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On the cover: Autumn reflections,
Meadow Bog Pond Conservation Area.
Eastern bluebird in winter.
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from the president

Dear OCT members and supporters,

In her new book, *Swirling Currents*, Orleans author and coastal expert Sandy Macfarlane writes, "It was an easy row going with the tide, and soon they were near home, where they anchored the boat and headed up the path." We're thrilled that Sandy will join us for a talk next spring.

Her image reminded me of how much can be accomplished by a nonprofit land trust when we "row with the tide"—that is, buoyed by the support of our members. In preserving the special places anchored to our mission—many of them bordered by waters—we act "for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the Town of Orleans," as our Declaration of Trust reads. All are welcome to walk the paths we maintain on OCT or town-owned lands. In our first supporter profile (page 5), life member Ann Fleck-Henderson shares her convictions about the benefits of protecting open space for public use. I know you'll enjoy reading it.

In this issue, we express our deep appreciation to loyal supporters who, in their passing, continued to support the Trust—and to their families ("They Left Us Stronger," page 4). One of those, former trustee Anne Donaldson, worked hard to restore native plant communities and taught people how to identify invasive plants. It was Anne who instilled in me the drive to pull invasive garlic mustard just as it sprouts. In "Managing Our Lands," we highlight some of these never-ending efforts and share exciting news about our new trail kiosks. Thanks to funding from the

town's Community Preservation Committee, these informative, attractive stations now greet walkers on six of our trails.

It's clear from the robust turnouts how many people appreciate our guided walks and speaker programs, whether it's walking to Pochet Island, hearing Max Holmes of the Woods Hole Research Center talk about the Cape and climate change, or being taught by Bob Prescott how to "plant" baby terrapins. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming slate of "Walks and Talks" (pages 8–9).

This and all the good work of the Trust happens because of the generosity of our members, and as always in our Fall/Winter issue, we acknowledge and thank our donors ("Giving," page 12). On behalf of the trustees, I also want to thank our hard-working staff, who strive each day to get the job done. Together, with the careful guidance of active and committed trustees, we walk the known paths and explore new ones. We're glad that you are walking with us.



Kevin F. Galligan
President



Wanted: Bird Box Monitors

OCT is expanding its "bluebird trail"! Can you help keep tabs on this program's success? Volunteers monitor our bluebird boxes once or twice weekly, March through mid-August, and we submit our nesting data to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. We also plan to add boxes for wood ducks and kestrels to our network. Contact oct@orleansconservationtrust.org.

Annual Meeting Highlights Oysters

No, not on the hors d'oeuvres menu, unfortunately. But the members who gathered at the Orleans Yacht Club for our Annual Meeting on August 27 were treated to an enthralling presentation about the much-loved mollusk by Cape oysterwoman and water-quality leader Sue Nickerson.

As usual, members and guests enjoyed a mellow late summer evening on Town Cove while learning about the Trust's recent activities and future plans. Director Stephen O'Grady, presiding over his first Annual Meeting since taking the helm at OCT in March, briefly reviewed his background and experience at the organization to date as well as recent land acquisitions, stewardship initiatives, and other volunteer opportunities.

Treasurer Steve Koehler delivered an encouraging report on the Trust's financial picture, noting successful neighborhood fundraising efforts that enabled us to acquire two new properties. Near the end of the official business meeting, President Kevin Galligan



Above: Sue Nickerson at work on her oyster beds in Barnstable Harbor. Left: Nickerson at the Annual Meeting with Tom Cambereri (left) and Scott Horsley (right).

took the mic to announce that OCT will increase membership dues at year end for the first time in the current millennium.

Restoring and sustaining the Cape's water quality was on everyone's minds, with the beautiful yet compromised expanse of Town Cove just outside. In her keynote talk on raising and marketing oysters, Nickerson highlighted the bivalve's capability to filter excess nitrogen. Her engaging presentation took her audience inside the challenging but rewarding life of shellfish cultivators. Joining Nickerson as guests at the meeting were other regional leaders on water quality, including Tom Cambereri, who manages the Water Resources program at the Cape Cod Commission, and water resources consultant Scott Horsley.

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Coming Soon! OCT's New Website

By this year end, when you visit orleansconservationtrust.com, you'll notice a big difference! We became increasingly aware that the Trust's web presence needed to be refreshed. Staff and a task force of trustees worked closely with Paul Allen of Southcoast Internet, who translated our ideas into a beautiful

new site at a very reasonable cost. You'll find a clearer presentation of OCT's history and mission; opportunities for giving, volunteering and other kinds of engagement; and better information about our lands and trails. And the new site will be easy to navigate with smartphones and tablets.



They Left Us Stronger

Generous Friends Aid OCT During and After Their Lives

Marjorie Doane Moerschner

One morning in late 2017, Administrative Assistant Pam Schulz was opening the mail in OCT's office. Among the usual miscellany was a letter from an attorney handling the estate of life member Marjorie Moerschner, bearing the welcome news that Marjorie had made an unrestricted gift to the Trust of \$100,000. As board treasurer Steve Koehler reported at the 2018 Annual Meeting, the trustees voted to use 25 percent of the gift to grow our endowment, with 75 percent going into the general fund for land acquisitions and operating expenses.

Bequests such as this one are deeply meaningful to a land trust in many ways. A financial gift, of any size, means that we can preserve more land in its natural state, properly maintain our landholdings and trails, and fund our educational programs. Beyond these tangible benefits, though, a bequest usually signifies a long-term relationship between an individual and an organization.

Former trustee Vince Ollivier observes that "preserving land is a function of relationships built with families over long periods of time." The Moerschner bequest is a good example. Back in 1991, Marjorie wrote to Charlie Thomsen, then president of OCT, to propose a donation of land. Her parents, Helen and Richard Moerschner, owned two parcels on Meetinghouse Pond; they'd planned to build a home for their retirement but passed on before that came to fruition. Clearly, they loved the land and had a strong preservation ethic: a survivorship deed of 1959 made Marjorie a co-owner and also spelled out restrictions on development. Now Marjorie wished to donate the entire 1.17 acres to OCT in her parents' memory, to be kept in its natural state.

Living in Newton, Marjorie maintained ties with the gifted land and with OCT, attending annual meetings when she could, making the occasional phone call, or mailing notes about something in the newsletter. Often they came with a check to support a land acquisition campaign. She was impressed, she told others, with the Trust's dedication to its mission and responsiveness to issues and donors. After a path was created on the donated land and invasive plants subdued, Vince Ollivier guided her on a few walks there. It had been many decades, she remarked, since she'd been able to enjoy the family property.



Meetinghouse Pond and marsh elder from the shoreline of the Moerschner Gift.

Is OCT in Your Estate Plan?

Sometimes we don't know just how much the work of the Trust meant to a supporter until after their passing—as was the case with Marjorie Moerschner. Receiving an unexpected gift as a windfall makes us very happy! However, it's even better if we know in advance that someone intends to make OCT a beneficiary. Your heirs, too, can benefit from the tax advantages that such

a gift can confer. Of course, the greatest benefits go to the natural environment of Orleans and the Cape, and to all their human and wild inhabitants. When you're making or revisiting your estate plans, please consider a planned gift to the Trust, and consult with your attorney. OCT staff and officers are also available for a conversation; contact Director Stephen O'Grady at (508) 2555-0123.

The property known as the Moerschner Gift lies at the end of Cheney Road in East Orleans. A short trail brings you to the edge of the marsh bordering Meetinghouse Pond, where in early
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Conserving the Commons

Photo by Mark C. Sims

If you've had anything more than passing contact with Orleans Conservation Trust, you've probably bumped into Ann Fleck-Henderson. Whether attending a meeting or a speaker program, joining a guided walk on an OCT property, on a solo stroll around Twining's Pond or the annual paddle to Little Sipson's Island, Ann could be a poster child for OCT involvement.

"I have lots of good reasons for doing these things," she says. "On the walks and at the talks, I always learn something new: how to identify a terrapin nest or how Native Americans used the land around Hosea's Swamp, near where I live. I see things I would never notice on my own." Anne is a great solo walker, "but I'm directionally challenged, so it's relaxing to let someone else show the way; for the same reason, I love the trail maps. Also, I'm often walking alone, and meeting other people on the trail can be my main social event on a winter day."

Ann Fleck-Henderson

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Social work professor, college counselor and psychotherapist; consultant

FAVORITE OCT PROPERTY

Twining's Pond Conservation Area

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Enabling land acquisition, annual giving, membership, voting, participating in programs

As for the Trust's central mission of preserving land, "I'm ever more aware of its importance. The Cape is a fragile piece of sand, and what makes it work economically and as a desirable place to live is our water. Water quality is impaired by too much development on land, so I'm very invested in protecting land—for us humans but also as habitat for the creatures."

Ann and her family have acted on their convictions in the most tangible way, by making it possible for the Twining's Pond Conservation Area to exist. Her parents, Peter and Ruth Fleck, acquired large tracts in South Orleans around

1960, when the Quanset Harbor Club was being planned. (They had vacationed in the area when Ann was a child.) While still alive, they gifted two large parcels totaling more than 21 acres to OCT—and after their passing, Ann and her siblings arranged to sell land they had inherited to the Trust, some of it contiguous with the original preserved acreage. Ann also placed a conservation restriction on another lot near her home. "We wanted, of course, to protect the lovely walk around the pond. And by then there were a lot of homes on the pond, and we recognized the risk of increased pollution. We didn't want to sell the land

to be developed, so the best choice was conservation."

Beyond the general good of preserving land, Ann has strong feelings about making open space truly open to the public. "To me there's great value in the idea of the 'commons'—land that's held in common and open to the public, where you don't have to belong to a club to use it. Space kept open for people to enjoy is good for the human soul. I see the Twining's preserve as a commons for all of Orleans." The benefits go both ways, as she sees it: making land open for public use builds the constituency for conservation.

Through her and her family's generosity, Ann became a life member of OCT, along with a handful of other benefactors. But in truth, "I believe in paying membership dues every year," she says. "It re-commits you to staying engaged. It reminds you why you got involved in the first place."

The Terrapin Report

By **Jamie Demas**

On Saturday, September 7, OCT members gathered at the White's Lane Conservation Area to release northern diamondback terrapin hatchlings into the marshland along Henson's Cove. This gorgeous cove is a small embayment of The River, which connects Meetinghouse Pond to Pleasant Bay. On this beautiful late summer day, the freshly mowed trails showcased late-blooming sea lavender and the more seasonable seaside aster. High-tide bush follows, blooming abundantly in October.

White's Lane is home to the Bob Prescott Turtle Gardens: human-made sandy areas designed to promote nesting of the threatened terrapins. Bob, past OCT president and director of the Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (WBWS) was on hand as usual to preside over the hatchling release. WBWS manages a program to protect terrapin nests and hatchlings with the aim of restoring the species' population. With the help of WBWS volunteers, a record 13 nests were protected here this season.

Once abundant in salt marshes from Massachusetts to the Carolinas, the diamondback terrapin was prized for turtle soup and hunted to near-extinction before becoming a state-listed protected species. According to Bob, early editions of the Fanny Farmer Cookbook contain recipes for terrapin soup, and a single turtle sold for as much as \$3 in the 1920s (the equivalent of \$39 today).

Terrapin eggs and hatchlings have many predators—foxes, coyotes, raccoons, and a host of bird species. During the 60-to-90-day gestation of the vulnerable eggs, volunteers surround the nests with protective cages. Once the hatchlings emerge, they are collected from the enclo-

tures, and when deemed viable for release they are carefully “planted” in the tall grass surrounding the marsh. Perhaps as little as 1 to 2 percent of all hatchlings survive to adulthood—so anything we can do to raise this number is important to the species' recovery. Adult female terrapins also suffer high mortality, from predation but chiefly from being hit by cars when they venture out of the water twice yearly to lay eggs.

The “planting” at White's Lane drew a big crowd. Attendees could hold the tiny terrapins in their hands, and Bob showed everyone how to gently place them in the marshland, spread over a wide area. The name of the game, as he noted, is getting as many hatchlings as possible into the wild, so releasing 18 was a great success.

As the hatchling season came to an end in late September, we learned that a record total of 160 baby turtles were released at White's Lane this year. The nesting habitat there is especially critical because it is safely distant from roads and traffic. OCT is proud to be part of this restoration effort and thanks our members for their interest in this threatened species.

Note: You can watch a short video of this event at orleansconservationtrust.org/terrapin-release



Bob Prescott (above) organizes attendees to “plant” the baby terrapins at Henson's Cove.



Touring Pochet Island

By **Diana Landau**

“Where the sky meets the sea...” is a song lyric about a mythical South Seas isle. But it could easily describe Pochet Island, a magical place that’s nominally in East Orleans but feels worlds away. A piece of land Native Americans named the “dividing place”—to the north lived the Nauset and to the south the Monomoyick Tribe. An island privately owned for generations by the Payson family, yet contained within the Cape Cod National Seashore and governed by its policies. Eight square miles settled more thinly than almost anywhere on the Cape, yet open to hikers and birdwatchers.

This September, and for the past four years, OCT led a five-mile hike on Pochet Island, our contribution to the annual Celebrate Our Waters weekend sponsored by the Orleans Pond Coalition. Our group of 30 walkers met at the Nauset Beach parking lot for a 1.5-mile trek south on the sand, during which OCT director Stephen O’Grady pointed out the storm-shaped dunes, shorebirds, and the fin of a mola (ocean sunfish) out beyond the waves.

At the walking bridge that crosses to the island, we were met by three members of the Payson clan: Tim Payson and his cousins Lynn O’Connell and Nancy Barrington, our guides to the landscape they had roamed since childhood. Their ancestor Samuel Russell Payson bought the island—as well as Hog, Sampson, Little Pochet and the tip of Barley Neck—in 1885. One of the houses on the island is even older: built in 1680 and floated from Chatham in 1730. In all, there are five houses; another was originally a Coast Guard station erected to help survivors of shipwrecks. There’s no



View south from Pochet Island toward Little Pleasant Bay.

electricity or running water on Pochet Island, so the family draws water from a well with a hand pump.

Early fall is a lovely time to visit. Our tour took us through recently restored grasslands, a sea of bright goldenrod and aster, with views of marsh grass starting to turn a deep amber. As Lynn and her cousins shared family history, we explored around the buildings, dipped down to the shoreline on the west side, and hiked up to high points that offer breathtaking views out over Pochet Inlet and Little Pleasant Bay.

Fran McClennan, president of the Orleans Pond Coalition at the time this walk was inaugurated, considered it an important educational opportunity. “Not only is it extraordinarily beautiful,” she says, “but it illustrates how a family who owned and cared for this island made it available for others to enjoy—forever.” All of us who took the walk this year felt how special it was to experience this land outside of time, and look forward to returning.

Diana Landau is an OCT trustee and edits the newsletter. Another trustee, Jamie Demas, contributed reporting for this story.



Winter/Spring 2019 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, **6:30 – 7:30 pm**. Admission **free** (cash bar); doors open at 6:00 pm.



Cavity Nesters and You

Mark Faherty

Science coordinator, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Mass Audubon

How can you help cavity-nesting birds—which include woodpeckers, nuthatches, tree swallows, American kestrels, and owls—and attract them to your yard? What's the mysterious connection between beavers, great blue herons, and cavity-nesting birds? How are bluebirds doing, anyway? Mark Faherty will answer these questions and more in his talk. Learn about the natural history of these birds and where on the Cape you can volunteer to monitor nest boxes.

Thursday, January 3, 2019



Birds of Paradox: The Life of Terns

Peter Trull

Author, teacher, wildlife specialist

Our most graceful seabirds, terns are plunge divers, hovering above the ocean before plunging beak first into the water to snatch silversides, sand eels, even squid and shrimp. Peter Trull has watched, recorded, photographed terns for more than a decade, and his new book is a fascinating exploration of their ways. His talk will include glimpses into the intimate lives of terns, brought to life by his rare and remarkable photographs.

Thursday, February 7, 2019



Swirling Currents amid Dynamic Coastal Change

Sandy Macfarlane

Author; owner and program development director, Coastal Resource Specialists

Whales closer to demise; sharks chasing seals chasing fish; turtles stranding; fisheries reeling; shellfish aquaculture expanding rapidly; the Gulf of Maine heating up and the Gulf Stream slowing down—all these things are taking place in the context of dynamic coastal change. With an engaging mix of personal accounts and scientific investigation that entertains as well as informs, Sandy Macfarlane probes the stories behind the headlines.

Thursday, March 7, 2019



Team Mola: Understanding the Ocean Sunfish

Carol "Krill" Carson

Marine biologist; president, New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance

The ocean sunfish (*Mola mola*) is a common visitor to our coastal waters every summer and fall, yet we know little about its biology and ecology. A new community-based project called Team Mola involves Cape Codders in an effort to better understand and protect this endearingly odd-looking species. In her lively and humorous style, Krill Carson will introduce us to the mola, the team's work, and how you can help.

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Winter/Spring 2018 Walks

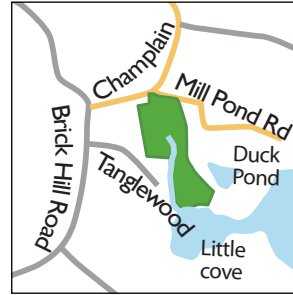
Get to know the **open spaces** of Orleans on our **popular guided walks**. They're **free, fun**, and appropriate for **all ages**.



Ice House/Reuben's Pond Conservation Area

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

Meet at 245 Tonset Road, Orleans
Sunday, December 2
1:30 – 3:30 pm



Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area

1-mile walk with unique topography, kettle ponds, a vernal pool, and much more.

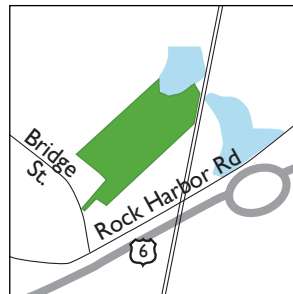
Meet at 13 Champlain Road, Orleans
Tuesday, March 12
10:00 – 11:30 am



Hosea's Swamp

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

Meet at 70 Quanset Road, South Orleans
Thursday, January 17
10:00 – 11:00 am



Putnam Farm Conservation Area

Short walk through a former working farm, now being managed as an early-successional field habitat and new community agricultural plots.

Meet at 50 Bridge Road, Orleans (behind the courthouse)
Saturday, April 6
9:00 – 10:00 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 and loose stones.

Meet at 135 Quanset Road, South Orleans
Saturday, February 9
10:00 am – 12:00 pm



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
Friday, May 3
3:00 – 4:30 pm

Photo © Bob Kroeger



Help Count the Ducks!

Our walk around the East Orleans ponds on December 2 will coincide with the Cape Cod Lake and Pond Waterfowl Survey. Since 1984, the Cape Cod Bird Club has conducted an annual census of waterfowl on Cape ponds and lakes the first weekend in December, on more than 300 water bodies. Join Bob Prescott and other birders for a fun and informative outing.

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

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Comings and Goings

In his role as clerk of the board of trustees, Charlie Carlson announced the approval by members of the slate of trustees up for election or re-election, and the latest Nominating Committee. Joining the board is Robert (Bob) Moore, who has long been active in water issues locally (see below). And the board bid an affectionate farewell to longtime trustee Patty Platten, who stepped down after seven years of service. Patty was honored at the meeting with the gift of a framed photograph of her beloved Twining's Pond, generously contributed by Hardie Truesdale. As Galligan noted, "We're not really saying goodbye, because we know Patty will stay closely involved with the Trust's work—we especially hope she and [her husband] Bob will continue to play a key role in running our events!"

Every year we welcome a new Individual Placement volunteer from AmeriCorps Cape Cod. This October, Courtney King joins OCT and will work with us through next July. A recent graduate of SUNY Geneseo (New York) in biology, Courtney has interned with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, helping with water quality monitoring and



working on fish and wildlife surveys. After her AmeriCorps service, she plans to pursue a master's in wildlife ecology or a related field. "I'm excited to be on Cape Cod and give back to the community through AmeriCorps," she says. "I've done a lot of kayaking and canoeing on New York lakes and look forward to the chance to kayak on the saltwater here."

Top: OCT president Kevin Galligan presents our thank-you gift to departing trustee Patty Platten. Treasurer Steve Koehler is at left; director Steve O'Grady at right. Left: AmeriCorps Cape Cod Individual Placement Courtney King will serve with OCT until next July.

Welcome New Trustee Robert Moore

A graduate of Davidson College, Bob earned his JD from the University of Virginia Law School. After military service, he practiced tax law for forty years with the firm of Miller & Chevalier in Washington, DC. In addition to corporate tax litigation, he was involved with tax-exempt organizations. Since retiring to

Orleans, Bob has devoted his energies mainly to mediation work and wastewater issues. He has served for six years on the board of Cape Mediation and for four years on the board of Orleans Can, and he has been active in the Orleans Pond Coalition. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in East Orleans.



The Rhythms of Fall

By Stephen O'Grady

At this time of the year, traffic around town dramatically lessens, salt marshes turn beautiful shades of gold, and even the persistent song of the Carolina wren quiets as they begin to hunker down for the winter. It's also a time when OCT's land management work kicks into gear. During spring and summer, we're busy maintaining our trails and keeping invasive plants at bay, but as vegetative growth takes a pause, we can catch up.

We clean out dozens of bluebird nest boxes that bear messy evidence of many successful fledglings, and we hope for a freeze that will let us easily access our wood duck boxes for the same chore. We mow about a dozen properties every autumn, totaling about 14 acres. Mowing, as well as the occasional prescribed burn, enables us to maintain increasingly rare early successional field habitats and to keep woody vegetation and invasive species in check. After a season of vigorous growth, these tasks are both critical and labor-intensive.

This October, thanks to a grant from the CPC and one generous donor, we also added six new trail kiosks on OCT properties across town. These sturdy, attractive stations feature large maps and information about the Trust and each preserve. Assembling and installing them was a major effort, so we were fortunate to have AmeriCorps Cape Cod volunteers on the team. Keep an eye out for these kiosks at our trailheads: you might learn something new about a trail you've been walking for years. Or better yet, find a trail you've been driving past without knowing it was there!

Fall is also a time when we strategize about land management plans, seeking creative ways to fulfill our aims with limited



Above: AmeriCorps Cape Cod members helped install six new trail kiosks. Left to right: OCT's Andrew Bagnara, Amber Andrews, Rachel Hoyt, Samantha Pierce, Sarah Comstock, Courtney King, and Samuel Collins. Left: Prescribed burning at White's Lane Conservation Area helps maintain grassland habitat.

budgets for each property. For example, our land management committee is actively working to solve a harmful stormwater runoff situation at the Mauch Conservation Area on Old Duck Hole Road in East Orleans. We aim to partner with the

Town of Orleans and a contractor to create a healthier wet-meadow ecosystem with better drainage and fewer invasive species. If you've never visited this OCT property, stop by some time—the view over the marsh is well worth it!

Gifts and Donations

Membership Year 2017–2018

From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, 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” may mark a special occasion or a milestone, or honor a person’s 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.

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autumn high-tide bushes (aka marsh elder) are laden with white blossoms—a living memorial to the relationship between a land trust and a family.

Anne Link Donaldson

As reported here in 2016, when Anne Link Donaldson passed, the Trust and the whole conservation community lost one of its staunchest supporters. During her retirement, from 1985 through 2006, Anne served on the Orleans Conservation Commission, Orleans Open Space Committee, the Barnstable County Conservation Board, and on the board of Orleans Conservation Trust for 18 years.



Anne and her husband, David, helped support the Trust's acquisitions of the Whit-

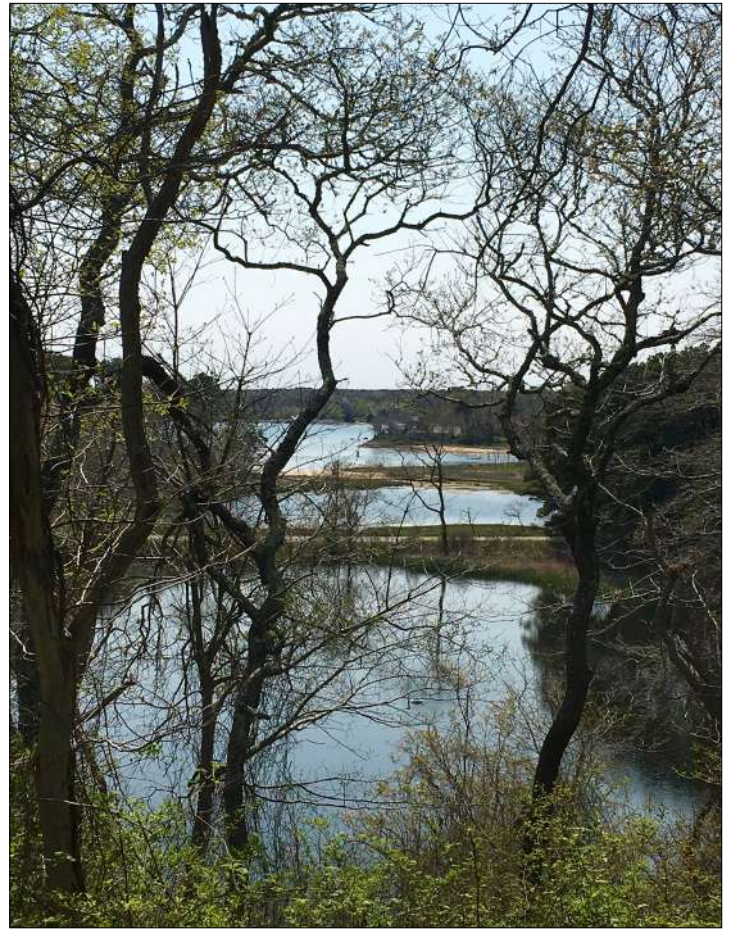
lock property on Tonset Road (for our Woods Cove) and parcels in Namequoit Bog, among others. "She always wanted to walk those properties—bushwhack is more like it—before the actual fundraising or purchase," notes Vince Ollivier.

When Anne made a posthumous gift to OCT, her sons notified the Trust in an eloquent letter detailing her life in conservation. It concluded, "This bequest is given to help preserve the Cape she knew and loved. ... It is a means by which she can continue her lifelong commitment to conserving the open space we all need for our preservation." The family also asked that donations in her memory be directed to OCT's land acquisition fund.

Charlotte Brooks Read

The family of Charlotte Brooks Read also requested memorial gifts to OCT in lieu of flowers when she passed this May. Once again, it marked a long life of service to conservation (and to the larger world) by a remarkable woman. "Charlotte's deep love of the outdoors grew from her childhood family summers on Cape Cod," her obituary noted. Her father was Judge Lawrence Graham Brooks, who had long owned property on Pleasant Bay in South Orleans. "She loved skippering the *Quawk*, her father's catboat. She taught her children and grandchildren to sail, and regularly impressed them with her knowledge of flowers, bird songs, and the night sky."

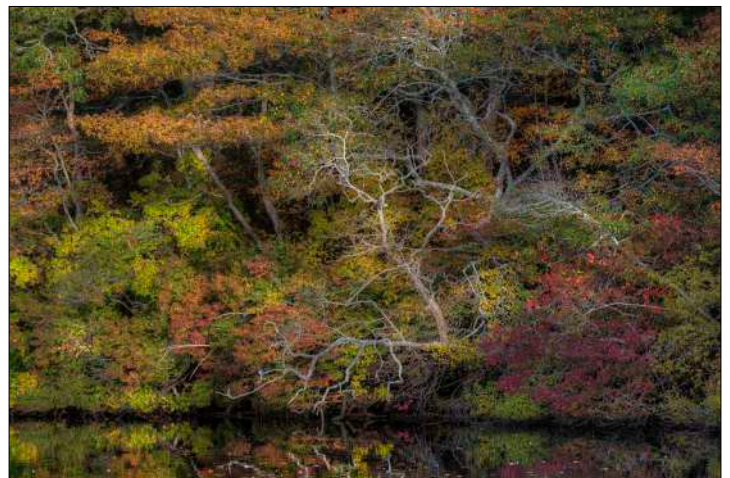
Charlotte made substantial gifts to the Trust over the years, most notably enabling OCT in 2005 to purchase 6.6 acres of Brooks family land for what has become the Meadow Bog Pond Conservation Area. She also contributed significantly to the acquisition of nearby parcels around Twining's Pond and Eelman's Point on the Narrows—all helping to sustain the health of Pleasant Bay.



Meadow Bog Pond (in foreground), with Quanset Pond and Pleasant Bay in the distance. Land to the east (left) was sold to OCT by the Brooks family. Below: Shoreline of Meadow Bog Pond in fall. Photo © by Hardie Truesdale.

And even after becoming a life member, she continued to send in her membership dues each year.

Former OCT vice president **Vincent A. Ollivier** was a key contributor to this report.



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