

### STEWARDSHIP TAKES A NEW TURN

The 300 Committee Board of Directors has long recognized the importance of land stewardship to our organization's mission. Since 1989, T3C has had a corps of volunteers who have worked to look after and maintain hundreds of acres of conservation land all over town. As we have helped the Town acquire more land and have increased our own conservation holdings, including more than 25 conservation restrictions (CRs), stewardship demands and responsibilities have increased as well. During the last year, members of the board, working with administrator Jessica Whritenour and program director Lucy Helfrich, began fleshing out a job description for a new part-time staff position: the Stewardship Coordinator.



Alex Etkind

In late August, Alexander Etkind joined T3C to fill this new role, and we couldn't be more delighted! Alex came to us after two years serving as AmeriCorps Land Steward with the Mass-LIFT—Massachusetts Land Initiative for Tomorrow—program, which each year matches 20 AmeriCorps members with hosting organizations to help meet critical community needs for land protection, including conservation project

initiation and implementation, stewardship of protected lands, outreach to the broader community, and service learning opportunities to engage young people in conservation. His placement was with Wildlands Trust, one of the largest and oldest regional land trusts in Massachusetts, that, since its founding in 1973, has helped to ensure the protection of nearly 10,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands in southeastern Massachusetts. Alex's experience has been a great match with T3C's needs, and it is fair to say that he hit the ground running, and hasn't stopped since his arrival.

Alex has already tackled a couple of successful land maintenance projects, capitalizing on the willingness of stewardship volunteers and the great fall weather. On October 3, a dozen folks conducted a general clean-up at Teaticket Park and began the challenge of removing invasive species—spotted knapweed, Oriental bittersweet and Black swallow-wort, to name a few—along parts of the park perimeter. Alex also organized and led a very productive work day at River Bend Conservation Area, where nine volunteers worked to construct a new bridge across an old cranberry bog ditch and create and install small bog bridges through other wet areas. This was a key effort aimed to protect the unique plant life of the parcel's sensitive wetland habitat, including native bog plants such as the carnivorous sundew. On a practical note, this work will also help keep visitors' feet dry as they explore the trails there.

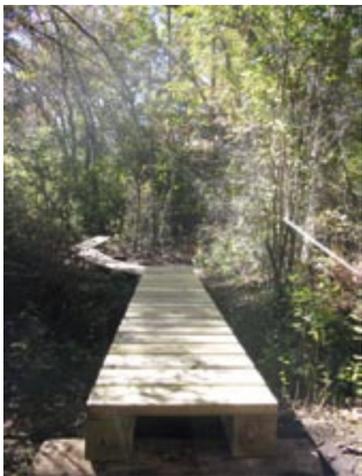
Alex has also begun to build on the Stewardship Committee's initiative of keeping an inventory of habitat, flora and fauna found on Falmouth's conservation lands. In the office, we are working to bolster and fine-tune our land database to make this information easier to store and access.



Top: Doug Marlow, Kevin Maloney and Linda DeYoung build a bog bridge at River Bend Conservation Area.



Middle: Barry Good, Leonard Johnson and Peter Kroll secure bridge stringers to log sills cut from locally harvested black locust.



Bottom: The completed bridge and bog bridges!

Alex's arrival has been lucky timing for two young men working toward their Eagle Scout badges; he has met with these two Scouts and is providing guidance for their projects at River Bend and at the Allen and Hayway Road parcels. Another area of Alex's focus is looking at the early stages of habitat restoration projects at a number of Town and T3C parcels.

There is more to come in the stewardship arena, and Alex has a lot of plans, so stay tuned! And if you have any ideas for conservation land projects, please don't hesitate to share them. Alex's email address is aetkind@300committee.org and he is eager to hear from you.

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### GIFTS IN MEMORY OF... (thru 10/10/12)

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- ♥ **John P. Wallace** from Elaine Wallace

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- ♥ **Jayne Abbott's 80th birthday (& in memory of Maine)** from Alexander Abbott
- ♥ **Robert F. Dill** from Elizabeth Dill & Eric Enge
- ♥ **Mike Duffany** from David & Patricia Gadsby
- ♥ **Nick Lowell** from Eric Hallstein (for Teaticket Park)
- ♥ **Greg Souza** from Douglas & Tammy Amon
- ♥ **Peter Waasdorp** from Laurie Raymond

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The 300 Committee is a private, non-profit land trust dedicated to preserving natural places in Falmouth for everyone to enjoy now and in the years to come. Since 1985, The 300 Committee has taken a lead role to acquire treasured open space for conservation, recreation and water protection. In the last 26 years, more than 2,300 acres have been permanently protected through our efforts.

# Leaves

## TEATICKET PARK: A PROGRESS REPORT AND AN OPPORTUNITY



This new sign was erected along Teaticket Highway in September. T3C hopes to raise \$175,000 in additional funds to reach the goal for Teaticket Park.

The 300 Committee's goal of converting the former Joe's Driving Range into Teaticket Park is carefully but surely moving from plan to reality. After working through permitting requirements and refinements to the park plans during the last six months, T3C now expects to complete all demolition work and rough grading of the streetscape area by the end of the year. When the spring arrives, the site will be ready for the work to make it truly a park: the planting of trees and meadow grasses, installation of handicapped-accessible paths, benches, bike racks and a reconfigured, smaller parking lot.

Our fund raising to purchase the 10.7-acre driving range and restore it into a park has gone well. With important grants from the state and community preservation funds, we have raised more than \$2,000,000. We now own the land and have sufficient resources for Phase I of the park creation. We are extraordinarily thankful to the committed supporters who have helped us come this far.

The vision for Teaticket Park is a restored environmental resource area—an accessible green space in the heart of the most densely developed village of Falmouth. To complete this vision we need to raise an additional \$175,000. A picnic grove, a boardwalk and observation platform, an outdoor classroom and additional benches, trails and native plants will be phased in as funds allow.

Those who visit the site can look over the broad, grassy expanse and imagine the site as a beautifully restored, natural park. Sweeping paths will open into

views of meadow grasses and tree groves and bring people into the landscape. The boardwalk will allow visitors to circumnavigate the restored wetland.

Restoring a landscape to create a park is new challenge for T3C, but it is truly just a variation of our original mission to preserve land in all of Falmouth's villages. Please stop by the site, if you haven't already. Walk in and get a sense of the space and its potential as a permanently protected, green oasis in the center of Teaticket.

Our partnership with the Teaticket Civic Association in planning for the creation and stewardship of the park is critically important, as this project is close to the heart literally and figuratively — of the Teaticket community. Teaticket Civic's input and support provide a real boost to our overall effort and we are grateful.

As members and friends of The 300 Committee we hope you share in the enthusiasm for Teaticket Park and will take the opportunity to join us in completing the vision. You can make a contribution in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or on-line at our website. If you would like more specific information about the park, please contact Jessica or Lucy at the office. Thank you!

## PASTA SUPPER RAISES \$5,000+ FOR TEATICKET PARK

The Teaticket Civic Association, working with The 300 Committee, hosted its second fabulous Pasta Supper on September 28 to benefit Teaticket Park (the first one took place in September, 2011). Held at the Navigator, Clubhouse of the Portuguese American Association of Falmouth, the evening drew a sell-out crowd of 200 and was a celebration marked by great food, good cheer, music and even dancing for a few eager attend-



Mary Bishop, key member of the Teaticket Civic Association, was a chief organizer of the pasta supper.

ees. Gift certificates, artwork, plants, edible treats and other specialty items, donated by more than two dozen local businesses and individuals, were featured in the Silent Auction, and Andy Dufresne was a master ticket-seller for a 50/50 raffle. All the elements combined to raise \$5,200 for the creation of Teaticket Park.

For their critical support of this event, we extend our sincerest gratitude to:

Fernanda Lopes, chef extraordinaire, and key helpers Mary Bishop and Mary Little, plus all the volunteers from Teaticket Civic who organized and served the food.

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HomeGoods  
The Island Queen  
Joan Power  
Kappy's  
Landfall Restaurant



Let's eat! Buffet line offerings at the pasta supper included spaghetti and meatballs, broccoli and ziti, green salad, dinner rolls and a huge selection of desserts.

And, for their wonderful contributions to the silent auction, we heartily thank the following local businesses and individuals:

Mary Little  
Roche Bros.  
Shaw's Supermarket  
Sirenetta Seaside Chocolatier  
Steamship Authority  
Stop & Shop  
Supreme Pizza & Subs  
Teaticket Market  
Ted & Maryann Rowan  
Walgreen's  
West Falmouth Market  
Wild Harbor General Store  
Windfall Market  
Woods Hole Inn



The pasta supper's silent auction offered a wide selection of more than 20 items up for inspection, admiration and bidding. The auction raised \$2,090 for Teaticket Park.

## FALL AND FUTURE EVENTS

We recently wrapped up a six-week celebration of the 40th anniversary of J.K. Lilly's gift of Beebe Woods to the Town of Falmouth. T3C collaborated with Historic Highfield to focus on this gem of protected land in the heart of town. Exhibitions, workshops, and family programs highlighted the natural resources, inspiration and magic of these woods.

Two family walks were held on consecutive Sundays and were led by our devoted and enthusiastic volunteer Molly Cornell and featured the new Passport to Beebe Woods, a guide to the Woods and the Punch Bowl. On October 28, Molly,

Susie Goodman Hallstein and Stephanie Madsen helped participants examine shapes in nature, compare and contrast objects they found, and learn about the processes that helped to form them. On November 4, Molly and helpers shared fun facts about the flora, fauna, trails and history of Beebe Woods, then sent kids and parents off on a scavenger hunt adventure with their Passport books.

We remember with gratitude the vision and generosity of the Lilly family and their protection of 387 very special acres. Indeed we have a lot to celebrate.

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The Beebe Woods family event on November 4 drew more than 100 eager children and parents.

## "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND" CONTINUES INTO 2013

With renewed grant funding from the Falmouth Education Foundation and in collaboration with The 300 Committee, the "This Land is Your Land" project, led by Jane Baker, Visual Arts Teacher at Falmouth High School, will continue through this academic year. The overall goal is for FHS art students to document conservation lands in Falmouth through artwork and oral histories. From photos and sketches made during visits to various protected parcels throughout our community, the students will create drawings, paintings, etchings and graphic posters. Students enrolled in the Oral History project will interview long-time Falmouth residents about their experiences with these lands. These efforts will culminate in an art show and video



FHS art students work at the edge of Beebe Woods in September, practicing plein air drawing and painting as part of "This Land is Your Land."

presentation at the high school on Thursday, March 7, 2013.

**This year's grant funding includes a new twist!** To celebrate the emerging Teaticket Park, high school art students have been working with the children at Teaticket Elementary School to document the habitat that borders the school and the park property. Each Teaticket student is contributing his or her own element (plant, animal, insect, bird, etc.) to a giant mural for the school. In the spring, the high school students will return to Teaticket School to make kites with the younger students using these habitat pictures. In May, this portion of the project will wrap up with a cross-age kite festival in celebration of conservation land in Falmouth.

### Dear Jane, members of The 300 Committee and other volunteers,

Please know that we have thoroughly enjoyed our experiences with the "This Land is Your Land" project and deeply appreciate your time and commitment to this activity. The students and teachers were delighted to be included in your plans and we are looking forward to the spring celebration! Please pass my thanks along to anyone who is not included in this email, including the Art Honor Students!

Sincerely,  
Sue Driscoll, Principal  
Teaticket School

## FALL AND FUTURE EVENTS

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### Coming up...Mark Your Calendar!

**March 4-24, "This Land is Your Land" exhibit**  
(see story above)

**Falmouth High School art gallery**  
Showcasing student art works featuring Falmouth conservation lands.

**Thursday, March 7, "This Land is Your Land" Reception, 5-6:30 pm**

Art show and video presentation at Falmouth High School celebrating Falmouth's conservation lands and people's connections to those lands.

**Friday, April 26, Shawn Carey, Migration Productions & "Epic Journeys" • Lillie Auditorium, Woods Hole, 7:30 pm**  
To be held in collaboration with the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL).

T3C's Outreach Committee is busy planning other exciting events, including several talks for the Spring Speaker Series line-up (January, February and March), a bike tour to conservation parcels (May or June) and possibly a trolley tour to selected parcels in the spring.

If you are not already on our email list and would like to be notified of T3C walks, talks and events, please notify us: [saveland@300committee.org](mailto:saveland@300committee.org).



Matt White, a junior at FHS, guides kindergarteners as they create habitat artworks to be included in a schoolwide mural and kite festival.



T3C volunteer Pam Polloni (with clipboard) and Teaticket School principal Sue Driscoll talk with 3rd graders during an exploration of the habitat between the school yard and Teaticket Park.

## IN MEMORY OF BETH...



The late Beth Schwarzman at The 300 Committee's Bioblitz.

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This issue of *Leaves* is dedicated to the memory of Beth Schwarzman, inveterate champion of The 300 Committee Land Trust and its mission to preserve and protect natural lands in Falmouth. A long-time board member, great friend and a tireless worker on our behalf, Beth died at the end of August in Arizona. At the time Beth was leading a rafting trip for Carleton College down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, perhaps as close to heaven as a geologist can get on this earth. Feeling ill, she was taken to a hospital in Flagstaff where she later suffered a heart attack.

Beth had led trips like this many times before. She was also a vigorous leader of dozens of nature walks here on Cape Cod and particularly in Falmouth. Many

of you joined Beth's fan club after participating in one of her walks. She was a geologist at the USGS for many years. She was a gifted teacher and also the author of *The Nature of Cape Cod*, a guidebook which she illustrated with her own maps. Beth was the lead organizer of The 300 Committee's Bioblitz in June, 2010, the first event of its kind on the Cape, and she enthusiastically orchestrated many other events. She created for The 300 Committee all the trail maps on our web site. For those of you who didn't know Beth in person, you might well have been touched by her through some of these accomplishments and activities.

It is a huge understatement to say that we all are missing Beth enormously. Our greatest loss perhaps is her overarching commitment to The 300 Committee's mission. She had enormous energy and drive that made us want to work harder to preserve and protect land here in Falmouth. To date, contributions to the Beth Schwarzman Conservation Land Fund total nearly \$15,000.

## T3C THANKS...

**The Friendship Fund** for a grant to survey and place boundary markers at key perimeter locations on two of T3C's newest parcels: the Punch Bowl parcel in Beebe Woods and the Romano parcel, a now-abandoned cranberry bog in Hatchville.

**The Fields Pond Foundation of Waltham, MA**, for a grant to support wetlands restoration at Teaticket Park.

...for work on the land and in the community:

**Mike and Todd Duffany**, who have spent more than 40 hours this year mowing the fields at the Coonamessett Reservation and Cardoza Farm.



Ad for John Deere? Todd Duffany helps mow the fields at the Coonamessett Reservation to maintain grassland habitat.

**Board member Jeff Hamilton**, for donating tree work at the Garland parcel on busy Palmer Avenue, for donating materials for the River Bend foot bridge and for storing and irrigating the Elm trees eventually to be planted at Teaticket Park.

The stewardship volunteers who worked at Teaticket Park on October 3: **Lyn & Will Clarke and two members of Will's crew from Perennial Solutions, Susie Goodman Hallstein, Leonard Johnson, Vicky Lowell, Dick Payne, Jonathan Polloni, Pam Polloni, Dorothy Shiebler and Virginia Valiela.**

**Pam Polloni and the Botanical Club of Cape Cod and the Islands (BCCCI)** for conducting a thorough plant survey at Teaticket Park.

**Molly Cornell, Susie Goodman Hallstein and Pam Polloni** for engaging all the young students at Teaticket School in a lesson on conservation and habitat at the bordering vegetation between the school yard and Teaticket Park.

All the folks who volunteered during the River Bend Work Day on October 13: **Land Steward Barry Good, Chelsea Clarke, Will Clarke, Linda DeYoung, Leonard Johnson, Peter Kroll, Doug Marlow, Kevin Maloney and Mel Miller.**

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