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Look Out—Here Comes Spring!

*By Bill Danielson
Pocasset*

It's been a rugged winter in Bourne, often sloppy and frequently frigid. In January and February, surges of arctic air developed a nasty habit of driving southeastward along Routes 495 and 6 and then settling into town for extended visits. But now the sun is rising earlier and higher each day, and winter's days are numbered.

That's the good news. The bad news is that spring comes next. Yes, spring—the seasons' naughty child. The season that's late when called, and once here delights in teasing and disappointing. What is it about spring, anyway?

Early spring's misbehavior is a reaction to the trauma accompanying its birth. On March 21 there's ice, snow and frozen ground all over the place, and it all needs to be thawed before milder air masses can really take hold. The first weeks of spring, then, are devoted to a form of house cleaning, as winter's frozen legacy is swept away. In the frenzy of clean-up, our weather often turns into a pitched battle between the cold of weeks past and the warmth of weeks to come. And that's part of spring's problem; after all, no one likes spring cleaning.

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Look Out—Here Comes Spring

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But Cape Cod has to deal with a further condition, one that doesn't afflict inland locales. During the course of each winter, the Cape's surrounding waters get colder and colder, and it takes incredible quantities of energy—stimulus-packages



The view toward the southwest from Wings Neck on two successive cloud-free spring days. In the bottom photo, land normally invisible beyond the horizon appears as a bizarre mirage.

worth of energy—to warm the ocean back up again come spring. Until the ocean recovers from its hypothermia, spring along the coast remains particularly moody and unpredictable. The various villages of Bourne, lying downwind of Buzzards Bay, all suffer in a major way from springtime ocean hypothermia. The symptoms themselves even have a name: “Seasonal Temperature Lag.”

The main symptom of Seasonal Temperature Lag, as you'd guess, is that spring temperatures in places like Bourne remain colder than in spots farther from the ocean. Here's an example. April 20, 2005 was a shirt-sleeves day throughout almost all of southern New England.

Boston, Worcester, Hartford and Providence all basked under sunny skies, southwest winds, and temperatures in the mid-80s. Imagine! Meanwhile, on the Pocasset shoreline, the temperature began its day at 47. As the southwest wind picked up in mid-morning, a soup of low

cloud and fog strangled the scenery and snuffed out the sun. By afternoon the temperature had struggled up to 57; then it gave up and slouched back into the 40s for the rest of the day. On that afternoon, then, temperatures in coastal Bourne lagged those inland by as much as thirty degrees, thanks to the

chilling effect of Buzzards Bay.

Even on sunny spring days, when winds off Buzzards Bay aren't nipping at us, symptoms of Seasonal Temperature Lag abound. Hikers on BCT properties such as Lawrence Island find lingering snowbanks lurking in shady spots; and dressing for winter is often the only way to tolerate the “nice spring day” out-of-doors. So forget the sleeveless shirts and sandals for the time being.

Hallucinations are yet another symptom of spring's infirmity. In the sky, images sometimes sprout, morph and disappear before our very eyes. More commonly known as mirages, these apparitions



A late March stroll on Lawrence Island.

appear when clear, warm air settles quietly over Buzzards Bay's colder waters. Light waves passing through the warm air and then through colder air in contact with the water are bent, or refracted, in such a way that objects normally hidden over the horizon come into view. Air turbulence distorts the images, however, so we end up seeing the distant lands not as they are, but transformed into weird “castles in the sky.” This type of mirage is also known as the “fata Morgana”, for the mythical fairy Morgan who is said to occupy such airborne castles.

But as spring matures from adolescence to adulthood, things do settle down. Spring's tantrums end, mood swings diminish, personality brightens. Buzzards Bay waters warm, leaves leaf, grass greens, sailors sail, Mayflowers flower. And once again, we find ourselves declaring, with complete conviction and total amnesia, “Spring! Spring is my favorite season.”



Bourne Mayflowers.

On the Road Again

On January 4, 2009 one hundred sixty-four runners gathered at the Weary Travelers Club in Monument Beach for the 29th running of the Cape Cod Roadrunners Winter Fun Run. It was indeed a winter race with temperatures in the 20s and icy and snowy road conditions. The first male to complete the 4.9 mile course was Joe Navas with a time of 24:55:00 and the first female was our own, Melissa Henry with a time of 31:41:00. The runners were rewarded with warmth, delicious seafood chowder and fritters and the BCT received a donation of \$1429 from the Cape Cod Roadrunners—winners all around.

The 30th Winter Fun Run will be held on January 10, 2010. For more information and to download an entry form, visit www.capecodroadrunners.com.

Available on Request

If you would like additional copies of this newsletter to share with friends or family, please contact us. Trail Guides are also available upon request. (508-563-2884 or info@bourneconservationtrust.org)

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Correction

In issue number 43 of the Bourne Conservation Trust Newsletter, we reported on a very special area, Bourne Sisters Woodlands. When we listed the donors of this land,

we unintentionally omitted one of the sisters, Dorothy Bourne Booth. We apologize and happily again acknowledge this gift from the Bourne sisters: Beth Bourne, Helen Bourne Odom, Rachel Bourne Sanborn, and Dorothy Bourne Booth.

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About a Book...

Last Child in the Woods, Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder
 Richard Louv

316+pp., updated and expanded 2008,
 Algonquin Paperbacks

Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods*, a national bestseller, which garnered rave reviews internationally and has been translated into more than a dozen languages, is now available in a new edition (the recipient of the 2008 Audubon Medal). For anyone interested in nature, conservation, children and the future, it is a must read.

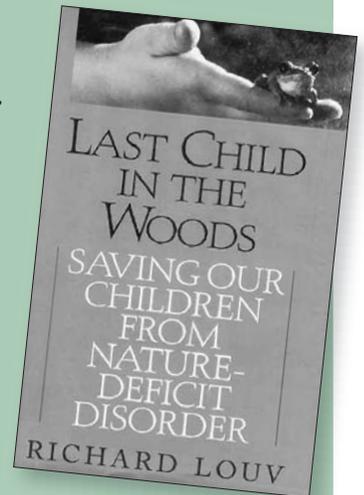
Wide ranging scholarship and data gathering, presented in Mr. Louv's warm, approachable style, provide the reader with many rewards. Not only is *Last Child in the Woods* a fascinating and educational book (this writer took copious notes and marked many passages), but it also serves as a valuable reference source. Amid the up-to-the-minute facts, historical references, and anecdotes, are woven quotes by Bernard Berenson (on creativity), D.H. Lawrence (on the experience of Nature in Taos), as well as thoughtful words from Rachel Carson, Wendell Berry, E.O. Wilson and many others from various disciplines.

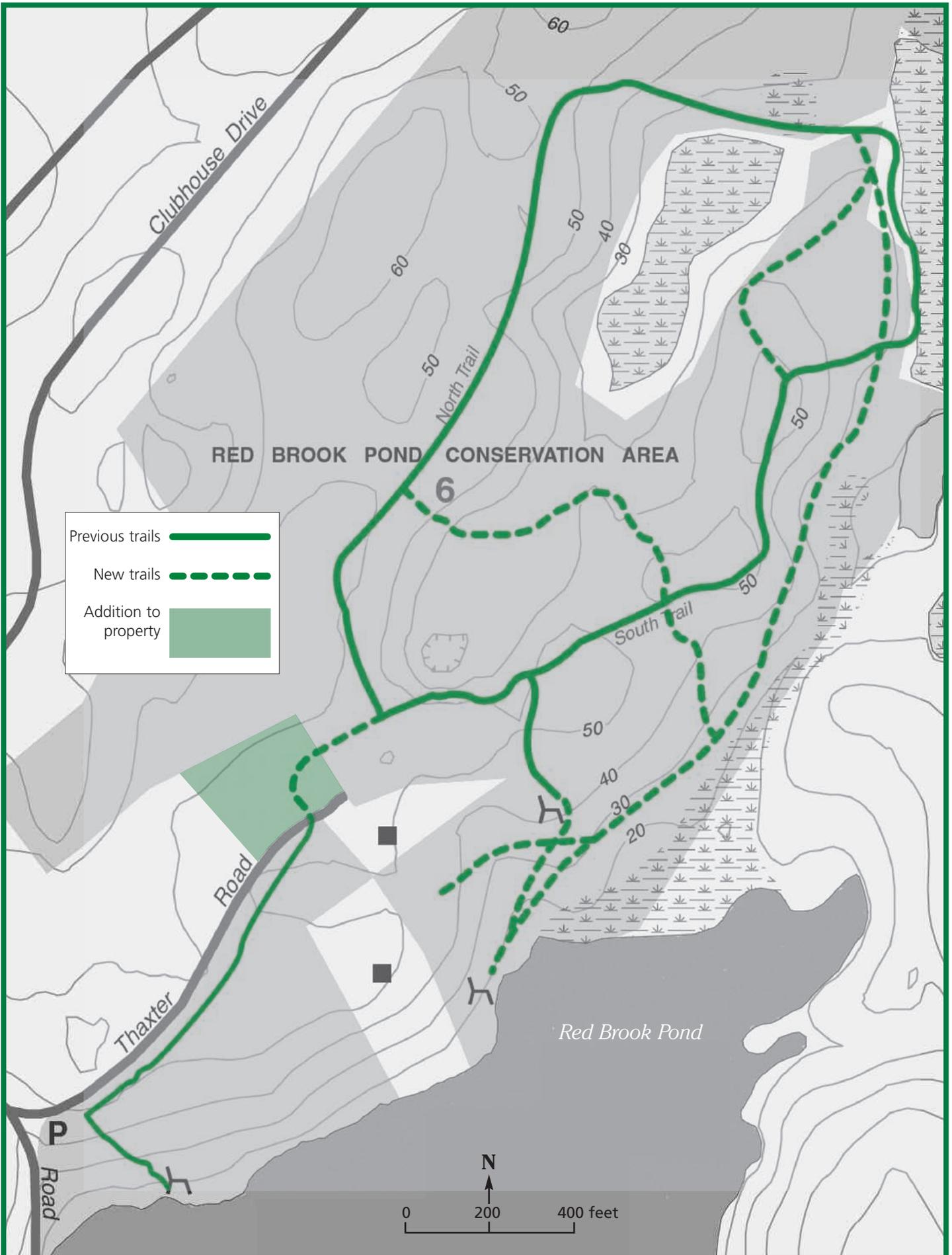
In this vein Louv introduces us to the work of conservation activists from Theodore Roosevelt to the impressive leaders in current research, initiatives, and legislation. From back yards to state parks, from farms to "green urbanism," Richard Louv takes us there and it's quite a ride!

Along with excellent Notes, Index, and Suggested Reading sections, the new edition also includes forty extra pages including Notes on the Movement and How to Get Involved, 100 Actions We Can Take, and Discussion Points. Not surprisingly readers of the first edition, no doubt inspired, affirmed and energized by Richard Louv, urged him to add ideas that families, teachers, healthcare providers, businesses, and lawyers can act on, and also thoughts on goals for government.

If you are reading the BCT newsletter, you are part of the solution—congratulations and thank you! For a healthier, greener tomorrow try Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods*, "...thought-provoking, well written...It rivals Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*." —*The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Victoria Mulligan, January 2009





NEWS & NOTES

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New Trails

With the purchase of the lot on Thaxter Road, we've added to our 40 acres of rolling woodland in the Red Brook Pond Conservation Area. Trailmeisters Don Mears and Dick Boyden have blazed new paths, and there is a new access off Thaxter Road that bypasses the houses at the end. A lovely new trail overlooks the pond and its wetlands. Parking is at the beginning of Thaxter Road (off Shore Road), and the trails are within easy walking distance of Parker's Boatyard and Kingman Marine. The revised Red Brook Pond Conservation Area trail guide is at left. The new trails are shown with dotted lines.

Offer Extended

Congress has renewed the legislation that allows donors of permanent conservation restrictions on their qualifying land to enjoy significant tax benefits. This offer expires at the end of 2009. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Ballentine (508-563-2884) or Mark Robinson of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts (compact@cape.com).

A Round of Applause

Susan Quirk, for the past eight years and still counting, has quietly taken our articles and lists of donors, our photographs and drawings, our "in memory of" and celebrations and formatted it all into an easy to read, aesthetically pleasing newsletter. It is a task that takes countless hours with a tight deadline and we are immensely grateful. Thank you, Sue!



Mailbox Musings

You're right: mailboxes never muse, although they may amuse or even bemuse. We have however, had some mail-borne thoughts expressed to us accompanying contributions. Here are some samples...

From Bourne: Please accept this donation in recognition of all the good work that the Bourne Conservation Trust performs for the citizens of Bourne.

From Newton: Thank you for your values and good work in our community. The growing number of trails and "saved" land is greatly appreciated.

From Milton: Please spell (our name) right this year. *(Thanks for pointing it out, hopefully we have it right now.)*

From Connecticut: As always—thanks for the great work you do keeping Cataumet as natural as possible.

From Washington DC: I concentrate all my conservation donations on BCT. *(Yea!)*

From Hingham: Appreciate your efforts on 28A—old nursery/farm stand.

From Cataumet: Keep up your fantastic preservation efforts! *(With everyone's help, we will.)*

From Cataumet: To the hardest working and most effective organization I know of.

From Monument Beach: Enclosed is a gift in Memory of Richard M. Prince to the Conservation Trust to be used in whatever purpose you see fit. He was always impressed by the quickness of your association in acquiring key properties in the town as they became available. Then, the manner in which you improved those lands by trails and upkeep topped it off!!

From Pocasset: Please send me some more of these envelopes. *(We will, happily. This is one of our favorite requests.)*

From Cataumet: What a great organization we have! *(Yes, we do.)*

From Pocasset: Not able to go back to Naples, FL so I'm glad to receive your newsletter in Pocasset. I enjoy it. *(We're glad you do.)*

From Pocasset: Keep up the good work!

From Hingham: We thank you for all you do. *(We thank you for your support—both verbal and financial.)*

From Cataumet: Thank you. *(You're welcome!)*

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 get to walk your trails about every day. I even get to pick the trails and lead my walker wherever I want to go (she never knows where we'll end up). I vary the walks; some are along the Squeteague Harbor shore (I usually walk those about belly deep in the water). Or we go wander the trails, starting off from Red Brook Harbor Rd. or the P.O., stopping along the way to sniff the smells; follow rabbit tracks; watch the squirrels; play with other dogs; give a nod to Sally's horses; take a rest alongside a bench; or get a belly scratch near Hal and Grace's field. We also head down the tracks and follow trails that come out near the Animal Rescue League (lots of good smells down there). I think I've met every person who carries dog treats; one day I even found a bone left for me on a favorite bench by my pal Corey. Had my name right on it. It's so pretty and peaceful in the woods; some days all I hear are the birds singing. I know I'm a very lucky dawg to have access to the BCT trails...and to all the people who create and maintain them; I say Woof, Woof, and Woof!

Signed,
Miss Daisy



Dear Mr. Dawg—

I am a very friendly dog, sometimes my humans say *too* friendly, and love to get pats and pets. But sometimes humans come right up and stick their hands in my face or move too close, too fast and it scares me a little. Is there is a right way and a wrong way for humans to approach a strange dog?

Barkingly yours,
R. C. Aye



Dear R. C. Aye,

The polite way for a human to greet a dog is to approach at an angle (not directly head-on), avoid direct eye contact (we canines consider eye contact to be rude and threatening), crouch down to our level, and wait for us to approach. Also, people should always ask permission before approaching us...it is just good dog sense.

Good Luck,
Mr. Dawg

Dear Miss Daisy,

Thank you for your nice letter. It sounds like you are a responsible dog and have your person under control. I was particularly interested to learn about the treats. I will start sniffing around for them; my people always have me on a diet. I am so glad you enjoy the BCT trails and I will pass your compliments on to the stellar trail crew. Hope you are able to get out in spite of all this ice.

All my best,
Wagler

To all my canine friends:

I would like to thank all you responsible canines who have put so much time and training into keeping your people in line. I know it isn't always easy but your efforts pay off.

Also thank you for your nice notes. I now have my own

email address: waglercdawg@gmail.com,

or you can write: Wagler

c/o BCT

Box 203

Cataumet, MA 02534

Dear W.

I religiously walk the BCT trails everyday —got to keep my human in shape. However I have a request, could you please make the squirrels slow down, I want to catch one so badly, it's the terrier thing in me. But in lieu of squirrel catching I do go for those round yellow furry things, keeps my sniffing and finding skills fine-tuned.

J.K. Russell (pen name)



Dear Wags,

Why do I like to roll in dead seagulls?

Signed,
Stinky



Dear Stinky,

Basically it is an instinct thing. Our ancestors rolled in dead seagulls and other delightful things to cover up their normal scent so their prey wouldn't know that they were around. Dogonally I like to roll in dead things because it is fun to watch my person's reaction. I don't understand how they can call us stinky when they use that stuff called cologne/perfume. Yuck! Our body scent camouflage is economical (actually it is free) and environmentally friendly (recycled, you could say), and it has been tested extensively—on live animals.

Happy Rolling,
Wags

Dear J. K.

It is impossible to get the squirrels to slow down; however, my associate (Ms. Sula) is a skilled squirrel catcher. I forwarded your letter to her and listed at right are some of her suggestions. She has talked of holding a squirrel catching seminar, but to date has not set a date. "Dog"onally, I am a big fan of those "round yellow furry things" especially when catapulted from a Chuck-it.

Cheers,
Wagler

Kudos to Wagler C. Dawg

It is always a pleasure to read the BCT Newsletter but the Fall issue was of particular interest. I want to applaud the editor for including the Canine Corner. As an abutter, these issues are very important and certainly need to be addressed, but the question is always 'how and when'? In these times of political correctness, common sense and respectful behavior are often overlooked. However, Wagler's comments are timely, sensitive, logical, to the point, inoffensive, and humorous: in short, well written.

Thank you for all you do. I look forward to the next issue of the newsletter.

Sincerely,
An Abutter



are hard to train, but we will keep trying. I am glad that you enjoyed "Canine Corner" and on behalf of the Trustees, thank you for your contribution.

Woof, woof,
Wagler



Sula's Suggestions for Squirrel Stalking:

Camouflage: Grow a large fluffy tail. The squirrels will think you are a large relative (they aren't too smart).

Prepare: Have your people feed the birds (and thus squirrels) on the ground with ample food, replenished daily. Word will spread in the squirrel world as to the location of this bountiful feast.

Distract: On squirrel stalking day, place nuts on the feeding grounds to entice and distract them.

Pick your prey: Wait for the squirrels to eat so much that their rapid response is impaired.

Alternative plan: Stretch out in the warm sun and dream about catching squirrels. It is a lot easier and almost as much fun.

Dear Abutter,

Thank you for your nice note. Some of my fellow canines are stubborn and their people are hard to train, but we will keep trying. I am glad that you enjoyed "Canine Corner" and on behalf of the Trustees, thank you for your contribution.

Woof, woof,
Wagler

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Given in memory of
ANNE F. MEADE

who truly loved the natural beauty of the Buzzards Bay Shore and its environs. From her home in Megansett she looked across the harbor to Scraggy Neck and beyond. She was active in the preservation of natural beauty in Falmouth and was an admirer and supporter of the work of the Bourne Conservation Trust.

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Edna Eckstrom's 90th birthday
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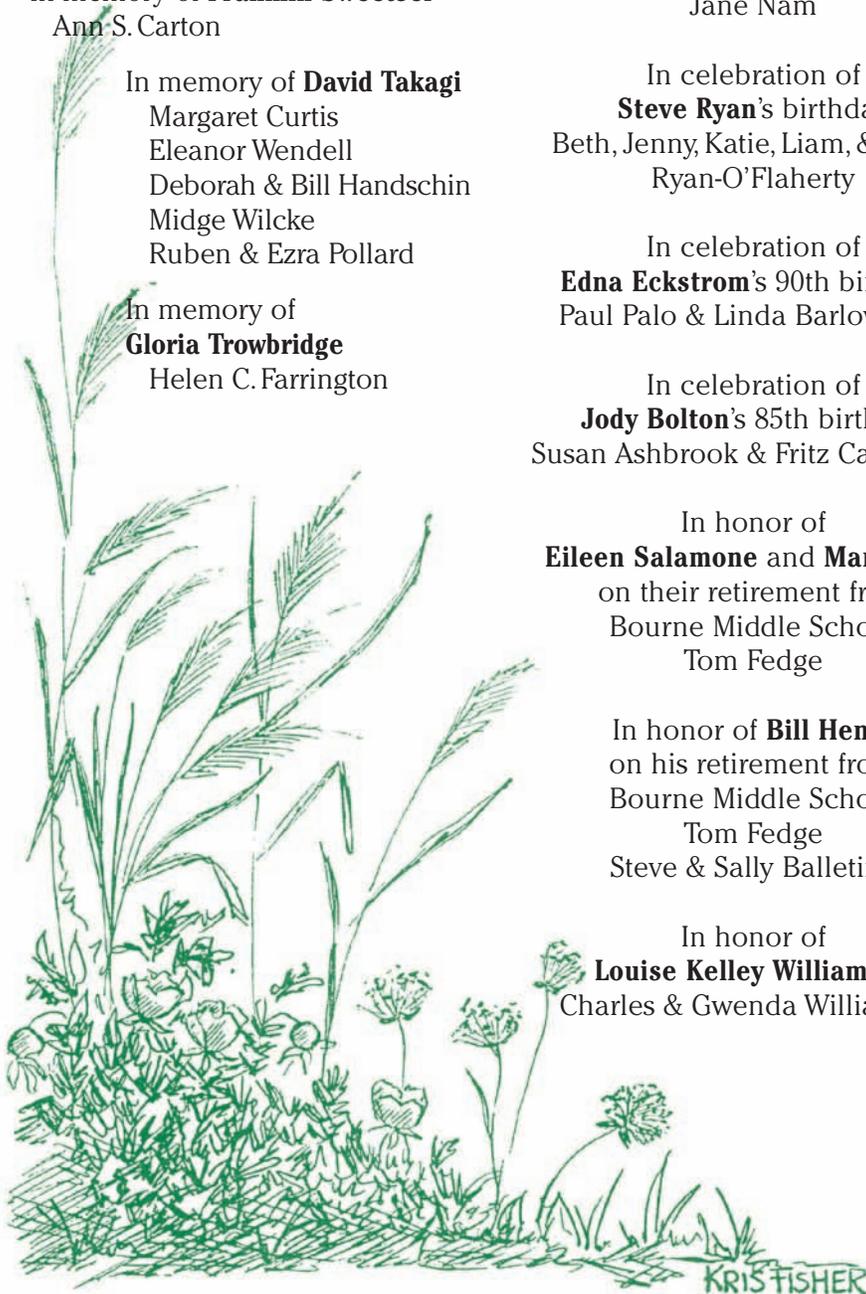
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Maureen & Richard Jason



In celebration of the
Big House at Long Point
...so many memories, so much fun
and yes, sadness to say goodbye.
Alice DeNormandie
& Surendra Shah

In appreciation of **Kirk DiRubio**
for his time and effort to build us
a beautiful new home.
"Ben" and "Peter"



In appreciation of
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 for faithfully bringing us food
 and water twice a day.
 "Ben" and "Peter"

2008 Christmas Greetings

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In memory of both "Georges"
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Money Matters

Alas, money does matter. In the good news department, with the support of our many faithful and generous donors, we were able to purchase an acre off Thaxter Road for improved access to the Red Brook Pond Conservation Area. In the bad news department, we still have a significant note outstanding for the purchase of the Cataumet Garden Center. The sale of the remaining commercial property and building will help repay that note. We also need to replenish our reserve fund, which was used to close on the Garden Center property. It is necessary to have money available for deposits on purchases of land and for the maintenance of all the BCT properties.

Of course large donations do a lot to advance BCT goals, but numerous small donations are important too. They add up and show a broad base of support. We appreciate *all*—big or small—your donations!



A WAY OF GIVING

An easy, painless way to give to the BCT is to set up an automatic, monthly, affordable payment. Set it up once with online banking and then forget about it. We will remember you each month when the check arrives. An affordable monthly donation adds up to a significant annual donation.

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