



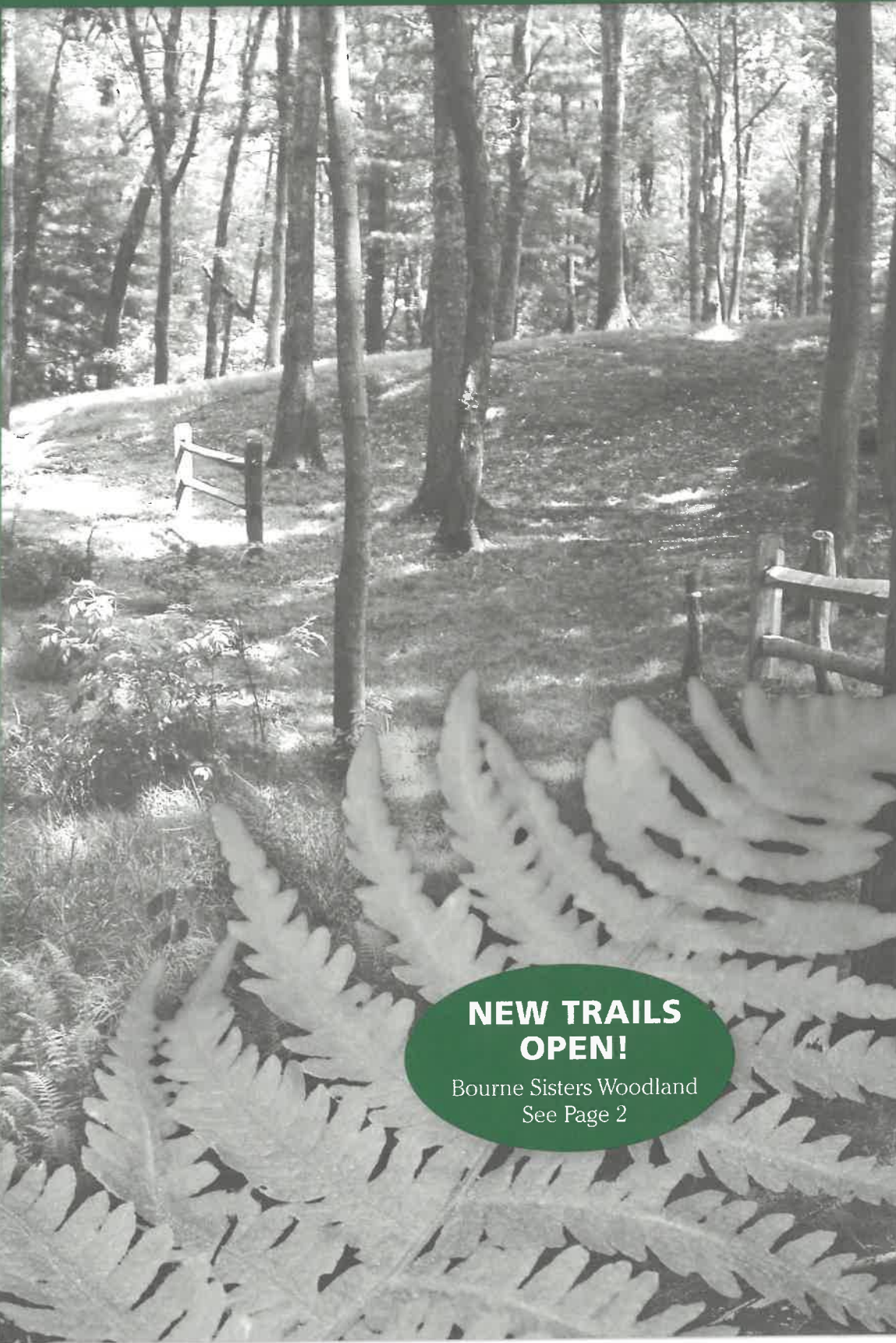
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**NEW TRAILS
OPEN!**

Bourne Sisters Woodland
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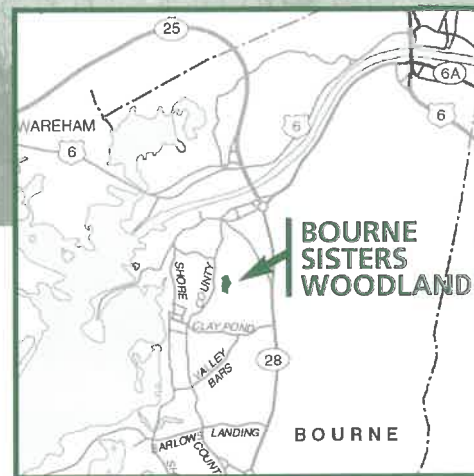
Bourne Sisters Woodland

by Bill Grace
Pocasset

Trails are now open for hiking the 22-acre woodland donated to the Bourne Conservation Trust in 1996 by the Bourne sisters (Beth Bourne, Helen Bourne Odom, and Rachel Bourne Sanborn). A right of way begins at a split-rail enclosure between 223 and 217 County Road, about 8/10- mile north of the inter-

the 3/4-mile loop trail, crossing a wooden footbridge over a mostly dry brook bordered by moss and ferns. The low afternoon sun highlights the green tops of tall scrub oak and pine whose lower limbs are bare.

The trail rises and dips around a natural bowl-shaped depression before rising rather steeply from



about 80 feet, and a second cross trail intersects where the loop trail descends to a bench offering a bright vista across a cranberry bog. The hiker takes a few minutes to rest and to savor the peace and beauty of the day.

The loop trail continues in a rising curve bringing the hiker back to the right-of-way. As the trail descends, the afternoon sun is low enough to backlight the trees and bring out the shadows on the trail that indicate the presence of burrowing animals. Birdsong increases as mates seek each other before nightfall.

Hiking this trail takes a little stamina to deal with the slopes but a leisurely pace makes it possible to space out the effort and allows for those moments of grace that infuse the hiker with a spiritual energy that refreshes body and soul.

about 35 feet to 70 feet. Pine needles and oak leaves provide a soft trail bed and large brown mushrooms sprout randomly in the shade. A cross trail intersects the loop trail where it rises to its highest point,

The new Bourne Sisters trail map leads the way to a scenic view of a bog.

section of Clay Pond and Beach Street. The split rail fencing defines the right side of the trail as it rises into the woods. A September hiker took a counter-clockwise walk on



"Trailmeisters" Dick Boyden and Don Mears

MONEY MATTERS

Cataumet Garden Center

Good News! One of the Cataumet Garden Center houses was sold in August and is undergoing an amazing transformation. The new owner, Ken Vona of Waltham, Massachusetts is refurbishing the building. When completed, he plans to use it for office and garage space for Kenneth Vona Construction, which builds custom homes. If you haven't already done so, drive by and see the improvements.

Grant Update

Our major project for the past year has been to work at paying off the loan that was necessary to purchase the Cataumet Garden Center property. This is to be accomplished by selling the two commercially zoned buildings fronting on Route 28A and by raising \$400,000 to match the gift of an anonymous and generous donor. We are closer to that goal—one building has been sold and we have raised \$215,000 toward the matching grant. Progress has been good but there is still more to do.

Although these are difficult and uncertain financial times for the country, we are still counting on your support. A donation to the BCT can help you too.

First and as always, within IRS guidelines, your donation may be deductible from your 2008 taxable income.

Holiday Gift Idea

Second, we can help with your holiday shopping. Consider making a donation to the BCT as a holiday gift for a friend, relative, coworker, employer, or even your pet. On the enclosed donation envelope simply write, "this donation is a holiday gift

for John and Jane Doe," and be sure to include their address. The BCT will send a card notifying them of your holiday donation as your gift to them (we never include dollar amounts in our acknowledgments). By making a gift donation, not only do you support the BCT but you save on time, gas, and aggravation by eliminating yet another trip to the mall.



The house on the south side of the garden center property on Route 28A, before its sale, and below, being readied for the offices of Kenneth Vona Construction.



Creating Wildlife Habitat in Cataumet

by David Dimmick

Most BCT newsletter readers are familiar with Dimmick's Field on County Road. Thirty years ago a passerby might have seen Harriet Dimmick in her straw hat on the big old farm tractor mowing this field. For the past 20 years horses have enjoyed grazing there. And several years ago, Christmas trees grown behind the field by the Dimmick family were sold as a BCT fundraiser. It is not easily seen from the road, but the Dimmick family has a new project, one that will benefit all of us as well as the environment. Dave Dimmick explains this new endeavor in the following article.

We are completing the first phase of our wildlife habitat expansion and improvement on our old farmstead on County Road in Cataumet. The purpose is to benefit declining species in our state. The meadow or grassland area has been expanded to approximately ten acres and edge or "early succession" areas are being created along the boundary with the woods. Work will continue for many years, but future changes may not be as obvious, as we work to restore the habitat that used to be attractive to bobolink, meadowlark, quail, grouse, whip-poor-will and many other critters, both large and very small.

Project Beginnings

This project began with a growing interest in our wildlife and the stewardship of the land. In 1991,

we protected the land from development, but other than everyone's favorite attraction of horses grazing in the field and mowing in late summer to favor ground nesting birds, we did not have a formal plan to improve the wildlife habitat. A grant in early 2007 started us on a crash course on wildlife needs, both flora and fauna, the challenge of invasive species and the sustained physical effort and time required to produce a lasting improvement.

Our First Grant Award

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) awarded us a grant under their Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). This was a first time effort in the grant process, and it was quite competitive—large land trusts, conservation organizations, fish &

game clubs, etc.—so we were surprised when our small project was one of about two dozen chosen across the state. I am certain that a large factor in our selection was the permanent Conservation Restriction, held by the Bourne Conservation Trust on most of the field. The fact that our woodlot is a registered Tree Farm and under the Mass Chapter 61 Forest Management program for sustainable forestry probably also helped the approval. We also encourage public use of our walking trail through the woods and field.

Work Begins

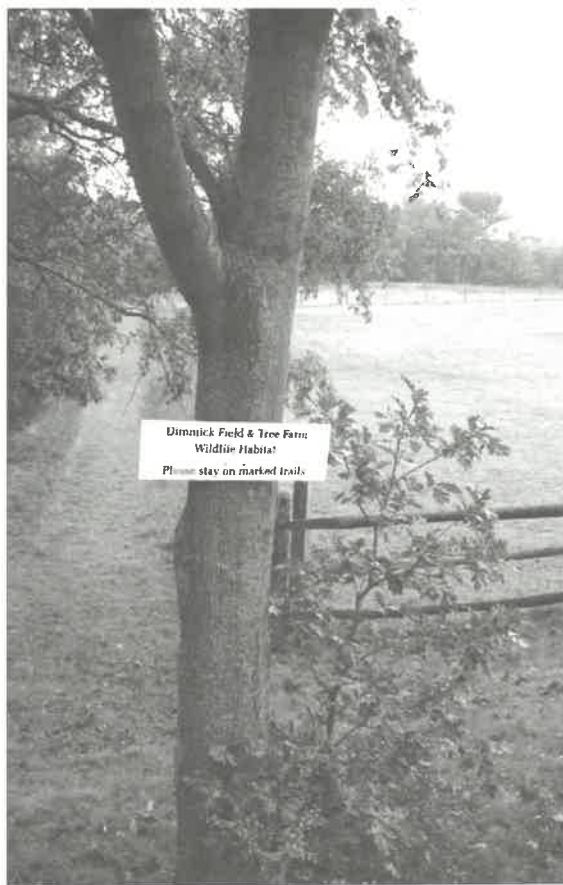
In August 2007, after our wildlife biologist from Massachusetts Audubon Society consulting services met with us and the land clearing company (Hamilton Tree) to nail down the details, the heavy equip-

ment transformed two acres of dense woods of red cedar, multi-stem white pine, black locust, declining pitch pine, Norway maple into bare ground in one week. This area had evolved from pasture that was abandoned about eighty years ago. (I learned to drive a car by navigating around the cedars and other emerging growth in the area fifty plus years ago.)

This was a matching grant, so several hundred hours of volunteer effort were required. Volunteers were mostly family members, plus a big



boost by Brian Handy in chipping the large piles of brush that were generated over the winter from the early succession areas. We knew the invasive vegetation would require work, but we underestimated how much. The roots of the oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, cypress spurge, garlic mustard, and locust had invaded the wooded area before it was cleared, and were quietly waiting for the sunlight. I shouldn't mention the lush poison ivy, because it is native vegetation. We hand pulled many of the unwanted roots and plants over the winter, but they returned with a vengeance this summer. With cutting, pulling and careful herbicide application on the unwanted vegetation, the desirable summer grasses are beginning to take hold.



Trail leading into Dimmick Wildlife Habitat.

Early Results

Patient observation is revealing that the new areas are becoming more popular with wildlife of all varieties—even some of the threatened species. This project could not have been considered without the LIP grant, and we are very grateful. The staff from MassWildlife and our MassAudubon biologist have made follow-up visits offering helpful suggestions and have been very supportive.

Work will continue and new volunteers are always welcome to help out. Visitors are also welcome, and we could use some experienced birders to help us identify some of the new “little brown jobbers” in the meadow and woods.

NEWS & NOTES

We Make Mistakes

In fact, in the last newsletter, the following paragraph was dropped off the bottom of the page, and a couple of donations were incorrectly listed—proof that we do make mistakes. These are corrected in this newsletter. The missing text is:

We proof and reproof and then we double-check our reports, but try as we might, we still, upon occasion, make mistakes. Please if you find an error, let us know. We like to correct our errors, as it is the only way to reach our goal of perfection.

Feed the Birds

Here is a fun project to do with your children or grandchildren and the birds will be appreciative.

Melt suet (5 lbs. or so) by putting it in a roasting pan in the oven at

300 degrees for several hours. Strain and then mix in about half as much bird seed and sunflower seed and then pour into quart (or any size) cardboard milk or creamer containers. Put in the refrigerator to harden. When you are ready to use it, peel off the carton and place it in a sturdy dish (extra melted suet can be added to the dish and allowed to harden to make it stable). If you like, add a cherry on top and chunky peanut butter on the sides to make it look like a candle. Greens around the bottom will make it look festive. Place it outside a window on a ledge or birdfeeder and see how long it takes the birds to find it and feast!

Tempus Fugit

If you can't recall when you last made a donation to the BCT, check

the mailing label on this newsletter. The number in the upper right corner represents the date of your last donation—first the year, then the month, then the day. For example, “071215” means December 15, 2007. No number? We hope you will send us a donation soon!

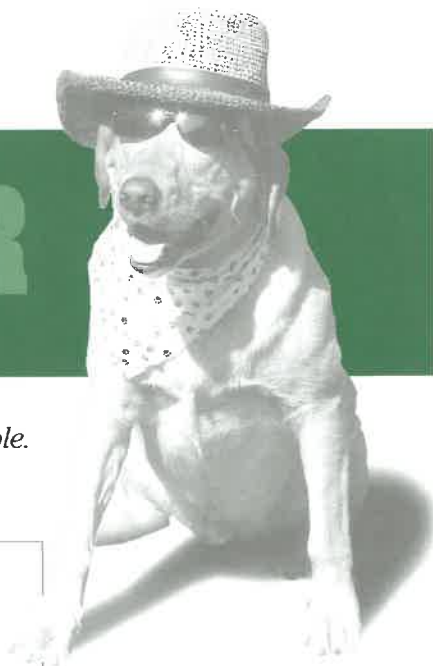
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CANINE CORNER

Wagler's Woofs of Wisdom.



Canine Corner is for all the dogs who enjoy the BCT properties and for their people.

Dear Wagler,

I am a Jack Russell Terrier and I walk (bounce) out to Lawrence Island almost every day. The word on the street is that leashes may soon be required. Is this true?

Signed: Worried



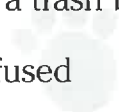
Dear Worried,

So far, it is a rumor, but with as many as 75 dogs walking their people to Lawrence Island on any given day, it is important that we all be on our best behavior. I strongly recommend that we put our people into a heel when walking along the access to the island. If they are hard to control, a leash is suggested. It is a good training opportunity and it will prevent them from darting into people's yards. If we all respect the private lawns along the way, we'll be able to do the wild rumpus when we reach the island.

Dear Wagler,

I am a Lab and my people always scoop my poop when we go out for a walk. Sometimes when we go to Lawrence Island I find bags filled with scooped poop just sitting along the beach. Is this the right thing to do with the bag? I thought it was to go in a trash barrel.

Signed: Confused



Dear Confused,

You are not confused; the bags do belong in the trash. I expect people have left the bag, thinking that they will retrieve it on their way home and then they forget. Humans are not very good retrievers and as we all know, their memories are often short. It is important that poop get scooped and deposited in a proper container. It may be necessary for our people to take the bags home to their trash. I suggest we help by sitting and staying by any bags we see until the humans remove it.

Dear Wagler,

I am a Golden Retriever and sometimes I find tennis balls in the woods or along the trails. I want to take them home but my people say they must belong to some other dog. What is the right thing to do?

Signed: Mystified



Dear Mystified,

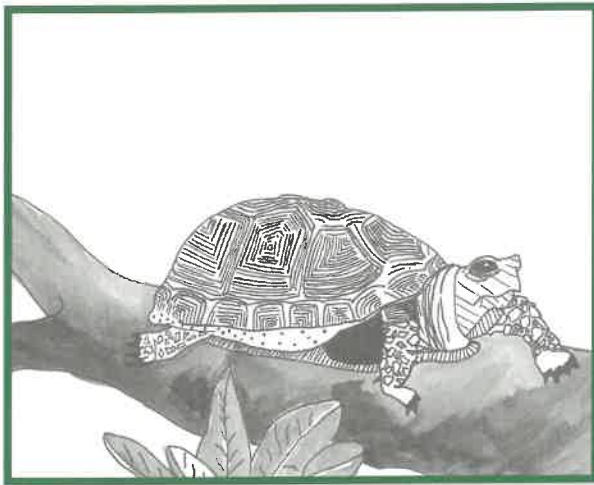
Take it home—finders keepers. Have a ball!

Please send your questions to:
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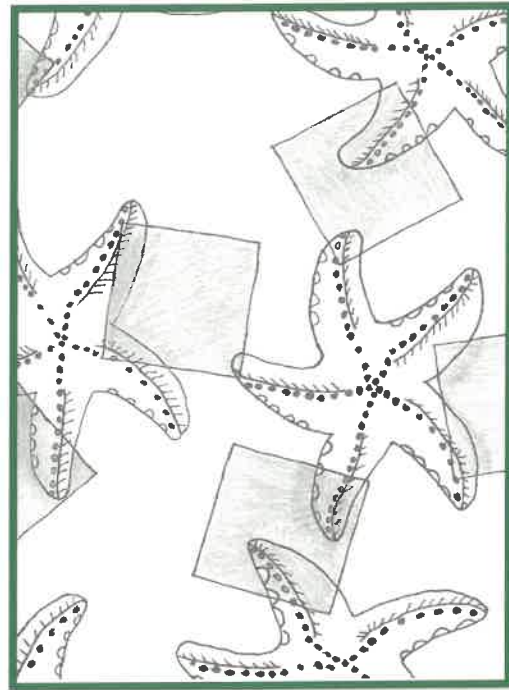
Kahlin's Korner

is dedicated to the memory of Kahlin Jespersen, a child full of sunshine and a love of nature, and also to all children for whom we preserve a part of the natural world.

Our thanks to students of Bourne Middle School for these wonderful drawings.



Joey Farron



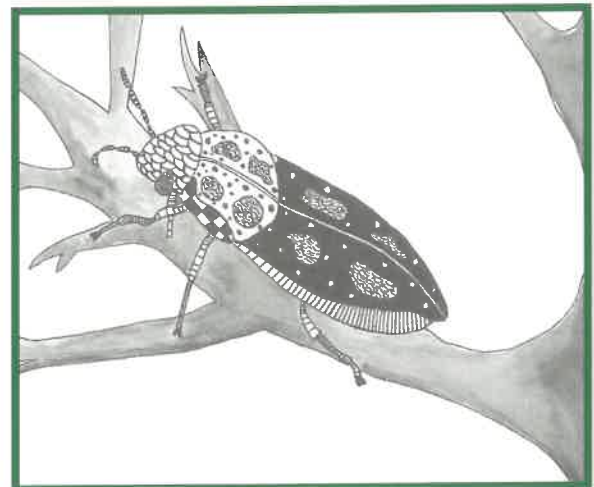
Shannon Jones



Brandon Butler



Ashley Pratt



Miranda Kalbach

Kahlin's Korner is a regular feature of the Newsletter, featuring children's articles or drawings. Included will be activities that are fun and will also help children to understand their natural environment. We hope you will submit ideas for future issues. (BCT, Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534)

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whose poems reflected his enjoyment of the natural beauty of the conservation lands in Pocasset and Cataumet.

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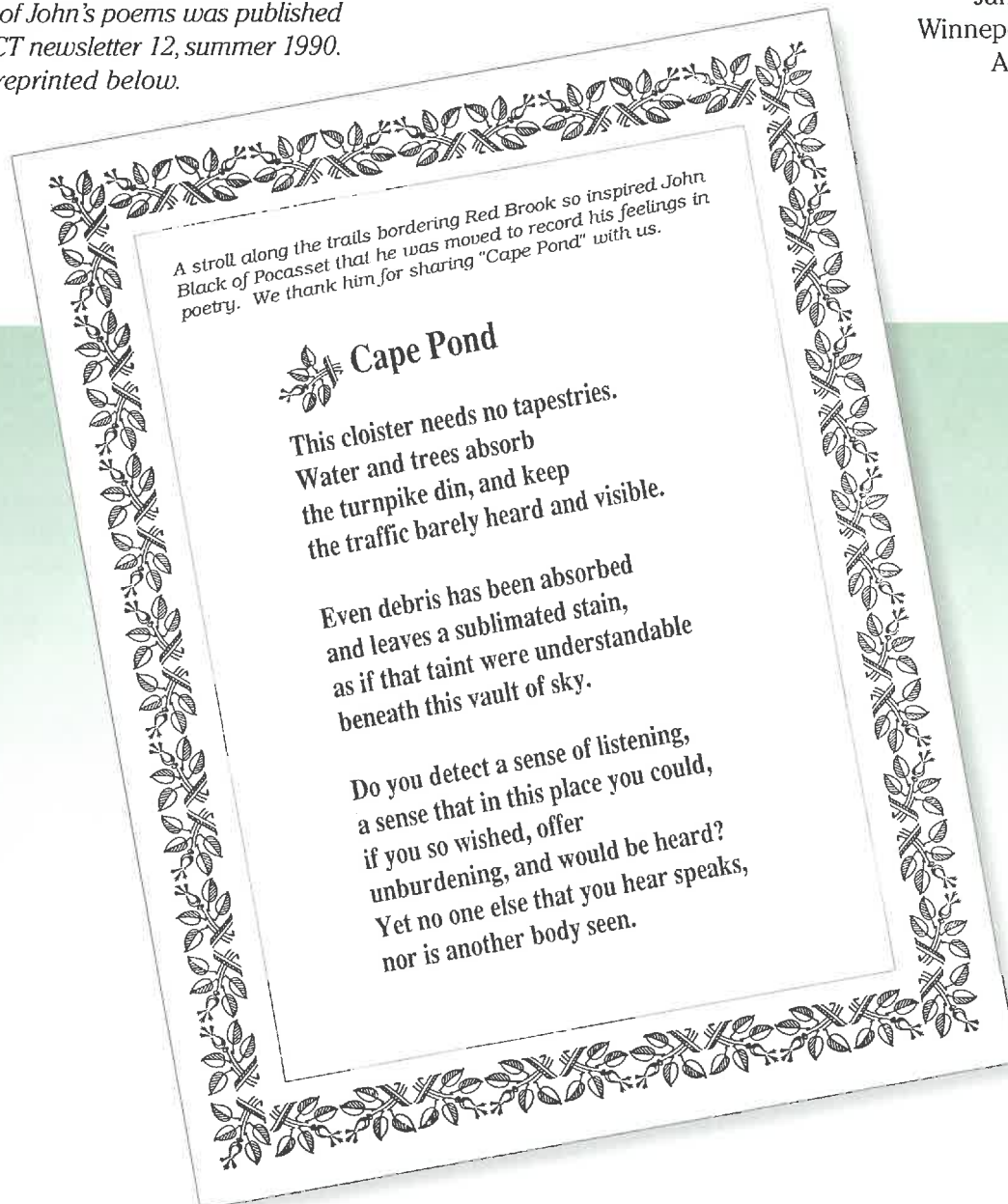
Given in memory of

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who loved her life on the Cape, spending time with her family and friends, golfing, sailing, and enjoying the beaches. Ginny enriched the community through her many acts of kindness and volunteer work.

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Barbara Sabulis

In celebration of their
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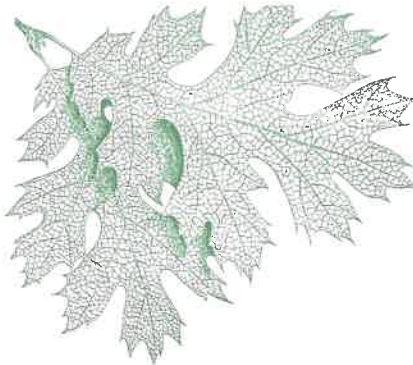
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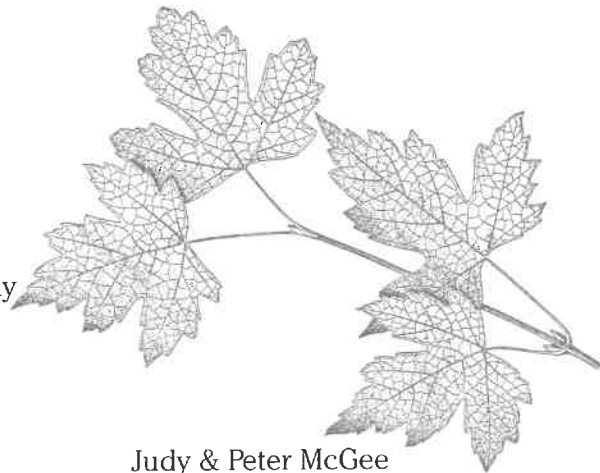
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SECURITIES Gifts of appreciated securities may save on capital gains taxes.



WILL Naming the BCT in your will creates a gift and can reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.

BARGAIN SALE By special arrangement, you may sell your property to the BCT for less than its

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