



CANTON LAND  
CONSERVATION  
TRUST, INC.

P. O. BOX 38  
CANTON, CONN. 06019

# NEWSLETTER

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HERE WE ARE - ONE YEAR STRONG !

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY NATURE WALK

The Land Trust has organized a family outing for Saturday, May 12th in observance of its first anniversary.

At 2:00 p.m., we will meet at the corner of Lawton Road and Route 44. We will walk northward along the railroad right-of-way, then cross into Roaring Brook Nature Center land, and finish at the Nature Center's main building. At the Center, our slide show "swiftly Fly the Years" will be presented; and we will have a chance to talk over subjects of interest.

On the nature walk we will have expert naturalists assist us in field identification. And Mr. Lane has given us permission to clear brush along the railroad bed on his land, to make the walking more pleasant; so come dressed for the woods, please, and equipped with axe and saw if possible.

The nature walk emphatically is a family affair; come with all of yours !

## ANNUAL MEETING MAY 9

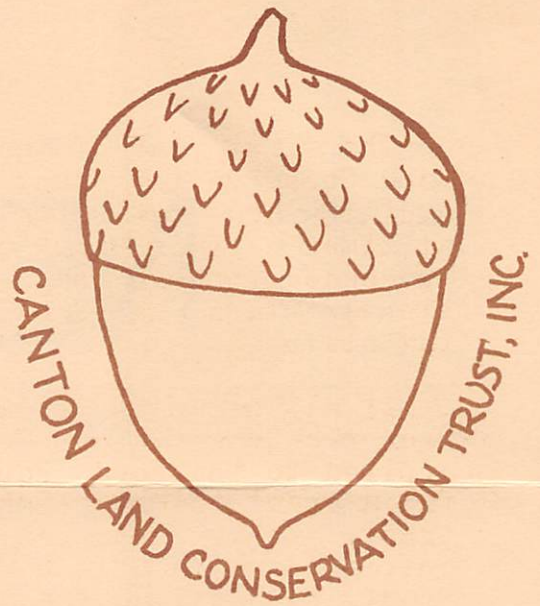
The Land Trust's annual meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, May 9th, at the Town Hall. Time for the meeting is 8:00 p.m. New directors will be elected to fill the directorships whose terms expire this year. Other business may be transacted at this time as well. All residents of Canton are invited and encouraged to attend, and learn of the Trust's progress to date.

## OUR EMBLEM

The emblem gracing our newsletter masthead, Land Trust stationery, etc., is the creation of Jenny Mills. Jenny is a seventh grader, who lives on Juniper Circle. Jenny won our emblem contest, for which she received a pair of binoculars from Environmental Protection Commissioner Lufkin at our October meeting. Second prize went to Steve Holt, third to Mrs. Louis Friedman. A big "Thanks" to all 100 contest participants.

LAND TRUST CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. John Anderson  
Mr. & Mrs. Channing Barlow (life patron)  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Barnhart  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baum  
Mr. & Mrs. Raynald Bergeron  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Bristol  
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Miss Charlotte Craig  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Danielson (life patron)  
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Mrs. Marion Duncan  
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Eaton  
Mr. & Mrs. Dixon Evens  
Mr. & Mrs. William Flower  
Mr. & Mrs. George Fehr  
Mrs. Elizabeth Folley  
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Friel  
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hargrove  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Herr  
Mr. Steve Holt (student)  
Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Horton  
Mrs. Luman Kelsey  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kuehn  
Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Loomis (life patron)  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mahoney  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McGowan  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Menasian  
Miss Jenny Mills (student)  
Mr. & Mrs. George Murray  
Mr. & Mrs. John Newell  
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Noble  
Mr. & Mrs. David Noshay  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peterson  
Mr. & Mrs. L.K. Porritt (life patron)  
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Porterfield  
Mr. & Mrs. James Potter  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sanger (life patron)  
Mrs. Martha Simmons  
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Solari  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Spatz  
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Spescia  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stanley (life)  
Mrs. Arthur Sweeton (life)  
Miss Elizabeth West (student)  
Mrs. Gisela Whittemore  
Mr. & Mrs. John Vanek



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LAND TRUST DIRECTORS

Mr. Richard Sanger, President  
Mrs. Louis Friedman, Vice Pres.  
Mr. James Potter, Secretary  
Mr. Eric Danielson, Treasurer  
Mr. Channing Barlow  
Mr. William Flower  
Mrs. Llewellyn Forker  
Mrs. George Gentile  
Mr. Marc Goedecke

ex officio -  
Mr. Raynald Bergeron  
Mr. Robert Menasian  
Mr. Richard Peterson

North Canton Volunteer Fire Association

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The first year of the Canton Land Conservation Trust has been exciting and rewarding, mixed at times with frustration as we proceeded through the organizational stage and obtained our tax status.

It all began in January, 1972 when the Conservation Commission applied to the Ford Foundation for a grant to establish a land trust. This consisted of \$750 outright and \$825 in a matching grant. We received the grant on May 4th and incorporated on May 22, 1972.

We applied for tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and received a letter of conditional determination in September of 1972 and a further determination letter in January of 1973.

We published a brochure and mailed it in a general mailing throughout the town; made plans for a newsletter, of which this is the first; and with the help of many people throughout the town produced "Swiftly Fly the Years", a synchronized narrated slide presentation with background music. This has been shown to many civic groups in town, to several classes in the Canton schools, and to other groups of people interested in the Land Trust. Membership now is approximately 100 and we expect many new members in the near future.

Of course, the primary function is to obtain land and interests in land throughout the town for conservation purposes. We are presently negotiating with about 15 property owners in town for gifts of their land or interests in it, and expect that very soon we can report the transfer of deeds to the trust.

There have been two tax rulings which have made a major impact upon our operation. It is now possible to make a gift of an easement which will qualify as a charitable deduction, and it is possible to make a gift of land for a period of 30 years and obtain a charitable deduction. At the end of 30 years the land would revert to the owners. This will permit greatly increased flexibility in gifts made to the Trust.

I wish to express my personal thanks to the members of the board for the diligence and loyalty that they have shown during this year and to the many interested citizens of Canton who are participating in this program. They have all made this first year a success, and assure the continued success of the Land Trust.

Richard C. Sanger

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- |                                      |          |                                 |         |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Patron | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life        | 50.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | 1.00    |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Application and Payment to:  
**CANTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.**  
 Box 38  
 Canton, Connecticut 06019

TAX EXEMPT STATUS HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR

CANTON LAND  
 CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

This card signifies that

is a

\_\_\_\_\_ member

for 1972 - 1973

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Canton Land Conservation Trust, Inc.  
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 Canton Connecticut 06019

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**SWIFTLY FLY THE YEARS**

People who have seen it rave about our slide-sound presentation of Canton's natural history (and future?). Contact Mrs. Louis Friedman to arrange a showing for your civic group.

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How much do you know about our town? Test yourself on the Land Trust's town map, at the Cherry Brook Children's Fair - June 2.

