

BOURNE CONSERVATION TRUST



More Green (and other colors) for the Greenway



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MORE GREEN ALONG THE GREENWAY

You can't miss it: The newest acquisition of land by the Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT). It's near one of the approach routes to our Village, at the corner of Scraggy Neck Road Ext. and County Road. The lot is one acre in size with lots of frontage on these two roads, and it was a buildable lot. Not any more. This parcel will be preserved as open space, enhancing this well-used entrance to our Village and an important route to and from a favorite Cataumet destination: Somerset Creamery.

This new lot, the Shultz Family lot, compliments Cobb Corner, a BCT property across the street, on



Cobb Corner, across County Road.

the corner of County and Scraggy Neck Roads. Cobb Corner, with the small stream and quiet place to sit, was a gift to the BCT from Sue Cobb, a long-time former resident, known for her colorful summer garden of gladiolas.

Think of the new lot. It has been cleared of underbrush and vines and will now be maintained with meadow grasses and wildflowers. There will be no house built on this land, no driveway, no two-car garage. Birds will be able to nest there. Foxes can pass through it as they travel around town. Squirrels, rabbits and turkeys,



The Schultz lot was seeded in early October, with a northeast wildflower mix and meadow grasses.

maybe a mole or mouse, will be able to romp and play, perhaps hide from a fox. There may not be a walking trail or a grand vista, and it may not be big, but this land now belongs to all of us and will remain a natural and pastoral habitat.

We must remember that the BCT was founded with private donations, and continues to be supported privately, through financial donations and the dedication of the staff of volunteers

who help maintain the beauty, serenity and convenient access to all BCT properties.

Some BCT properties have been gifts. Others have been purchased through generous donations from people who value and appreciate the extraordinary depth and variety of BCT properties and the protection they have given us all from unwanted development.

In this case, after a long pursuit, the BCT was able to purchase this special corner lot. The price was

You Can Help!

An envelope is enclosed. Please give what you can to help us secure this important purchase. Any gift, big or small, will help!

Follow Our Progress

Log on to our website, www.bourneconservationtrust.org, to follow the progress of our fundraising for this newest addition to the Cataumet Greenway!

This graph from our website shows how close we are to our goal as of October 26, 2016.





Lanceleaf Coreopsis



Black-eyed Susan



Indian Blanket



Spurred Snapdragon



Our hope is that, within three to four years' time, the Schultz lot will be a healthy naturalized meadow. It was seeded this fall with a northeast wildflower mix, which includes the flowers shown here.



Sweet William



Scarlett Flax



Corn Poppy



Siberian Wallflower



Catchfly



Purple Coneflower



Perennial Lupine



Blue Cornflower

\$170,000. The purchase was completed with a \$10,000 down payment and a \$160,000 loan, a loan that is due to be paid off by the end of this year (2016). Additional costs for clearing and maintaining the lot, closing costs and loan interest are expected to be \$15,000. Bottom line: The BCT needs your help.

There is good news. An anonymous donor has kicked off our fundraising with a generous gift of \$85,000. Our challenge is to match that amount and add \$15,000; in other words, the BCT needs to raise \$100,000 by December 31 to repay the loan and cover costs of this purchase.

NEW DESIGN

We received so much positive response from the Donor booklet we published earlier this year that we decided to update the newsletter format to complement it, and number 50 seemed like the appropriate place to start. With this issue, you will see a cleaner, more contemporary design approach, one which we hope you'll enjoy.

In early 2017, the BCT will send out a complete list of all donors, including those who made memorial and celebration donations, during 2016. We adopted this new approach last year and think it worked well. As always, we send big thanks to all of you who donated your time and/or money to the BCT.



Cape Cod Road Runners "Winter Fun Run"

The 37th running of the Winter Fun Run, sponsored by Cape Cod Road Runners and open to all, will be held on January 8, 2017. This race is a great way to get in shape for the new year, while supporting the BCT. There are awards for several age groups, from juniors under age 20 to seniors age 70 and older. For the race held last January, 169 people completed the course, including ten age 70

and older; the winner was Mike Norton with a time of 29:00. The reward for participating: clam fritters, seafood chowder, water, plus a pair of cotton running gloves. There is a cash bar all afternoon following the race. The race starts and ends at the Weary Travelers Club, 77 Valley Bars Rd., Monument Beach.

The course is 4.9 miles, on paved and somewhat hilly roads. Start

time is 10:30 am...rain, snow or shine. The fee is \$16 for pre-registration; \$20 if you register on race day, by 10:00 am. All proceeds from the run are donated to the BCT to help in its efforts to purchase land for conservation and recreation. The BCT sends a big thanks to the Weary Travelers Club and Cape Cod Road Runners for their ongoing support.

Note: For a complete list of 2016 runners and times, go to www.capecodroadrunners.com.



Easter Egg Hunt at Spring Hill Farm

This year the snow melted in time for the hunt. It was still a bit cold, but that did not stop children of all ages from coming to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the



Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc. (CCA). The Easter Bunny stopped by to greet the kids. Then the hunt was on for candy and three special golden eggs scattered throughout Spring Hill Farm. A visit with the resident Nigerian Dwarf goats, Mrs. M and her kids, Ollie and Buttercup, capped a very special morning.

Save the Date:

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:30 am, for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and a visit with the Easter Bunny, at Spring Hill Farm, 1079 County Road, Cataumet. Rain date: April 15.

Don & Allen Mears Bench

Don Mears was the original BCT Trail Meister, forging trails through new properties and building benches along the way. He and his wife Allen gave their time, insight and generous support to the BCT over many years. To recognize their contributions to our Village, the CCA purchased, and had engraved, a granite bench in their honor. It sits on BCT property, next to the Depot, under the Catalpa tree. The site was chosen by the BCT and the bench was installed by current BCT Trail Meisters, with help from Billy Bourne and CCA board members. Drop by, have a seat, enjoy this special bench.



BCT Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday, December 10, 11-2

BCT Members and friends once again have the unique opportunity to harvest their own Cape-grown Christmas tree! Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 10, 11 am to 2 pm. Park behind the Dimmick barn at 1167 County Road and walk back to the tree farm to find balsam, spruce, Scotch pine, Concolor fir,

and more. They come in all shapes and sizes and this year the Dimmicks have put extra effort into pruning and shaping.

For photos take a look at <http://capechristmastrees.blogspot.com/>. The cost of a tree is a donation to the BCT; in past years donations have typically been \$50 to \$100, sometimes even more.

Note: If December 10 does not work for you, contact Sally Ballentine at 812-234-8040 or Dave Dimmick at 508-561-6812 to find a time to visit after the 10th. The BCT sends a big thanks to the Dimmick family for their ongoing and loyal support.



Family Fun Day and Community Barn Sale

This was another event jointly sponsored by the BCT and CCA on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. On the BCT side, local families and artisans offered items for sale, with a portion of their proceeds donated to the BCT. The CCA offered a flea market table, bake table, bubble blowing, flag waving and snacks for feeding the goats. All CCA proceeds were also donated to the BCT.

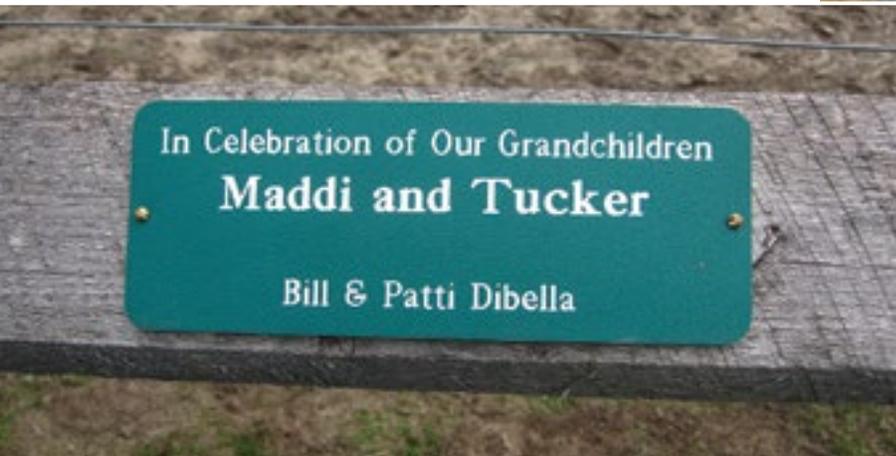


NEWS & NOTES

Let's Extend the Fence!

Thanks to the support of many donors, a portion of the new split rail fence at Spring Hill Farm is complete and the memorial plaques installed. Be sure and stop by and take a look. There is more fence to be built so if you missed this first opportunity, please donate now. A \$100 donation will buy a section of fence, which can then be dedicated in memory of, or in honor of, a pet, a family member, or an animal or

with your check to the BCT, PO Box 203, Cataumet MA 02534. The goal is to have additional fencing, along with the plaques, in place by next spring. The BCT wants to thank you in advance for your



people friend. The plaque is included in the \$100 donation.

To reserve your section, go to www.bourneconservationtrust.org. There is a link on the home page to the donation form. Simply fill out the form, print it and mail it along

help completing and installing this fence.

P.S., when you stop by to look at the fence, be sure to say hi to the resident goats, Mrs. M, Ollie and Buttercup, and to the horses,

Finn and Mark, currently boarded on the farm.

Board of Directors

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The BCT is a private nonprofit land trust with a primary objective of acquiring land and leaving it in its natural state to: protect habitats, provide groundwater recharge, preserve rural ambiance and make it available for recreational and educational purposes. The BCT owns and maintains more than 250 acres of open space. Miles of walking trails thread their way through these protected woods and waterfront areas. The BCT is always looking for volunteers and donors to help achieve its mission and both maintain and enhance its properties. Learn more at www.bourneconservationtrust.org.

STAY IN TOUCH

We urge our readers to visit the website: www.bourneconservation-trust.org, to learn more about our history, mission, properties, trails, events and the many ways you can support the BCT. You could also "like us" on Facebook.

As you navigate through the website, look for pictures contributed by numerous gifted photographers, particularly pictures of local wildlife that wander through our fields and along our trails, and fly overhead. As you walk through properties, enjoy the quiet, peaceful serenity and never-ending wonders of nature. And, if you happen to take a notable picture, email it to bct.trails@gmail.com. We'll try and include it on our website or in future mailings to donors.

Help Wanted

The Trust is always looking for help. You may volunteer at Spring Hill Farm to help maintain the grounds and care for the animals. You might prefer to support the Trail Meisters out on the trails. There are also needs for help at the office. Please pitch in any way you can. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the BCT at 508-563-2884 or bct.trails@gmail.com.



Mail Call

It is always a treat for us, along with your contributions, to receive some comments on the work we do to conserve and protect open space in the town of Bourne. Take a look at some recent examples...and keep those cards and letters, and donations, coming:

From Exeter, New Hampshire: *We enjoy your trails and are happy to support your great work. I am (deeply) involved in land conservation here in southern NH and can appreciate all you do all the more! (Thank you for your support and we appreciate your appreciation.)*

From Lincoln, Massachusetts: *Lovely newsletter! Thanks.*

From Boston, Massachusetts: *Thank you for all you do.*

From Cataumet, Massachusetts: *A thousand thanks to BCT for your unending efforts to make Bourne a better place for all. (And a thousand you're welcomes.)*

From Hawthorne Florida (and Monument Beach): *Thank you for helping us protect our personal surroundings so people like us don't go extinct! (We don't want anyone going extinct.)*

Where does it all come from?

While we have only received comments from 3 states, so far this year our donations have come from 22 states and Ontario, Canada:

California	Hawaii	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania
Colorado	Maine	New Jersey	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Maryland	New York	Texas
Florida	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Vermont
Georgia	Michigan	Oklahoma	Virginia
	Minnesota	Oregon	

GUESS HOW MANY STATES WE'LL HEAR FROM

How many states will we have by December 31, 2016? If you guess right (send an email to us at bct.trails@gmail.com), we'll give the first person with the right response a BCT hat.



OUT ON THE TRAILS

Whatever the Season

Take a look below. At any time of the year our trails can take your breath away.

Report from the Trail Meisters

The trails are in great shape! Knock on wood but so far we have had no hurricanes and no violent winds. Combine this with the hot and dry weather that has slowed growth along the trails and it makes for

some pretty special walking. We have made some repairs: Carl Wirsen organized a crew to repair and improve the trail that leads over old bog stream at Bourne Sisters Woodland, assuring dry feet for walkers. Bill Dibella and John Holden made some repairs to the collapsed walkway bridge to Lawrence Island, again assuring dry feet for walkers... well not high tide walkers; at high tide, feet get wet.



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Many thanks to all Trail Meisters as even routine maintenance, such as trimming trails and mending fences, is a lot of work and greatly appreciated by all!

Trail Walkers... We need your help!

As you walk along the trails, please support our Trail Meisters by picking up trash, twigs and branches, doing side trimming and reporting fallen branches or tree blow downs via email or telephone to the BCT headquarters.

Want to Be a BCT Trail Meister?

Email the BCT (bct.trails@gmail.com) or call 508-563-2884.

New to Town or the Trails?

Why not review (and print) the new and updated trail maps, available online at www.bourneconservation-trust.org. Copies are available at Ballentine's Boat Shop, Parker's Boat Yard, Kingman Marine, Bourne Public Library and Bourne Town Hall.

CANINE CORNER

...for all dogs who enjoy BCT trails and for their people

Woof from Wagler Dawg

The BCT and all walkers, those with and without dogs, thank all who pick up the poop, especially along the shore where it can pollute the water and subject us to beach closings.

Some People Woofs

"As a fairly new dog-loving Cataumet resident, who lives just adjacent to the BCT trail starting at our Post Office, it has been such a pleasure to see the happy pups coming and going all day long from this BCT trail. As early as 6:00 am each morning owners and their very happy furry friends get out of their vehicles and start their daily walk on this beautiful trail. I've met many of the owners, and it is easily seen on their faces how grateful they are to let their beloved pets run free in the woods, socialize with other dogs, while visiting with friends and neighbors who are doing the same. I've yet to hear of



any dog-to-dog confrontations out on the trail, since owners are quick to leash their pets when necessary. We are all extremely lucky to have this beautiful trail system right in our backyards. Thank you to the BCT volunteers who maintain this treasure!!"

"My dog Minska gives a very big thank you to all who maintain the trails. He lives on the trails and welcomes all his pals that come up to the yard for a drink and a play. Much as he would love it, he does not get free rein on the trails due to his love of the muddy kettle ponds and his white coat."

"My dog Cassidy loves the trails, especially her route to Minska's house. If only her owner would move as fast. Thanks Trail Meisters for all you do!"

"Skipper met his first box turtle along the trails." The turtle did not move... so not as much fun as meeting up with his friends. Favorite sight for his owner, the many egrets in the harbor."

"Bruno is a regular on the trails, sometimes with his person, other times with his furry pals. We feel so lucky to have these beautiful trails within walking distance of our home."

How Fin's Trail Got Its Name

As told by Fin's sister, Gracie MacLean

Fin and I are Pembroke Welsh Corgis who walked the trails by the post office with our master David almost every afternoon. When we took our walks it was a regular parade, me in the lead, David in the middle, Fin picking up the rear. As we approached the last leg of the journey by the resting bench, Fin would take a short cut to clip the corner and meet us as we rounded the bend, eventually blazing his

own trail. Sadly Fin passed on at home on July 29, at age 13. He took his last walk with us the day before and for that we are most grateful.

In tribute to Fin and all our happy memories of him, my family decided make a nice sign and tack it to a tree at the entrance to his trail. When you are walking through the woods keep an eye out for a sign reading Fin's Trail and when you see it, walk that trail...Fin would like that. All the best to the people and dogs who love the trails as much as we do.

Kahlin's Korner

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. Kahlin loved to draw. How about your kids?

Children's Art Contest!

Along the BCT Trails



Here's how it will work:

Have your child(ren) create his or her own drawing or painting (any medium is ok) of a sighting, event or favorite place along any BCT trail. Be sure to have the artist sign the picture and include a brief description. Entries should be done on 8 1/2 by 11 paper.

Two categories: Ages 5-8 and ages 9-12.

Mail it: Box 203, Cataumet 02534 or

Drop off at: Ballentine's Boat Shop office, 1104 Route 28A, Cataumet

Deadline: December 31, 2016.

Judging: Artwork will be judged by Grace Rowe from the BCT, Eva Sheehe, a Bourne school art teacher and Hillary Osborn, a local artist.

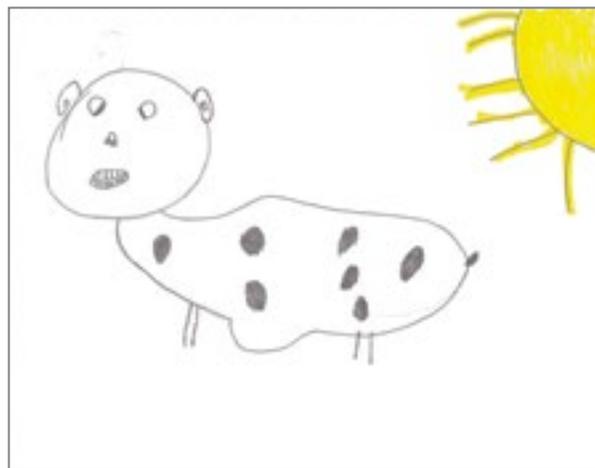
Winners will be announced in the BCT Donor List that will be sent out early next year.

First, second, and third-place winners in each category will receive \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively.



Spanky (left), the pony who grazes in Dimmicks Field, was drawn by Delaney Marshall age 5.

Buttercup (right) was done by Kirkland O'Leary age 7. We can tell it is Buttercup, one of the Spring Hill Farm goats, by the horns, spots on her coat, and the rotund belly.



GIVE TO THE BCT!

Your Ongoing Financial Support Is Key to Our Success (and gets you a tax deduction)

Cash donations large and small help maintain the BCT's 501(c)(3) status and grow our general fund. This money enables the BCT to act quickly on new property purchases and funds the general maintenance of all properties. It is also used to hire professional help, for example legal services, when needed. These costs can be significant.

Our fundraising efforts are based on a soft-sell approach, with this newsletter the most important tool. Donations of any dollar amount are important, because the number of donors shows foundations and other large donors the degree of local support and helps us to retain our status as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. This status allows your donation to be tax deductible. In other words, please contribute what you can, as often as you can.

IMPORTANT: The BCT has decided not to list donations, including memorial donations, in this fall edition of its newsletter. Early next year, the BCT will send out a complete list of all those who made donations to the BCT in 2016.

Other Ways of Giving

In addition to cash donations, there are many ways of giving to the BCT:

- Name the BCT in your will or as beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Give appreciated securities.
- Contact your bank or financial institution to automatically send a monthly donation to the BCT from a checking or savings account.
- Give the gift of real estate (or sell it to the BCT for less than its fair market value; the difference is considered a charitable gift). Note: A gift of land is a win-win for donors, the BCT and residents of Bourne. Such gifts provide tax advantages and help preserve the scenic character of our area, maintain air quality and provide a natural habitat for local wildlife.
- Offer a matching gift to support our efforts to purchase property. People respond generously when they know their gift will be doubled.

Contact the BCT office at 508-563-2884 or log on to www.bourneconservationtrust.org for more information or for answers to your questions.

It Works

The BCT approach to fundraising works because our preserved woodlands, shore frontages, marshes and walking trails speak for themselves, and because we are surrounded and supported by people who understand the value and importance of open space, know what our Town might be like without it, and understand that it is everyone's responsibility to protect and maintain it.

The Bourne Conservation Trust is tax exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Within IRS guidelines, contributions and gifts may be tax deductible from your taxable income. The Trust's tax identification number (TIN) is 04-2767827. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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Little Bay at Monk's Park