



The Canton Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

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Newsletter

President's Message

While we are not yet back 100 percent to monthly hikes, we're trying to reinstitute hikes under new board member Karen Manternach's leadership. Once we have a schedule, we will post announcements to the email list, the CLCT website and our Facebook page. Other news:

- We are happy to report a new acquisition of the 26-acre parcel at 102 Cherry Brook Road, generously donated by Lisa Cotterman and Gerald Green. The stewardship committee plans trails for this and abutting parcels (Pratt Place and Reid).
- A major map initiative is largely complete, with new large-format maps for kiosks, as well as downloadable and online maps.
- The land trust is also trying an experiment. The Town of Canton acquired open space property in 2011, known as the Carpenter Property off Case Street. Boy Scouts added a trail over the following two years. The land trust has offered to help with the stewardship of the property, particularly the trail.
- The land trust has always emphasized educational outreach and has initiated or supported several presentations over the years, often in conjunction with the Roaring Brook Nature Center. This year we're trying something a bit more ambitious: coordinating

with neighboring land trusts. Each organization will sponsor an educational initiative and invite each of the other land trusts' members to attend. We hope that this will give our membership more opportunities for educational outlets. CLCT board member Stephen Shaw gave a talk on the Connecticut Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System in October, with both on-site attendance and via Zoom.

- We continuously add new trails to our trail system and reroute old ones.
- We are also continuing to coordinate with the Pollinators Pathways project, which is expanding onto other properties.
- Finally, those who walk on the trails appreciate how much work goes into creating and maintaining them. In addition to the hands-on volunteer work, we typically need a coordinator to manage and plan trail crew events. Years ago, that was handled primarily by Ted Cowles. Drew Stone took on this responsibility for several years, but then moved out of state. We were fortunate that Scott Persing, who seemed to show up on every call for a work crew, was willing to take over the task of planning and organizing trail crew events. In addition to



Charlotte Craig Meadows

the organizational responsibilities, Scott took on the personal responsibility of keeping the Charlotte Craig property and other properties mowed on a regular basis. Scott recently announced he is moving to Utah to be closer to family. The stewardship committee took him out for a farewell



lunch recently and Nate Cantwell surprised him (and the rest of us) with a mahogany and copper memento thanking him for his service. (Judy Cantwell helped with the design.)

By Phil Philbrick

CLCT Crews Help with Carpenter Land Trail Stewardship

In 2011 the Town of Canton acquired a 35-acre parcel of property located at 105 Case St. as part of its initiative to preserve open space within the town. The following summer, Ryan Vaillancourt, a scout with Troop 177, undertook a project to identify the start of a trail through the property and led a work party to clear and mark the trail. The following year, Justin Fortier, also a scout with Troop 177, extended the trail east and south, identifying a route and leading a work party to clear and mark the trail.



Over subsequent years, with no active stewardship program, trees and branches fell, and vegetation in some areas crowded the trail. It was still mostly passable, with one challenging aspect being a two-log

bridge over a stream that was down to a single log, requiring very good balance or a search for an alternative crossing spot.

Earlier this year, the land trust reached out to the town offering to help with the stewardship of the trail. While a large and growing inventory of properties and trails keeps our volunteers reasonably active, an initiative led by Bob Evenski to identify additional volunteers was quite successful. One specific volunteer, Mike Gould, was particularly interested in the Carpenter property. The town accepted our proposal, and Bob scheduled several work parties to do general cleanup of the trail and parking area, including the removal of a large pine tree that had fallen into the small pond. The log crossing was abandoned, and a work crew, led by CLCT

Director Scott Persing, created a stone crossing a few yards upstream from the old crossing. In addition to Mike, Scott and Bob, work crews included these volunteers: Karen Manternach, Martin Dodd, Eric Jackson, Joe Sullivan, John Pech, Steve Mitchel, Phil Philbrick, Russell Asklof, Jim Carpenter, Alex Clark, Pete Keyo, Jill Evenski and Chris Hager.

We also identified the original trail, constructed before the availability of good handheld GIS equipment, ventured off the town property and onto a neighbor's property. Crews relocated that section of the trail as well as the section necessary to accommodate the new stream crossing. Volunteers shifted one other section slightly,

with the permission of the neighboring landowner, to avoid a perpetually wet section.

Another section of the trail just beyond the parking area goes through some wet areas – a scout project to improve the bog bridges was started this fall. The original trail was blazed with red and orange paint blazes, which fade over time. Those blazes have been replaced with red plastic blazes which we think will stand up to the elements better than the paint.

The reclaimed trail is a delightful, almost 2-mile (round-trip) hike. It's mostly an out and back trek with a small loop at the easternmost end. It starts out going through a moderately wet area, then meanders through the woods, crosses a lovely stream via a steppingstone bridge



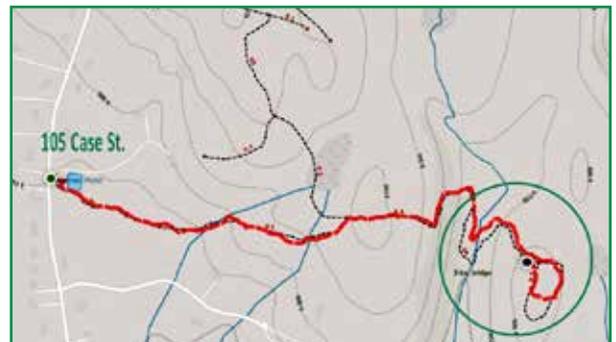
and then loops before returning. Take care to watch for the red blazes, as there are two unmarked but well-worn trails that lead to private property.

By Phil Philbrick

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In the map below, the black-dashed line is the original trail. The red line represents the newly re-routed trail within the green circle.



Maps Initiative

In the spring newsletter, I discussed the maps initiative in progress. I am happy to report that this initiative has reached a major milestone. Our goal was to produce high-quality maps that:

- could be printed in large format for posting on kiosks,
- could be downloaded for local printing,
- could be used in an app on a smart phone to track your progress while walking the trail and
- could be part of an online map with a rich number of features.

Virtually all these goals have been reached (the online maps should be available by the time you read this.) We have kiosks with large-format trail maps at the six locations below:

- Sweetheart Mountain preserve
- Sun, Wind, and Woodland preserve
- Mary Conklin sanctuary
- Smith tree farm
- Swan preserve
- Uplands preserve

In addition to those six areas, we also have trail maps on our website for the following five areas:

- Bunker Hill trails
 - Goedecke-Humphrey trails
 - Noel Baker trails
 - Swibold preserve trails
 - Winsor Woods trails
- (We also have trails on Onion Mountain, and a map of those trails will be added later.)

Each of the trail maps has been uploaded to a site called Avenza Maps. Download a free app for an android or iPhone and then download the maps:

<https://www.avenzamaps.com/>



One of the 11 trail maps, this shows the location of one of our newest trails on the Swibold Preserve property.

Some of the Avenza maps are for purchase but all the CLCT maps are free. When searching for maps in the app, enter “CLCT” as a search term. You can download any individual map or you can look for the bundle which will download all 11 at the same time. Once the map is loaded, you can follow the map on the trails, and a blue dot will identify where you are located. We’ve done a decent job of marking our trails but this will not only help if you accidentally find yourself on an unmarked trail, but it will also show property boundaries to help ensure you are not trespassing on private property.

When the online maps are created you will not only have the ability to see where all of our properties are located, but you can turn layers on or off to, for example, see contour lines or lidar (3D) images. The lidar maps will help reveal old wood roads and other features which are not always possible to see in person.

By Phil Philbrick

Volunteer Crews Relocate Trails at 2 Sites

One unintended consequence of our recent map initiative is that we were able to see for the first time the location of our trails, relative to parcel boundaries. It has always been our intention to construct trails on our own properties (or subject to a trail easement if necessary). The very nature of our properties, away from settled areas, coupled with the lack of precision GPS equipment that is now available, meant that occasionally a trail would venture onto neighboring property.

One of those incursions was at our Sweetheart Preserve. The Yellow Trail originally left the parking lot heading west, and near the intersection with the Blue Trail that path unfortunately crossed a corner of the neighboring property. Bob Evenski managed a trail crew event to relocate the trail. The Yellow Trail now goes closer to due west, reaches a point where the Blue Trail turns north and the Yellow Trail continues west and then south to a loop.

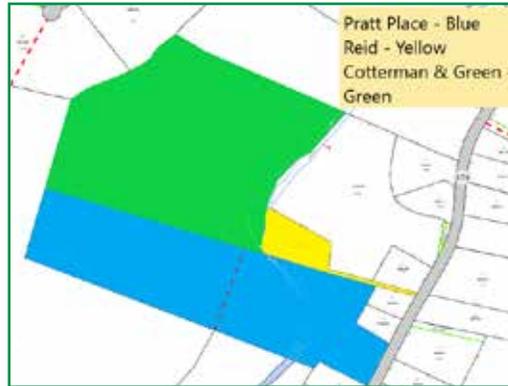
Another incursion was on the Goedecke-Humphrey Preserve. The Blue Trail ventured a little too close to a neighbor. Additionally, the trail passed through an area that was often wet. We had contemplated adding bog bridges at that spot, but when we noticed the minor incursion, we decided to relocate the trail a couple dozen yards to the north. That work party, led by Bob Evenski, cleared and blazed the new trail and closed off the old trail. Both revised trails are reflected in our new maps.

By Phil Philbrick

Cotterman & Green Gift of 25.6 Acres Added to Pratt Preserve

Over the years, the land trust has used only the 4-acre portion of the 21-acre Pratt Place property because Cherry Brook cuts off access to the western portion.

A few years ago, the stewardship committee began a comprehensive review of our holdings, which included visiting the western parcel. As a result, the committee began thinking about adjacent properties to Pratt, at 84 Cherry Brook Road. One initiative involved contacting Albert Reid, the owner of the 2.3-acre parcel at 96 Cherry Brook Road abutting Pratt Place to the north. Albert Reid donated the land to the land trust in 2019, and we're grateful. A team of volunteers helped reclaim an alternative entrance to the preserve from Cherry Brook Road.



This map illustrates the Pratt Preserve's three components; the preserve is west of, and at the southern end of, Cherry Brook Road.

In 2018 the land trust contacted Gerald Green, co-owner of the abutting property at 100 Cherry Brook Road. He indicated he and co-owner Lisa Cotterman were thinking about long-term planning and would get back to us. The following year, we began negotiations with Gerald Green and Lisa Cotterman.

They drew a line down the center of Cherry Brook, splitting their 36-acre property into two parcels, one slightly less than 11 acres containing the buildings, and gifting the land trust a 25.6-acre parcel (now 102 Cherry Brook Road) which extends from Cherry Brook to the properties on Eastview Drive.

The new parcel is impressive, with some spectacular rock outcroppings at the western end. The Pratt Preserve consists of almost 50 contiguous acres of open space, more than half of which is the generous gift from Lisa Cotterman and Gerald Green. The stewardship committee has conducted some exploratory walks on this new property and is considering options for a bridge to create access.

By Phil Philbrick

Christmas Tree Sale - Saturday, December 4

The land trust's annual Christmas Tree Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Doyle Road location, the former Smith Tree Farm, one of our earliest land donations. Originally a family run tree farm, planted for family and friends to enjoy, it now belongs to the Canton Land Conservation Trust. Volunteers plant new trees annually for future harvest.

Please join us for a fun morning as you and your family find the perfect tree. Land trust members will be available to help you chop your tree down and tie it to your car. Remember to bring rope. And please leave your dogs at home.

Last year we were unable to provide cocoa and cookies due to COVID-19, so let's hope the news is better this year and we can return to the usual hospitality.

This day is also an opportunity to learn a bit more about CLCT and perhaps become a member. We offer a discounted price for those who decide on a tree and a membership.

Trees are priced fairly and generally cost less than commercially grown trees due to the variety of choices, some simply Charlie Browns. When the trees get too large for a typical home, we offer the top of the tree for a discounted price, and our team helps cut it down.

So come join us Dec. 4 unless the weather intrudes; alternative date: Sunday, Dec. 5. Watch the land trust website and Facebook page for last-minute changes.



We will again donate a tree to the town for its Christmas in Collinsville festivities.

By Anne Duncan

Crews Address Sweetheart Mountain's Steep Slopes with Trail Bypass

The terrain on much of the land trust properties is relatively gentle, compared to trails in the White Mountains or some sections of the Blue-Blazed trails in Connecticut. Trail construction and location can be tricky when slopes exceed 20 percent, which they do on parts of Sweetheart Mountain. That key metric identifies when bare ground becomes susceptible to erosion. Slopes steeper than that are fine if they consist of bare rock or are completely vegetated. However, trail construction typically strips the vegetation down to bare ground.

Trail makers have three options for steep slopes. You don't have to worry about erosion if you are going up rock slabs. A second option is to construct switchbacks, which create a trail that's less than 20 percent steep. The third option is to construct steps with rocks for each step, so while the trail slope exceeds 20 percent, the water will flow on rock rather than bare ground.

The initial construction of the Yellow Trail on Sweetheart Mountain used two of these approaches. After going 2/10 of a mile on the trail, you are faced with a steep slope. The original trail continued south

for a few yards, then turned west to come up the slope at an angle, which helped reduce the slope. It was still steeper than 20 percent, so the trail crew at the time (including Sarah Faulkner and Steve Mitchell) did the hard work of carving steps and placing rocks to create a stair-step. Perhaps because it was steep, hikers turned west a few yards earlier and trekked up a clear area. Unfortunately, that section is steep and is likely to become an erosion problem if used by hikers. Trail crews have attempted to block off that obvious route with piles of branches and logs, but presumably well-meaning hikers have removed those obstructions to travel the apparent, but not official, route.

Bob Evenski recognized the problem and devised a gently sloped alternative. The new White Trail turns west before the unofficial shortcut and uses the switchback approach to create more moderately steep access to the

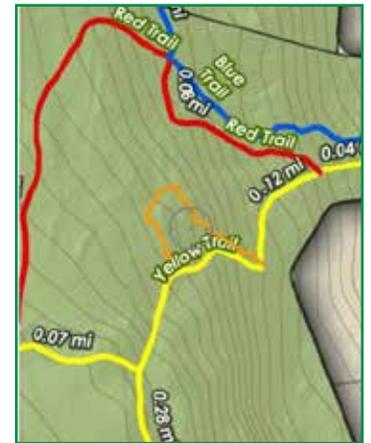
higher ground. As a side benefit, this new bypass brings hikers by the old ski slope equipment, giving hikers a glimpse into a bit of local history.

Hikers may stay on the official Yellow Trail or take the new White Trail, but please avoid the shortcut in between the two. To forestall erosion, we've placed obstacles to allow that section to regrow. Thanks to Bob, Martin Dodd, Giorgio Maglia, Russell Asklof, Chris Hager and Alex Clark who worked on the trail crew to create this new bypass.

By Phil Philbrick



Martin Dodd, left, Giorgio Maglia and Russell Asklof.



The above map shows, in orange, the location of this new white-blazed trail relative to the yellow, red and blue trails.



American Chestnuts Update

Last year, Canton volunteers planted 50 American Chestnut trees around town, most on private land, with others planted on Town land near the Farmington River in Collinsville. Two are doing well there, and a third was recently replaced. People who planted trees and have reported on the varying success of the plantings note, of the surviving trees, some trees are only a foot tall while the tallest is up to four feet tall. Location, care and luck certainly make all the difference to the small trees' viability.

The American Chestnut Foundation hopes people will help raise Chestnut trees so fertilized nuts from trees growing now will turn into more trees in coming years, with the long-term goal of returning these massive trees to our landscape. Given the viability and disease issues, it's a long process with no guarantee of success, but people are trying. American Chestnuts need well-drained, somewhat acidic soil and prefer full sun. If you're interested in these wonderful trees, please visit the Foundation (acf.org) for further details.

By Nate Cantwell



Meet New Director Karen Manternach

I grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Connecticut College. My first “real” job was as a research analyst in at the former Connecticut Bank and Trust in Hartford and there I met Roger Manternach. We were married in 1971 (yes, 50 years ago now!) and shortly thereafter we moved into our first house in Canton. A daughter and son and two dogs later, we moved to our current home about 300 yards away on Spaulding Road, literally hauling some of our belongings in a Vermont cart.

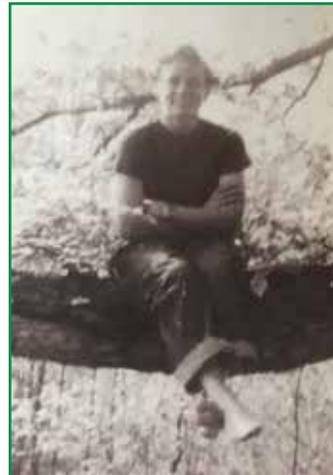
Once the kids were in high school, I landed what was to be a “temporary” job as the assistant to the Head of Renbrook School. I loved the job and retired 20 years later.

We are avid travelers and have been lucky enough to see and experience many different countries and cultures, generally venturing out on our own, which has led to many a fortuitous adventure and amusing tale. We have also enjoyed many fun-filled trips to various countries with our children and five grandchildren.

When not traveling, I can be found puttering in my gardens, cycling or wandering the Land Trust trails.

In the fall of 1996, the land trust was closing in on 25 years of existence. The masthead for the fall 1996 newsletter was jumping the gun a little bit, announcing the 25th anniversary which would happen the following year. My speculation is they were referring to organizational meetings which predated the formal organization of the land trust in 1972.

The opening article briefly summarizes the history to date including the linkage to the Canton Conservation Commission which served as the “birthplace” of CLCT. It summarized the leadership role of Dick Sanger and others and recounted the story of how the very first property, the Charlotte Craig property in Canton Center, was acquired.



Charlotte Craig, circa 1972.

Ray Smith stepped down as president after serving for four years and Betty Stanley took his place. She would continue as president for 11 years, the longest-serving individual in that position. Charlie DeWeese was a new director in 1996 and would go on to assume the presidency following Betty Stanley.

The newsletter included a plea for volunteers, a tradition that has continued very successfully to this day.

*By Phil
Philbrick*

Remember that old newsletters can be accessed on our website:
<https://cantonlandtrust.org/newsletter>

Land Trust Hiking Challenge Extended

Last year’s Land Trust Hiking Challenge was a summer challenge, but this year’s summer has been a challenge itself, between rain, rain and more rain, and when it wasn’t raining, it was too hot. Rather than cut off the challenge at the end of summer, we decided to extend it through the Thanksgiving weekend. For details of which trails are

included in this year’s challenge to hike a total distance of 23 miles, please go to <https://cantonlandtrust.org/challenge2021>. Once you complete the challenge, please report your results and observations to CLCT Director Jennifer Mason at jmason242@comcast.net.

By Jennifer Mason

Trail Report

"Dog Water Feature" rating added.

New Trail Added Off Uplands

Volunteers led by Bob Evenski plotted and developed a new trail at the northern end of the Uplands Preserve that's best reached by the Westwood Preserve's entry. Existing trails there are blazed in yellow and blue, with the new trail in white. Site maps are online and at a kiosk just off the paved circle parking area. All of the area is former farmland. Trails follow some old farm roads, passing by stone walls and easily crossed small streams, with the walls a mix of rounded field stone and rectangular sedimentary stone from outcroppings.

"2 Labradors," somewhat seasonal.

Taylor Hill Extension

Part of the eastern side of the Sun, Wind, and Woodland area, the majority of this trail lies on an abandoned road from the 1700s that loosely follows what was once the eastern border of New Hartford. At the southern end, the trail leaves the eastern leg of the Miller and Fred Feibel Trail and heads north to meet the Barbour Woods Trail, itself part of the old Taylor Hill Road. Taylor Hill Extension is well blazed in blue with white dots and arrows.

"1 Labrador," somewhat seasonal.



Nate's two 'labragators' at work.

Town of Canton's Carpenter property on Case Street

Scouts from Troop 177 built a trail here in 2012/2013. It had been inadequately maintained and so volunteers from the Land Trust did a big rehab this summer with more bog bridges to be redone this fall as part of an Eagle Scout project. The Land Trust will continue to maintain the trail.

"1 muddy Labrador."

Ted Cowles Trail

Volunteers added and improved blazing so hikers don't end up in New York.

"2 wet Labradors."

Swibold Trail Parking

The lot was cleared by volunteers and given an initial coarse process material base to give it good support for cars. John Pech brought in LT equipment and spread the material. We may put in an additional layer similar to the Sweetheart parking area.

Trail Etiquette Notes

On Uplands the other day, I was reminded about the proximity of houses to our trails in a number of places in town, resulting in a few instances of noise complaints about hikers. Receiving/acquiring land in the future depends on a trust that the land trust will be a good neighbor. Please be aware of your noise, barking dogs and loud conversations that the neighbors or even other hikers may not enjoy. Sound travels much farther than you think. Also, please don't trespass or allow your dogs to trespass or be a nuisance to trail neighbors.

Trail Stewards and Volunteers

Trail stewards and other volunteers are spending at least several hours a week working on new construction of trails or maintaining established trails. The land trust and hikers are lucky that Bob Evenski has taken the lead to coordinate this big effort, and our trails are better than ever.

Organized Hikes

Organized hikes are coming back. On Oct. 10, Karen Manternach, along with Gretchen Swibold led a hike on the newly blazed Swibold Trail in North Canton. Keep an eye out for more in the coming months.

By Nate Cantwell

Four Land Trusts Join to Offer Lecture Series

The Canton Land Conservation Trust is proud to join forces with other nearby land trusts to present a series of lectures to the public. Those land trusts include the towns of East Granby, Simsbury and Bloomfield, as well as Canton.

A team from the various land trusts is working together to plan a series of lectures which began in

September and continued in October. All will be live, as well as available on ZOOM, depending on COVID-related health restrictions. Stay tuned for announcements via email, Facebook, etc. It's an exciting endeavor which, hopefully, will be ongoing for years to come. The frequency of the lectures depends upon volunteer presenters. If you have an idea for a

Recent Topics

Nature and Health: "Back to the Future"

"My Hikes Around Connecticut: Exploring the Blue-Blazed Trail System"

lecture or expertise to offer, please consider joining our efforts to work side by side with neighboring land trusts. Contact: Anne Duncan at annesvd7@gmail.com.

By Anne Duncan

Collinsville Pollen Trail Grows, New Pollinator Garden Launched

We're in the fifth year of managing the invasive Japanese knotweed along the rail trail at Allen Place, and 2021 marks the second anniversary of the Collinsville Pollen Trail (CPT), which is growing and changing rapidly. CLCT Director Karen Berger, advanced master gardener, continued to co-lead the invasive removal and CPT project

This summer she was joined by CLCT Director Holly Hambleton, volunteer co-manager of CPT and new master gardener. They worked hours planning, planting, posting updates and cutting knotweed on both sides of the Rail Trail that bisects the CPT. In an attempt to smother the knotweed in preparation for a meadow, a 25' x 100' plastic tarp was installed for 12 weeks. The knotweed re-sprouted so the area is not yet ready to be planted. Maybe next year.

Three new master gardeners, Elizabeth Vinick, Elaine Wilson and Maggie Lynch, adopted pollinator beds which showcase their efforts and interests.

Mark and Gillean Reinders, a master gardener, created and planted two new beds in the center of the CPT. Additionally, Mark helped clear a linear bed under the trees across from the train depot

to accommodate some of our more shade-loving native plants.

Michele Evans and Tina Oswald, CLCT members, joined dozens of other volunteers working throughout the summer to maintain the CPT gardens and cut knotweed. We hope that you find that walking the CPT is informative and inspiring. In addition it is abuzz with bees and ablaze with color. We invite you to stop by with questions or join us in the gardens.

Peace Pole Initiative

Meanwhile, nearby at the town's Peace Pole at the Mills Pond Park, CLCT member and master gardener Kristin First and CLCT Director Theresa Sullivan Barger, advanced master gardener, created the town's second official Pollinator Pathway. They removed invasives, weeds and non-native lilies from the garden and replaced them with native plants donated by the Roaring Brook Nature Center and Canton residents' gardens. With the help of a rain barrel donated by resident Alan Weiner, a crew of volunteers watered the new plantings until they were established.

Karen Berger obtained permission from the Canton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency to



Peace Pole garden in bloom.

remove invasive plants from around the pond, and she joined with Kristin, Holly, Mark and Theresa to begin the invasive removal process. Healthy native plants line the pond's perimeter, which we hope will thrive once the invasive plants are gone.

Town Department of Public Works staff continued to support both projects, dropping off mulch for the beds, filling the rain barrels and collecting bags of invasive plants. We're extremely grateful for their help and enthusiastic support. Volunteers are always welcome.

*By Karen Berger
and Theresa Sullivan Barger*

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked from March - October.



To Volunteer: Contact Karen at karenkberger@gmail.com.

or Theresa at tsullivanbarger@gmail.com

To Donate: CollinsvillePollenTrail.org / **Pollinator Pathway Fund**

New Trail Signs Ease Way-Finding, Thanks to Father-Son Team

Over the years, the land trust developed a network of trails. A distinctive sign in the shape of the town with a trail name is placed at the trailhead.



We have always had several trails in the Sun, Wind, and Woodland area, and we added four more in the last couple years. As a consequence, when you're hiking this network of trails, you'll come across a number of intersections. While we've tried to use distinctive color blazes, if you're looking for a particular named trail and haven't memorized all of the blaze colors, there are spots where there might be some confusion about which way to go.

We've recently taken steps to help hikers, especially those who might not happen to have a recent map with them. Luke Somers and his father, Jim Somers have created several trail signs to identify trails at interior intersections. The signs



are designed to provide a balance between two conflicting goals – on the one hand wanting to be reasonably unobtrusive, while on the other hand simultaneously wanting to be visible enough to aid hikers.

This article is being written while the project is in progress. The plan is to create and install signs at 11 locations. This map shows eight of those locations, which are on trails on the east side of the Sun, Wind, and Woodland preserve.

Luke took on the project of making signs for the trail intersections because he wanted to complete a community service requirement for the National Honor Society at his high school. Additionally, he liked the idea of making trail signs because it happened to center around hiking, which is something Luke enjoys.

Although the community service requirement was only 20 hours, Luke wants to finish all of the signs we laid out even though the time he is putting into the project exceeds the requirement by another 20 hours. Luke and his father say this project is a great father-son experience.

By Bob Evenski



Poet Trees



More than blazes mark the trees along the trails of the Mary Conklin Sanctuary. Five framed poems beckon to hikers from conifers and hardwoods. Pause a moment to read them, and find your experience of surrounding nature deepened by the writer's perceptions. Walk on with heightened awareness.

The poems were chosen for their connection to their particular location, to highlight aspects of the Sanctuary and for the various angles of vision the poets offer. "Clouds," by Robert Francis, is at the edge of a field where visitors can see the sky. Pablo Neruda's "Lost in the Forest" is in a spot thick with trees and mountain laurel. Birds are celebrated with Emily Dick-

inson's "Hope is the Thing with Feathers." Enjoy the Zen-like lines of Gary Snyder by reading "By Frazier Creek Falls" beside a small stream. Edna St. Vincent Millay references lights from town in, "Afternoon on a Hill," a poem placed near an old foundation and not far from the house on the property.

Writings in notebooks at the three poetry boxes indicate that the "Poet Trees" have inspired some contemplative lines, but no doubt many more have unspooled in the minds of hikers as they walk. Read poems on the Mary Conklin trails and exercise not only your body, but your spirit.

*By David K. Leff
Canton Poet Laureate*

2021 Membership, Donations & Memorial Gifts

By Michele Evans, membership chair

The Canton Land Conservation Trust has been in existence for almost 50 years and continues to acquire, preserve and protect land of scenic, natural or historic value within Canton. We thank all those who have contributed time and money in the last five decades.

Send in your new or renewal Membership in the envelope provided in this newsletter.

Or donate or renew online with the **DONATE NOW** button on our website at www.CantonLandTrust.org.

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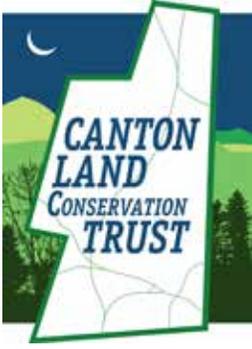
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