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MLT wins Friends of Education award



A friend of education

Don Cuddy

The Mattapoisett Land Trust was honored in June this year with the presentation of a 'Friends of Education Award' from the Old Rochester Professional Educators Association. "All of us at the Land Trust are thrilled to accept this award," MLT president Mike Huguenin said. "It comes to us in appreciation of the great partnerships we have forged with the students and teachers in the ORR school system over the years."



*Lynn Connor,
science teacher,
ORRHS*



*Ellen Flynn,
Chair of MLT
Education
Committee*

Since 2005 the MLT has been providing volunteers and funding for a variety of educational projects designed to cultivate awareness of our mission: to preserve and protect our natural resources and to enrich the quality of life for present and future Mattapoisett residents. In 2006, in one of our earliest collaborations, we worked with a group of sixth grade students to certify the vernal pools on the Munn property on Brandt Island Cove. Since then the partnership has expanded and the MLT now provides bus transportation during the school year for three ORR environmental classes to conduct periodic water sampling at Eel Pond in Mattapoisett. We fund an annual ferry trip to Cuttyhunk for sixth-graders and also bus our third-grade classes into New Bedford to visit the Coalition for Buzzards Bay's headquarters there.

Dr. Colin Everett, a history teacher at the high school, is president of ORPEA, the teachers' professional association. "The Mattapoisett Land Trust was a very easy decision to receive this award, given the MLT's many years of support for the marine biology program at the high school, as well as the support for the middle and elementary schools in town. ORPEA greatly appreciates the enthusiasm and resources provided to tri-town students by the Land Trust," he said. This award, which boasts a thirty-year history, recognizes up to three people or organizations every year for positive contributions to education in the tri-town area. ORPEA members submit nominees for the awards and the recipients are selected by a committee in the spring.

Ellen Flynn who chairs the MLT's education committee said news of the award came as a total surprise. "We never expected this but it's wonderful," she said. It is also a reflection of the sterling efforts of all those working on the education committee. "We have a very active committee that tries to partner with other organizations in town to offer enriching programs and events," Ellen said. Of late, these include the schools, the Mattapoisett Historical Society, the Mattapoisett library and the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

While all of us at the Land Trust can rightly be pleased at this acknowledgement of what we are accomplishing in the community it is worth remembering that, however noble the

cause, having the requisite funding in place remains the 'sine qua non.' In this respect we have been extremely fortunate. "The reason we are able to provide these great learning opportunities to our schools is entirely due to the Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation," MLT treasurer Gary Johnson noted. "These funds came to us from the Shoolman estate in 2004."

The Shoolmans, Edith and Elliot, were noted philanthropists and generous supporters of the Land Trust and our mission. A particular focus on children's education comprises a large part of their philanthropic legacy and we have been able to channel these Children's Foundation funds towards programs of which we are confident they would most certainly approve.

The ORPEA award is currently on display in the Mattapoisett library near the main entrance. MLT would again like to express our thanks to Lynn Connor, a science teacher at ORRHS, who has collaborated with us for many years on our educational programs.

Your legacy for open land

For over 40 years MLT has worked to ensure that you and your family will always have woods, fields, ponds, and trails to enjoy. Much of our success has been made possible by generous individuals who made provisions in their wills to support MLT. Have you thought about leaving a legacy to protect the nature of Mattapoisett through a planned gift?

Please let us know if you have or would like to consider naming MLT as a beneficiary in your estate plan. We appreciate gifts of all sizes.

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Old Hammond Quarry update

Gary P. Johnson

Our lead story in The Heron last spring concerned our efforts to protect the 53 acres on Mattapoisett Neck Road that contains the old granite quarry that was owned and run by the Hammond family in the 18th and 19th centuries. In order to close on the acquisition by the end of the year, with our partner, the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC), we need to raise \$600,000 in grants and private fundraising—a daunting challenge.

The news to date has been positive. In May Town Meeting approved a grant of \$37,500 from Community Preservation funds and this summer we received the news that the Commonwealth had approved a grant of \$35,000 in federal funds through the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program. Because the parcel is Eastern Box Turtle habitat we were eligible for funding through the Box Turtle Mitigation Fund administered by The Nature Conservancy. This is a fund into which land developers in the region must contribute when they are disrupting or destroying box turtle habitat. We were gratified when we heard in the spring that they had approved a grant of \$200,000 for this project.

To help close the gap the BBC helped the Town of Mattapoisett submit a grant application this fiscal year through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) program of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The grant application is significant: \$300,000. If it is granted we will be able to close the gap with private fundraising; without it we will have a significant challenge.

Our private fundraising this spring and summer has raised approximately \$29,000 including from the Great Community Picnic in August and the Tour de Creme in May but our efforts will continue this fall. We started giving tours of the property last Thanksgiving and the interest shown by the public as well as MLT members has been overwhelming — we've had over 200 people take the short tour. Watch The Wanderer, the MLT website and social media for announcements of future walks; or you can arrange a "private" showing by sending us an email at info@mattlandtrust.org.

Donations can be made online at www.mattlandtrust.org/connect/donate/ or by sending a check payable to the Mattapoisett Land Trust to the MLT, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and indicate that the funds are for the "Old Hammond Quarry" or just the "Quarry". Thank you if you have already contributed and thanks in advance to those of you who are going to help us preserve this environmentally sensitive, historically significant and recreationally promising site.

Annual Meeting 2017

After a walk on the new path through Woodcock Preserve, a talk by ORR students on Eel Pond water quality, and a potluck lunch, MLT held its 43rd Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 29 in the Friends Meeting social hall. The 32 members present accepted the treasurer's report — net income was \$45,523 — amended articles of incorporation, and elected a board of directors with the addition of Mary Ann Cebula and Alice McGrath. The board reelected officers with Mike Huguenin as president.

Marla Isaac then filled us in on efforts to save the Eastern Box Turtle and shared some of her turtles.



MLT directors elected for 2017-2018

Hunting Season 2017

Hunting in Mattapoisett opens on October 14th and continues through the end of the year. Hunting activity will peak from November 27th through December 9th. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/seasons-summary.pdf>. Mattapoisett is in Zone 11.

Land Trust properties are open to lawful hunting, in accordance with state regulations. Please be aware of and respect hunters who are legally using MLT lands. Dress for safety by wearing hats or vests of blaze orange. Hunters generally are less active during the middle part of the day, and no hunting is allowed on Sundays.

MLT welcomes hunters using our properties, but reminds them that all hunting stands must be removed at the end of the season. We hope hunters and non-hunters both will enjoy MLT's forests, fields and marshes!

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Meet your Directors

Alice McGrath



A summer resident for thirty-four years, Alice moved to Angelica Point permanently in 2002 from her home in Milton following retirement from a career as a national account manager with Lucent.

She has been a Land Trust member since 2002. Now as an energetic board member, Alice coordinates the MLT's popular Salty Soiree gathering in October, arranges the ice cream stops on the Tour de Crème and the pony rides

at Harbor Days.

Always community-minded, Alice previously served the town as a volunteer at the polling booths and some years ago was on the committee studying the feasibility of erecting land-based wind turbines in Mattapoisett.

These days, when not golfing, Alice also volunteers her time on behalf of Nativity Prep, the school for boys in New Bedford.

Mary Ann Cebula



Mary Ann Cebula was born and raised in Easthampton MA, and moved to Mattapoisett over 35 years ago with husband Ray and their children.

She is a graduate cosmetologist and owned a number of beauty salons and other retail businesses prior to retirement.

Now you'll find Mary Ann staffing the MLT booth at Harbor Days, designing

new MLT logo apparel, and maintaining and improving our Dunseith Preserve, home of Salty the Seahorse.

Spare moments find Mary Ann cooking, landscaping, biking, fishing, hunting, traveling and spending time with grandchildren.

Elizabeth Foley

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship winner

Ellen P. Flynn



College — off to a new land and a new culture! Like the Great Blue Heron flying south, Elizabeth J. Foley, MLT Scholarship recipient and daughter of Janice and William Foley of Mattapoisett, is on her way to join the Honors Biology class of 2021 at Virginia Tech. This institution is ranked number one in the country as a college of Natural Resources and Environment with community-based programs, and a good match for Foley. Ms. Foley, an honors graduate

of Bishop Stang High School, said "Virginia Tech immediately felt like a great place for me with its sense of community, focus on service and tremendous spirit. It's an amazing school with so many opportunities, I can't wait to see what the next four years will bring". Her career goals include becoming an optometrist, serving humanity and improving the quality of life of her future patients.

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is thrilled to have chosen Elizabeth as our scholarship winner, as she is no stranger to the workings of our organization. Ms. Foley served for two years as our student representative, attending Board Meetings, Education Committee meetings and working as a volunteer for our educational programs. Her innovative ideas helped create new programs such as collaborating with organizations like MATT REC, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and the local First Grade Girl Scout troop.

Elizabeth carries with her personal confidence, strong academic achievements and great potential for future success. She will bring high standards and meaningful insights to Virginia Tech. We are pleased to announce her as our 2017 choice for the \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship award.

Attention Photographers!

Show off your best shots of and from MLT preserves on our social media and new website, coming later this year.

To submit, write to us at
info@mattlandtrust.org.

Honor Your Loved Ones

The following individuals or groups have chosen in the last six months to honor their loved ones through donations to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

In memory of Lois and Mason Burden:

Brenda Paull
Mercer Island, WA

In memory of Marilyn Flood:

Anne K. Shepley
Mattapoissett, MA

In memory of H. Wilbur 'Bill' Johnson:

Elizabeth Hill
Mattapoissett, MA
Bruce & Donna Johnson
Jamestown, NY
Gary P. Johnson & Luana Josvold
Mattapoissett, MA
David Kibbe
Albany, NY

In memory of Michael Kiple:

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Atlanta, GA

In memory of George Mock, Jr.:

Gary P. Johnson & Luana Josvold
Mattapoissett, MA

In memory of Judy Pasquill:

Anne Coggins
Mattapoissett, MA

In memory of Dr. M. C. Rosenfield:

Gary P. Johnson & Luana Josvold
Mattapoissett, MA
Mattapoissett Friends Meeting
Mattapoissett, MA

In memory of Bob Walter:

Sandy Hering & Don Bamberger
Mattapoissett, MA
Gary P. Johnson & Luana Josvold
Mattapoissett, MA

In honor of Gary Johnson's birthday:

Bill & Ginny Johnson
Williams Bay, WI

Thank you for your generous contributions which will be used to further our mission of protecting the land and the environment of Mattapoissett for generations to come.

We would like to hear from you!

Whether your contributions come in the form of tax-deductible financial gifts or through volunteer services, your support matters! Your annual membership contributions support the operating expenses of the MLT. Mowing, inspections, forestry services, trash pick-up, legal and accounting advice are all part of what keeps the organization vital and growing. In addition, whether you are concerned about preserving the scenic beauty of Mattapoissett, maintaining its biodiversity, or fear the degradation of Buzzards Bay waters from septic systems and chemical run-off, there are many ways you can volunteer your time and services, allowing for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

To learn more about volunteering, becoming a member of the MLT, renewing your membership, or to learn more about upcoming events, check out our website: mattlandtrust.org, Facebook and Instagram (Mattapoissett Land Trust) or e-mail us at info@mattlandtrust.org. We would like to hear from you and welcome any suggestions or comments!

Salty's Silvery Moon Soirée

Join us on Saturday, October 28, 5:30 - 7:30 PM for our annual Soirée at Dunseith Gardens, home of Salty the Seahorse. There will be music, storytelling by Big Ryan of Big Ryan's Tall Tales and a fire to make your own s'mores.

This is a free event, open to the public and always provides an evening of fun for all ages.

There is no parking at Dunseith, so bring a flashlight to find your way home or back to your car.

The Mattapoissett Land Trust

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

for a resident graduating from secondary school pursuing an education in environmental studies or a related field.



Scholarship application details and forms

mattlandtrust.org/education/blanche-b-perry-scholarship/

Kayak camp at Munro!

Ellen P. Flynn



Mattapoisett Recreation's Seahorse Summer Explorer program teamed up with the Mattapoisett Land Trust for kayak instruction on August 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2017. Children ages 7 through 10 participated with MLT volunteers and Matt REC staff to enjoy the water and learn a new skill. "We were thrilled that the Mattapoisett Land Trust approached us and offered to educate our campers on kayaking and introduce them to the Land Trust and the Munro property" said Greta Fox, Director of Mattapoisett REC.

Campers with counselors walked to the Munro property adjacent to the Town Wharf and learned about Ruth Munro and the property's shipbuilding history. Then campers received instructions and safety guidelines for kayaking. Each camper wearing a Coast Guard approved life jacket got into the kayaks — some double, others single — and with a certified lifeguard nearby in the water each practiced their new skills. From time to time campers traded kayaks so everyone was able to try both single and double kayaks. Ray Cabral, an MLT volunteer and instructor, said "The children, counselors and chaperones had the time of their life paddling



around and discovering this water sport". Ellen Flynn, MLT director and Education Chair, said, "There was joy, apprehension and adrenaline working all at once on their emotions!" At the program's close Ms. Fox stated, "The Land Trust volunteers were wonderful. The children had an amazing time and talked about it all week. We hope to partner with the Land Trust again next summer and for other MATTREC programs."

Successful Summer events

Marc Anderson

MLT hosted the 2nd Annual Tour de Crème in May, again with the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike and Recreational Path. The event's 300 participants rode 7800 miles on 4 creamery tours, consuming 800 scoops of ice cream along the way. Thanks to individual fundraisers and our sponsors — Nye Lubricants, Mahoney's, Mattapoisett Boatyard, Bold Moves, First Citizens Federal Credit Union, Briggs Insurance, T2 Architecture, Eastern Bank, the Oxcart, and others — we raised over \$14,000 to support the land trust and bike path!



July found us in our usual spot at Harbor Days, chatting with folks about the Old Hammond Quarry, looking over maps of protected lands and selling MLT hats, shirts, and other gear. Kids enjoyed pony rides and face painting on Saturday afternoon at MLT's Munro Preserve next to Shipyard Park.



Then on a beautiful summer evening in early August 350 people gathered to enjoy the second Great Community Picnic at the Munro Preserve. Guests enjoyed live music organized by David Dunn, fresh local oysters provided by Bob Field, hors d'oeuvres provided by the Inn on Shipyard Park, and their own delicious picnic fare. The picnic raised nearly \$6,000 to support the work of MLT and our co-sponsor, the Mattapoisett Historical Society.

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers who helped make these events successful!



Kids' Corner

What's in a Name?

When you visit a restaurant in Mattapoisett, New Bedford or any of the towns in the area you are likely to find a menu that has different clam dishes such as “stuffed quahog,” “little necks” or “cherrystones.” You might think that there are a lot of different kinds of clams, but these are all names for the same species, the hard clam (*Mercenaria mercenaria*). The various names are used just to indicate a difference in the size of the shell – the larger the shell the tougher the meat of the clam. From smallest to largest the names are: countnecks, littlenecks, topnecks, then cherrystones, and finally quahogs or chowder clams. In Mattapoisett the term “quahog” is used for all hard clams and the term “clam” is used for soft-shell clams (*Mya arenaria*) or “steamers.”



Hard clams live on the east coast of North America from Prince Edward Island all the way to southern Mexico but the greatest concentration is found from Cape Cod south to New Jersey, including Buzzards Bay. They have a triangular shaped shell with growth rings and are colored white with purple on the inside of the shell. Native Americans used the shells to make wampum beads for trade.

If you wish to collect hard clams in Mattapoisett your family needs to get a shellfish “button” from Town Hall. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult and you can only collect one time per week, but you are permitted one peck (2 gallons) and the season is open all year. All the quahogs you collect have to be at least one inch thick.

The shells shown in the picture were collected on the Town beach on Goodspeed Island. Can you identify the hard clams? What about the others?

Ans: Hard clams: A, C, F, G, H and K



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Calendar — Fall and Winter Activities

date	time	event	description	place
October 27	10:00 AM	Sixth grade Thoreau Bicentennial Statewide Read	The sixth graders will select activities and offer interesting facts about Henry David Thoreau	Dunseith Gardens, Route 6 and North Street
October 28	10:00 AM	Thoreau Bicentennial Statewide Read	Public reading of the works of Henry David Thoreau	Dunseith Gardens, Route 6 and North Street
October 28	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Salty's Soiree	Music, stories and s'mores. See page 5	Dunseith Gardens, Route 6 and North Street
November 4	10:30 AM	Protecting yourself and your property from ticks	Blake Dinius, entomologist, Plymouth County Extension Service	Mattapoisett Public Library Community Room

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The MLT, formed in 1974, is a non-profit, tax- exempt charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its purpose is to preserve open space for the enjoyment of current and future residents of Mattapoisett, as well as to educate the public about the sound use of natural resources, and to work with other organizations having the same goals.

Our membership consists of annual contributors — our primary source of revenue — and a volunteer Board of Directors: Marc Anderson, Charles A. Bedser, Mary Ann Cebula, Raymond Cebula, Don Cuddy, Arthur Damaskos, Peter Davies, Ellen Flynn, Sandra Hering, Gary P. Johnson, Luana Marie Jøsvold, Alice McGrath, Paul Osenkowski, Charles Radville and Michael Huguenin, President.

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