass Audubon. As Field Ornithologist at Mass Audubon for 15 years before assuming his current position, he co-authored *Birds of Massachusetts* (1993) and co-edited the *Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas* (2003). Besides leading international birding tours for Mass Audubon and Field Guides, Inc., Wayne serves on the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee. He lives in Hanson with his wife, Betty,

who shares his passion for bird conservation.

Three directors, David DeGhetto, Mary Hathaway, and Lois Wood, are leaving the board this year. Their innumerable contributions and participation on the board will be greatly missed. We are pleased that David and Mary will remain involved on the Acquisitions

committee, and Lois on Membership.

**David DeGhetto** played an important role in the Trust's largest-ever project: acquisition of the O'Neil Dairy Farm. In his own neighborhood, Norwell, he is directly responsible for the growth of interest in the Trust. Besides attracting many new members, he has done invaluable work to interest landowners in protecting their property.

**Mary Hathaway** has donated 63 acres of land to the Trust. Of our 15 properties in Kingston, 7 were given by Mary, the first in 1986 and the most recent in 2007. She joined the board in 1993. She can be counted upon to help with mailings or anything necessary, and as a former English teacher, she is our court of last resort for questions of grammar.

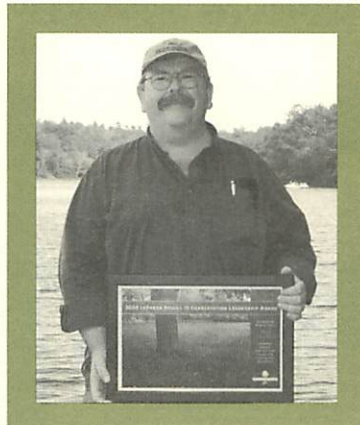
**Lois Wood**, literally the next-door neighbor of the Trust, has been a member of the board since 1992. A graphic designer by profession, it is no exaggeration to say she has given thousands of hours of her time and creativity to designing our newsletters, brochures, and mail pieces. That stroke of genius, the herd of wooden cows that so effectively drew attention to the O'Neil Farm project, was Lois' idea.

# Annual Meeting Recognizes Outstanding Contributions

Five Wildlands Trust board members were among those selected for recognition at our 2008 meeting.

The Trust runs on the power of the many people who contribute their time and talent. We are pleased to single out the following for their outstanding work on our behalf.

Bernie McHugh (right), director of the Mass Land Trust Coalition received the LeBaron R. Briggs Award for Conservation. The Helen Philbrick Award for exceptional service by Wildlands Trust Board members was given to Gary Langenbach, Lois Wood and Phil Benjamin (below, left to right). Mike Nuesse and Howard Randall also received the award but were not available for photos.



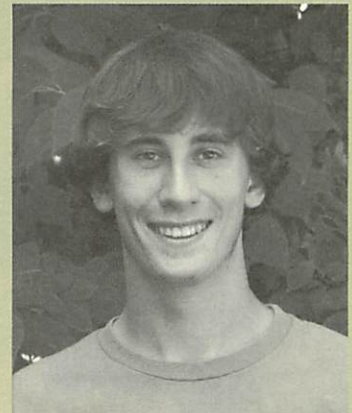
## Field expert leads members on walk



Wildlands Trust members were treated to a chance to add to their life-list with a morning of birding in the Hockomock Swamp. Wayne Petersen (center) led the group on the early summer excursion.

Please see the back page of this newsletter for information on upcoming events.

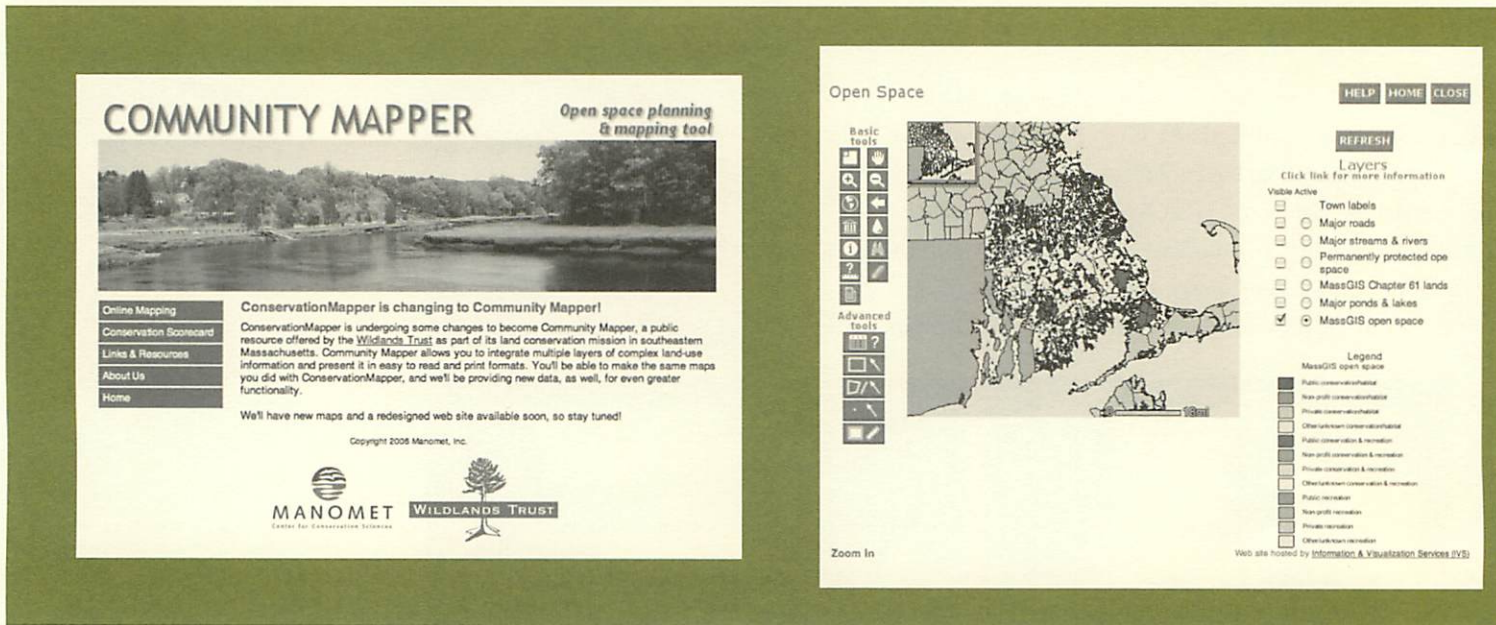
## MEET OUR SUMMER INTERN



Poison Ivy, green heads, ticks, long tiring days of physical labor — ahhh, the glamour of being a summer intern at the Wildlands Trust! We are happy to introduce our brave new summer employee, Alex Lloyd-Evans. Alex grew up in Plympton, Massachusetts and now attends Kalamazoo College in Michigan. He will be a Sophomore next year. Alex is spent the summer mowing fields and maintaining trails, and also assisting in the development of Community Mapper and other office projects.

# Community Mapper: Trust adopts interactive mapping to sustainable communities in Southeast

The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences has transferred its interactive mapping project to the Wildlands Trust for its next phase of life.



By Gabriela Silva, Assistant Director

Among its many uses, Community Mapper can be utilized by town boards to develop an integrated, community-wide vision for land use and priorities for land protection. This fall the Wildlands Trust will be hosting a series of training sessions to help communities learn to use Mapper as a planning tool. Keep a lookout for more information on our web site this fall.

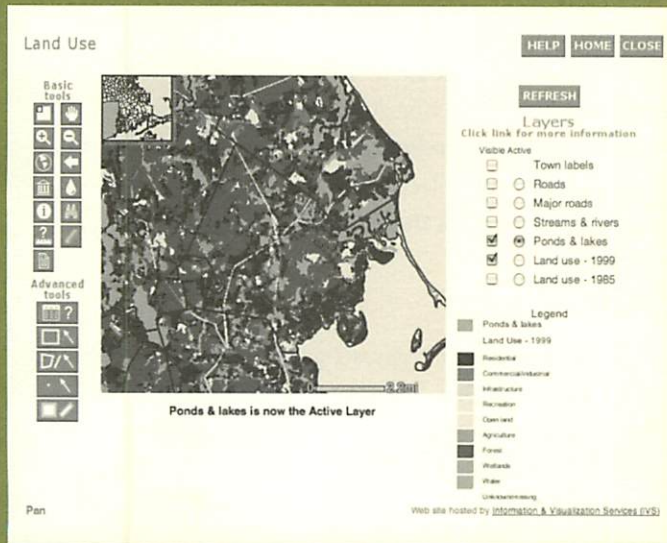
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As part of our efforts to protect important natural habitats in Southeastern Massachusetts, Wildlands Trust is developing Community Mapper, an innovative on-line interactive mapping and planning tool to help build sustainable communities in the region. In the coming months we will be launching Community Mapper to help protect critical habitats, empower communities to address their conservation needs, and raise awareness about the area's natural and agricultural heritage. Community Mapper will serve as an outreach tool to engage people to learn more about the region's natural resources and, in turn, increase local support for conservation. This tool will allow users to integrate multiple layers of information and present it in easy to read and print formats. Mapper will empower local communities by assisting them with their open space preser-

vation efforts and by increasing awareness of local resources, including agriculture. This easy-to-use tool will be available free of charge to the general public and municipalities to create information-rich maps of any area in Southeastern Massachusetts. Users won't need to be computer savvy or have to purchase expensive computer software. Currently in its conceptual stage, Community Mapper will have 3 components:

- A Conservation section with information to help assess local and regional open space needs, and to help plan connections between conservation lands, even beyond town boundaries.
- A Nature Recreation section with easy-to-assemble visual information on conservation lands, hiking trails and trailheads, scenic roads, historic sites, bicycle trails, and

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A few examples of Community Mapper's user friendly interactive mapping screens

canoe/kayak put-ins to help people find spots to hike, camp, fish, paddle, and bird-watch in Southeastern Massachusetts.

- An Agricultural Resources section with information on farms, farmers' markets, soils, and other agricultural resources to help build awareness and support for our rich agricultural heritage.

Community Mapper will build on an earlier mapping tool called Conservation Mapper (developed by Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences and now housed at Wildlands). Our Community Mapper builds on its predecessor because it broadens and better integrates the content, is more user-friendly (with easy to use guides), and is more comprehensive, incorporating nature-based recreation and agriculture in addition to open space preservation elements.

Wildlands Trust has been working with key partners to help develop Mapper, including Bridgewater State College, Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, Woods Hole Research Center, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP). Wildlands will host a pilot program this fall in the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater to "test-drive" and obtain additional input on Mapper.

We anticipate Community Mapper will have many users, including the general public, municipal officials and volunteers serving on boards and committees. A multi-faceted tool, mapper can produce natural resources information on a specific property, maps for open space planning, trail maps for hiking in nearby conservation lands, or directions to local farms and farmers' markets.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR FARMS



Community Mapper's Agricultural Resources section will provide easy access to reliable info on local farms, locally grown products, farmers' markets, soils, and other agricultural resources. Municipal officials and volunteers serving on agricultural commissions and open space committees will be able to use Mapper to map important agricultural lands, and to plan for and implement strategies to support agricultural efforts in our towns and in the region.

# Situations We Are Tracking

Keeping our ear to the ground and a seat at the table is a big part of the work we do at the Trust. Here are some of the issues we are working on that may be of interest to you.

## Congress Extends Tax Break for Land-Conservation Gifts

We are pleased to report that the new Farm Bill, which became law in mid-May, includes a two-year extension of the conservation restriction tax deduction. The provision, created as a temporary, two-year incentive under the Pension Protection Act, expired at the end of 2007. With the current extension included in the Farm Bill, landowners now have until December 31, 2009, to take advantage of the tax break when they place restrictions on their properties for conservation. To learn more, call Gabriela or Scott at the Wildlands Trust.

## Wild and Scenic Taunton

The Wild and Scenic designation for the Taunton River in Massachusetts has been in the works for over 20 years, and finally there's good news. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee favorably reported 45 wilderness and water bills, including Wild and Scenic River designation bill S. 868 sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA). More recently, the House of Representatives voted in support (242-175) of the designation of the Taunton River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The bill now travels to the Senate. If designated a Wild and Scenic River, the Taunton could join an elite list of 164 other rivers across the country that are granted extra layers of protection and federal funding opportunities.

## Plymouth Rock Studios

A film production campus may still be in Plymouth's future, but at the moment, plenty of details are still being worked out. After spending many months set on a property in the south western tip of Plymouth known as the 1000 Acres, studio executives began exploring alternative building sites and have settled on the Waverly Oakes Golf Course off Long Pond Road. The fate of this project, which appears to have significant support from the community, will be decided at a special town meeting this fall. A project of this magnitude, encompassing hundreds of acres of land, will certainly come with a plethora of environmental concerns. However, studio executives have repeatedly pledged a strong commitment to the environment and to this point, have continued to demonstrate a willingness to consider input from the Wildlands Trust and other conservation entities.



### LOOKING FOR NEW CONSERVATION LANDS TO VISIT AND HIKE?

Check out our new website [www.wildlandstrust.org](http://www.wildlandstrust.org) to find ideas for new conservation lands to visit and hikes you can take with your family around the region. While you're on our new site, take a few moments to check out some of our recent work and how you are helping to save the natural heritage of southeastern Massachusetts.

Membership renewals went out in the mail in May and reminders soon followed in July to those who may have forgotten to respond. Please don't let your membership lapse. There is so much work to be done, and we can't do it with out you.

You can also renew online at [www.wildlandstrust.org](http://www.wildlandstrust.org)



# Generosity Has No Boundaries

A brief, but fortuitous, conversation leads to a generous gift.

Protecting our miles of property boundaries from various incursions is an important mandate of the Stewardship Program. From neighbors dumping leaves and brush across boundary lines to the more serious building of structures or excavation, protecting and enforcing boundaries is an ongoing, and at times urgent, challenge. With thousands of miles of boundaries under our care, locating, marking, and remembering the locations of these corners and lines across hundreds of properties is a formidable task. A great memory and sense of direction goes a long way, but is it impossible to transfer that information in a meaningful way to other staff and retain that memory for the organization over the long-term.

On a recent visit to a conservation restriction, the following brief conversation ensued with the property owner:

"Where's your GPS?" he asked me.

"Well, the one I was using last year was borrowed and I had to return it. Now we are looking to purchase a new one."

"How much will it cost?"

"\$3,000 to \$5,000."

"Please let me know if you need help..."

This simple dialogue led to a generous gift for the purchase of a much needed GPS (Global Positioning System) unit. The technology will permit us to mark each property corner in a digital file (or memory) for the organization's long-term use. We also hope to be able to interact more fully with our GIS (Geographic Information System) to transfer this information and interaction with maps and data both in the field and in the office.

We are still able to locate and utilize the boundary blazes cut into trees by former land donor and Stewardship Committee Chairman LeBaron Briggs, whose surveying work was highly precise, but we have entered an era in which technology must assist us in furthering the effective management of our properties.

Thank you to John Freeman and Elizabeth Keister for your generosity in memory of your father Arthur Freeman. Your gift makes this GPS purchase possible.



LET US HELP YOU  
FIND A HOME  
FOR YOUR TRUSTY  
NOT-TOO-OLD TRUCK

Wildlands Trust is in the market for a reliable truck or 4-wheel drive vehicle for our Stewardship Program. If you—or someone you know—is trying to sell a truck, perhaps donating it to us in exchange for a charitable deduction may be a practical option.

Call Jessica at 781.934.9018.



The experiences in the field of Jessica Schultz, director of stewardship, are the subject of the *Stewardship Journal*.

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Despite these troubling statistics, the Census also reports that almost 800 farms remain in Plymouth County and 600 in Bristol County. And there is ample evidence suggesting that there is an enhanced appreciation of agriculture's place at our table.

Consider the following examples:

- Several years ago the Town of Duxbury contributed almost \$2 million to the O'Neil Farm Project, a successful effort led by the Trust to preserve the last dairy farm in Duxbury and one of the few remaining in Plymouth County.
- Many towns across the region have formed or are in the process of establishing Municipal Agricultural Commissions, a critical step reflecting a community's acknowledgement of the importance of its agricultural base.
- Hingham's Hornstra Dairy, although no longer an active farm, is enjoying great success with its home delivery service of fresh dairy products, some of which are locally produced.

• Interest in fresh, locally-grown food is apparent from the expanding roster of farmers' markets, pick your own, and farm stands in the region. Community Supported Agriculture ventures (CSA's) and farmers markets are proliferating throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, from Plymouth to Taunton.

Cranberry farming is the most representative form of agriculture in much of Southeastern Mass, and Plymouth County in particular.

Find farmer's markets  
in southeastern MA  
at [SEMAPONLINE.org](http://SEMAPONLINE.org)

Although the collapse in prices experienced in the 1990's served to reduce the number of bog acres in production, over 15,000 acres still remain in the region. Despite competition from Wisconsin, Quebec, and even Oregon, growers nonetheless persevere and continue to maintain this vital component of our region's history, economy, and ecology.

The Trust was fortunate to work with one of these growers last year to preserve almost 40 acres of upland and riparian corridor in Carver. Cranberry Grower Clark Griffith donated a conservation restriction on four parcels directly abutting his working cranberry bogs.

According to Mr. Griffith, "The Conservation Restriction provided a mechanism to preserve my family's forest abutting our bogs. Three generations of my family have used and enjoyed this forest, and have consistently sought to manage it in accordance with the best available management practices. As I have no heirs, I wanted to ensure that my family's legacy of thoughtful forest stewardship will be maintained well into the future."

What might the future hold for agriculture in our region? Perhaps surprisingly, there is reason to be optimistic. The burgeoning "buy local" movement and the embrace of farmers markets as described above is reflective of an increasing consumer interest in the origins of our food, and in making a commitment to support local agriculture. In turn,

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If you're already a member of the Wildlands Trust, here's your chance to give a FREE a six-month membership to someone who isn't. The membership will include newsletters, a window decal, and admission to special events.

PLEASE SEND A SIX-MONTH FREE MEMBERSHIP TO:

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MY NAME(S)

Give A  
Free Gift  
Membership



RETURN TO: The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts, P.O. Box 2282, Duxbury, MA 02331

# Thank You For Your Contribution

The Trust relies on private philanthropy to fund the work we do to save land throughout the region. You, our members, *are* the Wildlands Trust. Thank you for your vision and dedication to keeping land preserved for future generations.

## In Memory Of

### PETER BRIGGS

-Peter & Sandra Perkins, *Mattapoissett*  
-Renee & Jahn Pothier, *Mattapoissett*

### PETER F. MCLEOD

-Mark S. Boczanowski, *Norwell*  
-Casual Male Retail Group, Inc., *Canton*  
-Maureen E. Cederlund, *Duxbury*  
-Michele T. Duval, *Brookline*  
-Karen & Peter Ferraro, *Norwell*  
-Ursula Guilford, *Bradenton, FL*  
-Ruth Ann & Perry Newby, *Rio Hondo, TX*  
-Sharon Skelly, *Mansfield*

## In Honor Of

### HARRY BLOOMBERG ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTHDAY

-Judith & Richard Stoehr, *Center Sandwich*

## Special Thanks

We extend special thanks to the following people and businesses that have recently offered their services to support land conservation in the region.

### MAT TONIS

-for working with the Trust on his Bar Mitzvah project

### COUNTRY WAYS PLUMBING AND HEATING, DUXBURY

-for donating plumbing services

### RON LENOUE & RON'S BODYWORKS, PLYMOUTH

-for helping us design and build gates for our properties

### LYNN CORNELIUS, LOIS WOOD, & KRIS GASKINS

-for providing and setting up the refreshments for our Annual Meeting

### HOLLY MORRIS & THE YOUTH GROUP OF CONGREGATION SHIRAT HAYAM, MARSHFIELD

-for their work at the Pudding Hill Preserve

Thanks to all of those who helped with spring clean-ups at our properties, including: Charlotte Russell, Bill Abbott, Mary Hathaway, Edie Tonis, Mat Tonis, Bryce Grey, Owen Grey and Hugh Grey.

## Welcome New Members

We welcome these new members who joined the Trust between February 2008 and June 2008:

Kevin Baker & Laura Wilson, *Swansea*  
Eric P. Cody, *Plymouth*  
Kate Curran, *Plymouth*  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Davol, *Somerset*  
Peter & Lisa Duggan, *Plymouth*  
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Linda Vintro, *Middleborough*  
Missy & Jeremy Yon, *Plympton*  
Jonathan Youngman, *Quincy*

## Thank You, Volunteers!

Thanks for all you do — the Trust wouldn't be where it is without volunteers.

Bill Abbott  
Ruth Anderson  
Joan Bartlett  
Betty Bates  
Charlie Bradford  
Phil Castelland  
Tom Delisle  
Russell Firth  
Chuck Foster

Gray Fox  
Scott Fredrickson  
Kris Gaskins  
Peg Guise  
Betsy Hall  
Lorrie Hall  
Mary Hathaway  
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supporting local agriculture also helps to preserve some of our most scenic and treasured landscapes. Consuming fresh and delicious food, preserving local landscapes, bolstering local economies, fostering social connections within our communities—what's not to like?

As Kingston organic farmer Ron Maribett relates, "As energy costs increase, and imported food products become ever more expensive, we are reminded of the value of local agriculture. We have the potential to grow many of the basic foodstuffs our region needs if we are successful in attracting young people to farming as a profession, and if we maintain and grow our regional

inventory of active agricultural properties. Organizations like The Wildlands Trust can play an integral role in helping to preserve our working agricultural landscape."

The Trust and its colleagues in the land conservation community place great importance on preserving what remains of our region's agricultural heritage, from Plymouth and Carver's expansive cranberry bogs to the rich open fields along the Taunton River and its tributaries. Southeastern Massachusetts' farms and bogs may not feed the world, but they can help feed those of us who call the region home, and in the process enhance our appreciation of the landscape that nurtures and sustains us.



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## WILDLANDS TRUST FALL 2008 MEMBERS' SERIES

Treat yourself to some time outside this fall.  
Educator, naturalist, and local favorite Ellyn Einhorn will be  
leading "Sunday Walks" on Wildlands Trust properties.



**Sunday, September 28**  
**A FAMILY HIKE AT WILLOW BROOK PRESERVE**  
**Pembroke, MA**

Willowbrook Farm Preserve lies at the confluence of the Pudding and Herring Brooks and is among the most diverse and interesting inland natural areas in southeastern Massachusetts. If this is your first visit to Willowbrook, it definitely won't be your last.



**Sunday, October 26**  
**O. W. STEWART PRESERVE**  
**Kingston, MA**

Pine covered hillsides, wind-rippled ponds, and a tumbling brook are among the attractions at the O. W. Stewart Preserve. This is a fairly short hike appropriate for all ages.



**Sunday, November 30**  
**STRIAR CONSERVANCY**  
**Halifax, MA**

The Striar Conservancy along the lower Winnetuxet River includes rich wildlife habitats, meandering trails, and the feeling that you have left the 20th Century behind. Its exceptionally diverse habitat is a paradise for bird-watchers.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

In order to make this a meaningful experience for all, we are limiting the group size.

Please call Kay Foster at **781.934.9018** to reserve your spot.

These programs are free of charge to all Wildlands Trust members.

