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On the cover: American black ducks
on Meadow Bog Pond.
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from the president

Dear OCT members and supporters,

Amazing places in our little part of Cape Cod have been protected forever by the Orleans Conservation Trust, the Town of Orleans, the National Seashore, and others for the benefit of all. I hope that over the summer and fall you have found ways to enjoy them and witness the connections among land, water, and wildlife all around us. Some 30 of us, during the Celebrate Our Waters weekend in September, took a four-hour walk via the over-sand road from Nauset Beach to Pochet Island. Those eight acres of tidal river and marshlands were the very first gift to OCT in 1970, from Nickerson Homes, Inc.

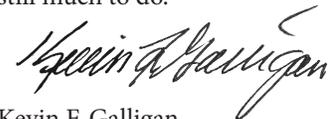
That first gift put Orleans Conservation Trust on the map. Since then, we have protected more than 650 acres through bequests, gifts, acquisitions, and conservation restrictions. You'll read about some new OCT lands in this issue. More opportunities lie ahead, thanks to longstanding relationships with our members, the confidence landowners place in OCT, collaboration with like-minded groups, and our dedicated staff and trustees.

Trustees and staff work to carry out the mission of the Trust. Earlier this year, we revisited our mission as part of a very fruitful strategic planning process. Many members, local officials, and other stakeholders contributed their time and suggestions to the strategic plan, and I thank them all. One outcome of this work was a revised mission statement that we believe captures our purpose

today: "*Orleans Conservation Trust preserves land and educates the public in order to sustain our natural resources and the character of our community for generations to come.*" We regularly renew our commitment to this mission and work to implement actions developed in the plan. You can view the strategic plan on our website, and we welcome feedback.

I also thank outgoing OCT president Bob Prescott, who led the Trust over the past two years with a steady focus on land acquisition, protection, and management. At our Annual Meeting we announced the dedication of the Bob Prescott Turtle Gardens, honoring his leadership in successfully restoring habitat for the Northern diamondback terrapin at the White's Lane Conservation Area. We're delighted that Bob continues to serve OCT as a member of our land management committee.

In this issue, we list our supporters by name. On behalf of the trustees, I thank each of you for your generosity and confidence in OCT. Your support makes all our work possible. As Bob would say, "Much has been accomplished, but there is still much to do."



Kevin F. Galligan
President



Yes, We Have a Wish List!

Moving to a new office (see next page) means that we need a few things. Please consider making a cash gift earmarked for one or more items on our wish list—a handicap-accessible entry ramp or new signage, for example. Or you can help underwrite OCT programs: an upcoming lecture, our popular guided walks, or caring for your favorite Trust property. For the full list, visit orleansconservationtrust.org/wish-list.

A New Home for the Trust

Members who kept up with our e-mail blasts this summer already know the big news: OCT finally has a home of its own—a headquarters that will suit our current needs and create opportunities for the Trust to grow into the future.

For years the Trust operated out of donated space in the Santander Bank building, but in our strategic planning sessions it became clear how handicapped we were by our lack of a real office. Not having a physical presence in Orleans limited our visibility. We could not invite the public to visit. We needed better working space for staff and interns, and a place where volunteers can be trained in land management practices. Finally, other land trusts we spoke with emphasized the importance of a brick-and-mortar headquarters in fundraising.

Renting was the first option considered, but rents were high for anything near the center of town, and the spaces we saw would have required costly modifications. Then a trustee spotted a realtor's sign at 203 South Orleans Road—a highly visible site with a building that could accommodate our range of uses and an attractively low asking price. The property (on .79 acre) fronts on Route 28, just south of Crystal Lake at the corner of Old Timers Lane. There's ample parking in front and a large yard with a shed for our heavy equipment. The Cape-style building was in virtually turnkey condition for move-in, with office and meeting space on two floors and a huge basement for storage.

"We closed on the new building on the morning of our Annual Meeting," says Director Liz Migliore. "The timing was a coincidence, but it seemed fitting. It was one of many things we celebrated that evening."



OCT's new headquarters at 203 South Orleans Road, near Crystal Lake.

Since moving in, she adds, "we've been working hard to keep up with our everyday tasks of land management and other business, so there hasn't been much time for home improvement." At the top of the list are building a handicap-accessible ramp (required for public access) and getting our OCT sign approved. Once installed, it will be a landmark on Route 28.

"It's exciting to consider the potential of having our own space," says trustee Sharon Davis. "We'll be able to welcome and educate visitors, train volunteers indoors and outdoors, hold small presentations, meet with donors, work with kids—even experiment with growing native plants."

We plan to host an open house for members and the public in the spring, when the space is ready for public access. Meanwhile, our expanded space and hours of operation are already benefiting the Trust's mission. For the full story of how the new space was acquired, visit our website.

New and Familiar Faces

Held on August 29 at the Orleans Yacht Club, our Annual Meeting included a recap of the year from OCT's president and director; an overview of the just-completed strategic plan; a financial report; and voting for the slate of new trustees as well as the next nominating committee.

Because two sitting trustees (Robert Prescott and Karl Goldkamp) chose not to stand for new terms, new trustees Steve Gass and Clyde Hanyen were chosen to replace them. (See the sidebar, page 6.) Three trustees—Kevin Galligan, Stephanie Gaskill, and Mefford Runyon—were re-elected to new terms. Information about all the 2016 candidates can be found at orleansconservationtrust.org/annual-meeting, along with governance details on the meeting.

The gathering concluded with an entertaining presentation on basking sharks

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All Around the Town

New OCT Lands Span Orleans

It's been an active and exciting few months for the Trust on the land acquisition front. Generous landowners have made it possible for us to increase our protected acreage to nearly 665 acres, with the prospect of more to come soon.

West Side: Ragsdale Cedar Swamp

In early May, Mark Robinson of the Cape Compact of Land Trusts alerted us to an important potential gift of land in the Cedar Pond area. The Ragsdale family recently sold their home on Prence Lane but kept back two small parcels of cedar swamp to donate for conservation. In his initial message, Mark wrote: "I strongly recommend you take in these two small parcels. Cedar swamp habitat is rare on the Cape."

We had to move fast to meet a June 30 property tax deadline; fortunately the Trustees were scheduled to meet June 28, and managed to line up our ducks so we

could vote on that date to acquire. Director Liz Migliore and several trustees toured the property and found minimal issues of concern regarding management. "It's a fascinating ecosystem," says trustee Judy Scanlon.

This outright gift totals 2.83 acres, mostly wetland with a small upland portion. Many Atlantic white cedars grow on it, as well as red maples and typical swamp understory plants—but remarkably few invasives. Both the Town and OCT had targeted this land for preservation. Its acquisition will protect wetlands, especially Atlantic white cedar habitat, and add to existing abutting open space. Also, this land was identified by the Town as having strategic potential for recreational open space (for example, a possible boardwalk through the swamp). This will provide educational opportunities for OCT as well.

The transaction closed on June 24. We



A large old Atlantic white cedar on the Ragsdale land.



are enormously grateful to the Ragsdale family for their vision and generosity in donating this property.

East Side: 40 Captain Curtis Way

This very recent windfall was yet another proof that we don't always know who the Trust's benefactors will be. In June we were contacted by residents of Captain Curtis

A Vision for the Neighborhood

When Hardie and Marcie Truesdale moved to Orleans from the Hudson Valley four years ago, it didn't take them long to discover Orleans Conservation Trust lands. Hardie, a widely published photographer of the natural world, has always sought places away from the crowd. Marcie, whose family vacationed on the Cape, discovered a hidden world be-



yond her childhood memories. "We're fortunate to have such a place right on our street, the Reuben's Pond Conservation Area," she notes.

And when peaceful Captain Curtis Way seemed

on the verge of being overwhelmed by development, the Truesdales didn't hesitate to fund the acquisition of the lot at #40 as a gift to the Trust. "Wherever we've gone, I've been involved in trying to preserve viewsheds and natural habitat," says Hardie, who was recently honored with the Wallkill Valley (NY) Land Trust's 2016 Conservation Award. "And there was an ulterior motive: like a lot of people in Orleans, my knees aren't what they

used to be." So instead of having to climb down the stairs to Reuben's Pond, OCT will create an easy trail to the pond on the new parcel.

"Once it's developed, it's gone," Hardie adds. "It's really hard to reclaim land after it's been developed." This recognition is what brings so many donors to OCT. We're happy to welcome the Truesdales and urge members to explore Hardie's beautiful work at hardietruesdaledphotography.com.

Way, off Hopkins Lane in East Orleans, about a property that had just gone on the market. The neighbors, OCT members Hardie and Marcie Truesdale, proposed to entirely finance OCT's purchase of this valuable lot for conservation.

Again moving quickly, our Land Acquisition Committee worked with the seller's agent and the Truesdales to work out a deal within a very few days, while we gathered essential information about the land. This 0.56 acre of wooded upland and wetland adjoins OCT's existing Ice House & Reuben's Pond Conservation Area (see map). Residential sites in this part of East Orleans are highly sought after—a house is going up right now on a nearby lot on Captain Curtis Way—so this was a wonderful chance to add to protected open space there. Besides expanding our existing acreage, there is also a potential vernal pool on the property.

The property officially transferred on July 15. This is one of the few times a significant purchase of land for the Trust has been entirely underwritten by an individual donor. Needless to say, we're extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Truesdale, as all of Orleans should be.

And a Rare Opportunity in Nauset Heights

The Cullen family has a distinguished history of helping to preserve land in East Orleans. Starting in 1986, Jack and Betty Cullen—longtime Nauset Heights residents, now deceased—donated to OCT two lots on Olivers Way totaling about 3 acres, one with waterfront on Mill Pond.

Through their estate plan, they gave another one-acre lot to OCT and made two more abutting lots, on Olivers Way and Nauset Heights Road, available for purchase. Recently the Trust signed an agreement to buy those two developable one-acre lots from the Cullen family trust. This land will supplement OCT's prior acquisitions and enable us to create a six-acre land preserve on Mill Pond for the benefit of Orleans.

These two parcels are extremely desirable for conservation. They support a high concentration of red cedar and are close to a recognized vernal pool and to beautiful Mill Pond, so preserving this land will help protect water quality. Adding them to the land OCT already owns will enlarge and enhance valuable wildlife habitat. Looking further ahead, acquiring these and other parcels in the area may enable OCT to create a corridor of preserved land surrounding Mill Pond.

Of course, this prime location—across Nauset Heights Road from Callanan's Pass—also would have great appeal to developers. If OCT does not purchase the two lots, they will surely be sold and two large homes will be built. Besides erasing some of the last

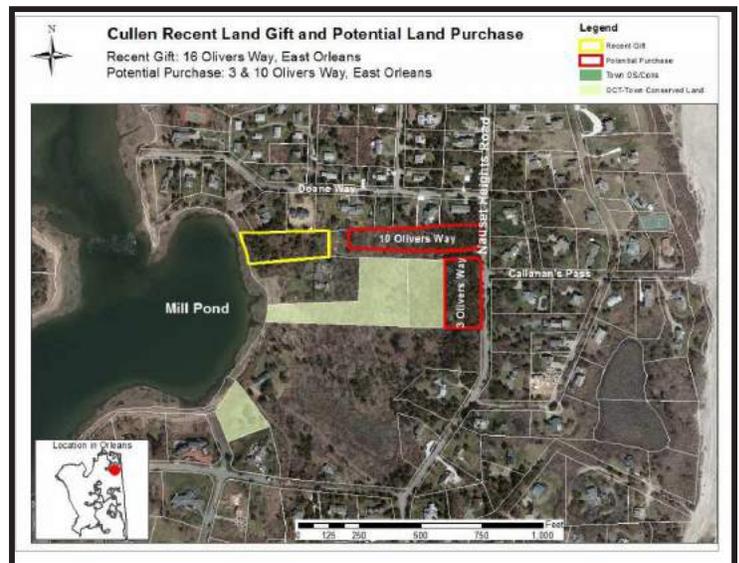


Winter in the Ice House & Reuben's Pond Conservation Area. Photo © by Hardie Truesdale.

remaining open space in Nauset Heights, developing these lots will increase traffic at the intersection of Nauset Heights Road and Callanan's Pass, which provides ORV access to Nauset Spit for Orleans residents. Other adverse impacts on Nauset Heights and Mill Pond are likely.

Where things currently stand: OCT has executed a purchase agreement to buy both lots for \$600,000—one-third less than their appraised value. So far we have raised \$500,000, including a contribution of \$100,000 from the Trust's land acquisition fund, with the balance coming from generous residents of Nauset Heights, the Grandview neighborhood, and the Mill Pond area. We have about five more months, until April 15, 2017, to raise the remaining funds.

Says Patty Cullen, Jack and Betty's daughter, "My parents always hoped that all of their land on Oliver's Way could be preserved." And OCT hopes to fulfill their wish.



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and ocean sunfish by guest speaker Carol “Krill” Carson of the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance. Carson’s talk underscored the vital link between land conservation and water quality, which the Trust’s educational efforts emphasize.

At its first meeting following the annual meeting, the Board of Trustees named its officers for the coming year. Replacing Prescott as president is Kevin Galligan. Meff Runyon continues to serve as vice president and Steve Koehler as treasurer. The post of clerk will be filled by Charlie Carlson.

Says Galligan, “I’m thrilled to help lead OCT into what I feel is its era of maturity.”

Another new face around the Trust is AmeriCorps Cape Cod member Derek Brudahl, who will serve with OCT on Wednesdays from October through July 2017, and two days weekly with Dan Connolly at the town Tree Department. Derek is from Philadelphia, with a degree in Earth and Environmental Sciences from Temple University. He recently completed a summer AmeriCorps program in Palmer, Alaska, working on a farm and

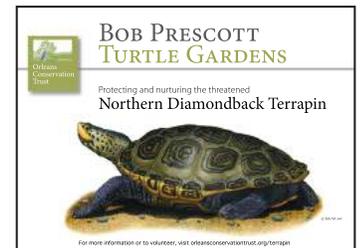


Outgoing OCT president Bob Prescott talks to members at the Annual Meeting.

helping educate the community about growing food and conservation. “I’m very passionate about the environment and love working outside,” he says—just the qualifications for OCT’s land management needs.

Honoring Mr. Turtle

At the Annual Meeting, trustees also recognized outgoing president Bob Prescott for his nine years of service on the board, presenting him with a mockup of a sign to be installed



at White’s Lane Conservation Area, marking the Bob Prescott Turtle Gardens.

“It’s been a joy for me to see how this organization has grown, and how much the community supports what we do,” said Prescott at the meeting. “Hopefully the new office will raise our visibility even more.”



AmeriCorps Cape Cod IP Derek Brudahl mows in the White’s Lane Conservation Area.

Meet the New Trustees



Steven Gass, recently retired to Orleans, spent his professional career as an academic librarian, including serving as associate director of MIT Libraries. He has a BS in political science from MIT and a MLS from Simmons College. Steve has volunteered with OCT for the past year, helping with office systems and with land management in the field.



Attorney **Clyde Hanyen** was involved in civil trial practice from 1973 to 2013. He holds a BA from Brown University and a JD from Boston University Law School. Clyde has tried land damage actions in the Massachusetts Superior Court, and has represented various nonprofits. He is also a member of Friends of Areys Pond and the Orleans Pond Coalition.

A Place Called Potanimicut

by Todd Morgan Kelley

Kenrick Woods, a Town-owned open space in South Orleans, is important for its conservation values but also for its rich history. On a walk this October, hikers were guided into another dimension of this land and its story by twelfth-generation Cape Codder Todd Kelley and Marcus Hendricks, who is Native Wampanoag/Nipmuck and a founder of the Native Land Conservancy. Together they offered insights about how Native peoples and certain early settlers regarded and used the area, and about ways to experience the natural world with all our senses. Kelley shares some of his knowledge in this article.



Marshland adjoining Kenrick Woods and Arey's Pond. Photo © by Hardie Truesdale.

What is in a place name? And where does this strong “sense of place” that we feel about Cape Cod come from?

For the First People, an understanding of place is where the names themselves come from. The knowledge behind any place name was expressed and passed on through an oral lineage that remained connected to the land through generations.

The area of South Orleans known as Potanimicut has such a memory of place and name because people have remained connected to this land for generations. Although I don't know specifically what “Potanimicut” means, typically it describes some natural feature “at a place,” and in this case it likely refers to a quality or purpose of the place. By 1648—just after the Nauset Purchase of 1647, which laid out the bounds of the first settlement of Eastham—the sachem Mattaquason of Monomoyick had the great foresight to provide an area of South Orleans for



Todd Kelley and Marcus Hendricks with OCT member Becky Burrill in Kenrick Woods.

the ousted Nauset community to live in safety and according to native ways. This was done entirely through the authority of native custom, which the English had no hand in. The land also became a

safe refuge for Native People from other communities like Nobscusset (East Dennis) to Pononakanet (Wellfleet), all the way to the Province Lands at the tip of the Cape. The People would have built their *wetus* (houses) from the Atlantic white cedar trees thriving around Manomoit Bay (Pleasant Bay). They would have fished and made plantings in the spring; continued to fish, made later plantings, and gathered berries, nuts, and shellfish in the summer. They would end their fishing and harvesting by fall, followed by hunting into winter.

In 1672, the Reverend Samuel Treat began to teach Christianity to native communities east of the Bass River, setting up meetings in *wetus* of smaller communities and eventually building English-style meetinghouses near larger communities like Potanimicut. By 1682, Potanimicut was the parochial center of all of the praying Indians of the Lower Cape, with Treat as their staunch friend

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Winter/Spring 2017 Speakers

Join us at the **Orleans Yacht Club** for the latest in our series of entertaining and informative talks by **local and regional experts**. Time, **7:00 – 8:00 pm**. Admission free (cash bar); doors open 30 minutes before the start time.



Small Farms and Native Trees

Russell Norton

Horticulture Educator, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Russ Norton will discuss horticultural best-management practices on the Cape, including how native trees can be used in landscaping.

Thursday, January 5, 2017



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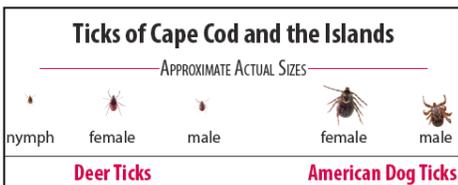
Marine Mammal Entanglement

Scott Landry

Center for Coastal Studies, Provincetown

Since 1984, the Center for Coastal Studies has freed more than 200 large whales and other marine animals from life-threatening entanglements. Learn more about this effort on the Cape, and about the Disentanglement Network and Rapid Response Program, a partnership among organizations and individuals created to respond quickly to reports of entanglements.

Thursday, February 2, 2017



Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Coping with Ticks

Larry Dapsis

Entomologist, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

Larry will discuss recent research on tick populations and tick-borne diseases, focusing on their impact on Cape residents.



Thursday, March 2, 2017



Friends of Herring River

Restoring River Herring

Barbara Brennessel

Friends of Herring River board member and author

Barbara is a board member of Friends of Herring River, author, and retired Wheaton College professor. She will describe the life history of river herring (aka alewives) and the restoration project on the Herring River in Wellfleet. Her books, which include *The Alewives' Tale*, will be available for sale at the event.

Thursday, April 6, 2017



Mass Audubon

Coastal Waterbirds of the Cape

Mark Faherty

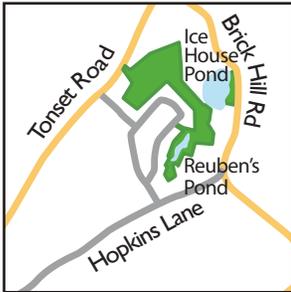
Science Coordinator, Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay

Learn about Mass Audubon's coastal waterbirds program, which protects threatened birds along the Massachusetts coast. Mark's presentation will focus on recent research on the Cape.

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Winter/Spring 2017 Walks

Get to know the **open spaces** of Orleans on our **popular guided walks**. They're **free, fun**, and appropriate for all ages.



Ice House/Reuben's Pond Conservation Area

1.5-mile walk around two freshwater ponds, as part of the Cape Cod Duck Census

Meet at 245 Tonset Road, Orleans

Saturday, December 3
9:00 – 10:30 am

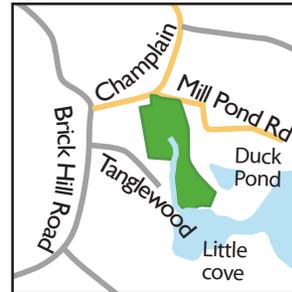


Hosea's Swamp

Up-close look at a globally rare Atlantic white cedar swamp

Meet at 70 Quanset Road, South Orleans

Thursday, January 26
10:00 – 11:00 am



Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area

1-mile walk with unique topography, kettle ponds, vernal pools, and much more (see pages 10-11)

Meet at 13 Champlain Road, Orleans

Tuesday, March 14
10:00 – 11:30 am



Twinings Pond Conservation Area

1.5-mile bird walk through 30-plus acres of pristine woodlands

Meet at 135 Quanset Road, South Orleans

Friday, April 21
10:00 – 11:30 am



Three Ponds Walk (Meadow Bog, Sarah's Pond, Twinings Pond)

A 2-hour historical walk and talk through more than 80 acres of OCT-owned conservation land. Be prepared for steep slopes, loose stones, and perhaps some bushwhacking.

Meet at 135 Quanset Road, South Orleans

Saturday, February 11
9:00 – 11:00 am



Baker's Pond Conservation Area

1.75-mile walk on adjoining conservation lands around Baker's Pond, in Orleans and Brewster

Meet at 80 Baker's Pond Road, Orleans

Tuesday, May 9
3:00 – 4:30 pm



One Walk, Three Ponds

One of our favorite walks in South Orleans climaxes with a beautiful view out over Pleasant Bay. It will be co-led by OCT trustee Mon Cochran, whose family history on this land goes back several generations.

Preview each walk and find trail maps on our website, orleansconservationtrust.org.

Through the Seasons in Mill Pond Valley

by Doug Fromm

Living in the Mill Pond Valley adds an extra dollop of beauty to life on Cape Cod. As children, both Dianne and I loved being outdoors, with all the childhood fantasies of living and playing in the woods. Now, as adults, we retain that first love. We walk the trails at least once or twice a day. Our favorite time is early morning, when we walk to the high point overlooking Little Mill Pond. Dianne has dubbed this place the “chapel”— as the morning sun peeks through the trees and glistens on the water, we offer a word of gratitude for such a place. On occasion we also mention our thanks to Orin Tovrov for protecting this land, and to his children for giving it to Orleans Conservation Trust.

Each season is special in the valley. We first encountered it in early spring, with little settlements of daffodils sprinkled along the trails. The greening of the trees and the forest floor promise warm, wonderful days ahead. Nighttime in spring brings the melodic symphony of the “peepers” awakening in the vernal pool.

In summertime the Mill Pond Valley becomes an oasis from the hubbub of life in Orleans, when folks from off Cape make their annual pilgrimage and the population soars. This is truly a time when “the living is easy.” The woods are lush with greenery; here and there the viburnums offer bridal bouquets of white among the trees, along with wildflowers and the occasional mountain laurel. Sometimes the stillness is broken by the screech of a red-tailed hawk

circling overhead or the deep squawk of a blue heron flying low toward the Mill Pond.

Come autumn, the woods begin their annual display of colors; yellow, gold, and the leathery tan of oak leaves. To walk the trail is to see the trees disrobing, dropping a colorful, crunchy carpet of leaves and pine needles underfoot. And then can be heard the honking of the geese announcing their annual journey south. The New England writer Gladys Taber, one of an earlier generation who lived for a time on the Mill Pond, wrote: “I heard the geese go over ... why this is so moving, I do not know. But all of us feel it.” Both in this sound and in the silence that follows, there is a feeling, an assurance that all is well and will be well.

Winter is a wonderful season in the Mill Pond Valley. The trees, shed of leaves, stand like sentinels guarding the foxes, field mice, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons,

and deer who, nested and hunkered down, prepare for the cold and blustery winds. Armadas of winter ducks on the Duck Pond carry out naval maneuvers as they glide forward and then turn sharply in formation, while the wind blows sparkling patterns across the water. A cardinal appears, and the song of the wren can be heard from the bird feeder. Walking the trails on a late afternoon, as the setting sun shafts light through the maze of the woods, we hear the hissing sound of the first falling snow.

Truly, the Mill Pond Valley is a gift that keeps on giving. The benevolence of the Tovrov family has preserved this bit of paradise for all to enjoy. Come by sometime and enjoy yourself on the trails.

Doug Fromm is past president of Orleans Can. He currently serves as one of eight stakeholders on the Orleans Water Quality Advisory Panel.

The western shore of Mill Pond in October. OCT's gifted Cullen property lies to the left of the dwelling. Photo by Paul Davis.



TLC for the Mill Pond Trails

by Elizabeth Migliore

The land that became Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area was donated by the Tovrov family in several parcels between 1977 and 2001. This stunning property rambles over 12 acres from Champlain Road to the waterfront of Mill Pond. Historic stone walls, a vernal pool, and a coastal plain pond—a hot spot for observing migrating waterfowl, including wood ducks—are among its outstanding features. There are interesting plants as well, some planted by the former owner, such as black walnut, European beech, white paper birch, flowering dogwood, tupelo, hibiscus, Plymouth gentian, and marsh elder. A mile-long trail system winds through the property, making it a favorite walking destination for neighbors.

In recent years this land has needed extra attention. Bad winter storms left downed trees blocking or leaning hazardously over the trail. Lots of water on the trail, especially during the spring, cut sediment away from roots and washed it downslope. This made the trail steeper, and tripping hazards multiplied. The sediment also threatened to make its way into nearby wetlands, degrading water quality.

Clearly the area needed some TLC. Aided by a generous neighbor's donation, research by our AmeriCorps Cape Cod individual placement Leah Mould, and recommendations from Mark Robinson of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, we created a detailed land management plan. One phase of the plan involved rerouting the trail system to close off badly eroded portions. In June, summer intern Sam Chapman and 12 AmeriCorps Cape Cod members built the rerouted



Top and above right: AmeriCorps members at work on the Mill Pond trails. Above left: A 1975 view of the valley when the land was more open.

sections of trail and closed off the old dangerous parts. The project took a full day to complete. The new trail is marked with directional and OCT trail signs to aid walkers.

A second key part of the plan is removing invasive species. Plants such as Asiatic bittersweet and English ivy wrap around native trees and slowly kill them, so it's important to cut back any of these vines growing on trees, and uproot them when possible to keep them from growing back. On another long workday in September, AmeriCorps Cape Cod members performed this maintenance at Mill Pond. It's labor that must be done again and again.



We hope that visitors appreciate the easier walk on the new trail, along with the knowledge that it is healthier for the land and water. We'll continue to manage invasive species and correct any future trail hazards in this prime walking area.

Elizabeth Migliore is Director of Orleans Conservation Trust and an active amateur photographer. She recently managed OCT's move to our new office space.

Gifts and Donations

Membership Year 2015–2016

From July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, Orleans Conservation Trust received support from its members and the community in the form of unrestricted donations and restricted gifts, which specifically support land acquisition, land management, or educational programs.

The Trust also received special gifts made in honor or in memory of someone designated by the giver. Gifts “in honor of” recognize a family member, loved one, or friend, sometimes to

mark a special occasion or a milestone or to honor their service. Gifts “in memory of” celebrate the life of someone who has passed away.

Every gift, in whatever amount and for whatever purpose, demonstrates your commitment to conserving land and plays a vital role in helping OCT fulfill its mission— to preserve land and educate the public in order to sustain our natural resources and the character of our community.

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\$100,000 and above

Clare E. Forbes Trust
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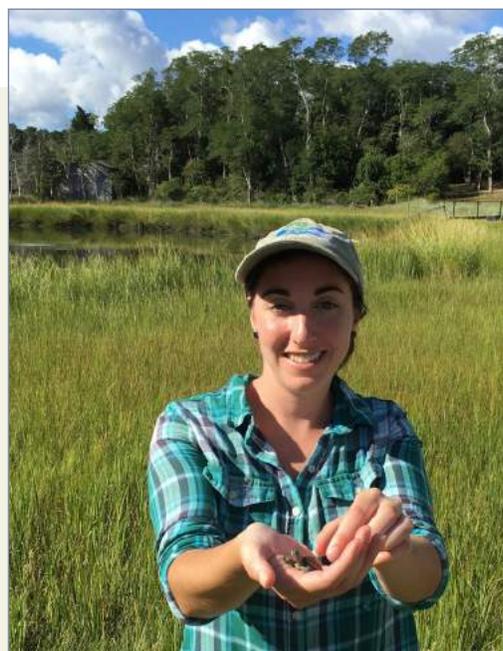
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Baby terrapins make everyone smile, especially OCT Director Liz Migliore.



Remembering Anne Donaldson

Anne Luise Link Donaldson (April 22, 1925 – August 11, 2016) loved family, friends, and nature and turned respect for the environment into a life's work. She raised five sons, maintained extended family ties over generations, and took a leading role in the public acquisition of open space on Cape Cod for preservation and recreation.

Her career as an environmentalist began in 1965, when she joined the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC), whose achievements in environmental education and preservation include cleaning up the Hudson River. Frustrated by her status as a layman in the field of environmental law, Anne earned her law degree at the age of 51 and continued the fight with new credentials. By then the Donaldsons were spending more time on Cape Cod, where her family had vacationed since the 1940s. "I thought I'd died and gone to heaven," she once said. She never took for granted the natural beauty that surrounded

her, often noting that the incredible vistas from their home on Snow Point—Town Cove, Fort Hill, Coast Guard Light, and the ocean beyond—were a gift from the efforts of like-minded conservationists.

In retirement, Anne dedicated her life to conservation in Orleans. From 1985 through 2006, she was active in or chaired public and private nonprofit organizations including the Orleans Conservation Commission, Orleans Open Space Committee, Orleans Conservation Trust, and the Barnstable County Conservation Board. During her tenure on the Open Space Committee, Town Meeting voted to acquire and preserve more than 80 acres and appropriated \$8 million for those purposes. While serving with OCT, she helped acquire or put conservation restrictions on 73 acres including some of our signature properties like Namequoit Bog, Twinings Pond Conservation Area, and Mill Pond Valley. In later years, she loved to walk with family



and friends around some of the properties she helped save.

Anne's family asks that donations be directed to OCT's land acquisition fund in her memory. To read her full obituary, visit orleansconservationtrust.org/in-memory-of-anne-donaldson.

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and beloved pastor. When he died in 1717, his pallbearers were all native men of Potanimituc.

In 1656, William Nickerson settled at Monomoyick (Chatham) through an agreement made with Mattaquason. A generation later, John Kenrick settled at Potanimituc through an agreement with John Sipson, whose father was Aspinet of Nauset. The proprietary lineage and heritage of Nauset and Monomoyick comes directly through Aspinet and Mattaquason and their descendants to first-comer families like Nickerson and Kenrick (sometimes spelled Kendrick). From there it continues unobstructed through many generations to all of us today, because those families remained rooted in the land.

Tenth-generation descendant W. Sears Nickerson deeply understood this and expressed it with firsthand authority in his book *The Bay As I See It*. He shares memories of growing up along the shore of Pleasant Bay in a time when local place names

resonated with rich communal knowledge of an ongoing living history. However, this heritage is in peril of vanishing if it is not lived and retold through direct experience. This is one reason why land trusts and protected open space are so important. They give communities and land owners the opportunity to preserve the land's memory for posterity.

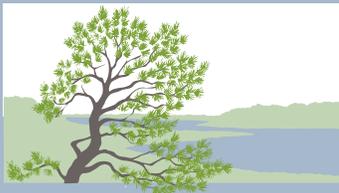
Kenrick Woods is such a place. Not only is it a watershed recharge area that is vital today, it is also part of a greater community that still holds the unbroken cultural heritage of a place called Potanimituc.

Todd Kelley is a descendant of David O'Gillior, known as "the Irishman," who came to Cape Cod due to Oliver Cromwell's war in Ireland. Todd was born and raised in Chatham, and he works to preserve the cultural and natural heritage of the place we call Cape Cod.

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