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NEWSLETTER

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THESE LANDS WILL REMAIN FOREVER NATURAL



... thanks to Mrs. Charlotte Craig...



...and thanks to Mr. and
Mrs. James Potter.

Pictured here are the Canton Land Trust's first two acquisitions. Above is the meadowland in Canton Center, the generous gift of Mrs. Charlotte Craig. On the right, a portion of our four-acre holding along Cherry Brook, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. James Potter. By conveying these lands to the Trust, our donors have guaranteed the survival of these natural places. The land will look as beautiful as now in ten years, fifty years, one hundred years.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 8th

The Land Trust's annual meeting will be at 8:00 on Wednesday, May 8th at the Riddle Nature Center. All Canton residents, whether Land Trust members or not, are encouraged to attend.

At the meeting we will review our progress to date. In addition, Mr. Whitney Beals will speak on "Approaches To Open Space Preservation." Mr. Beals is the Nature Center's new director, and is an expert on land management: before coming to Canton he served as Senior Environmental Analyst for the State Environmental Protection Dept., where his specialty was planning and research for ways of land management.

Do attend the annual meeting; bring a friend, bring ideas.



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Two years ago, the Canton Land Trust came into being. Canton's Conservation Commission created the Trust, to provide residents with another way of preserving and enjoying our most basic resource, the land which is our town.

Within the past year, we have accepted two parcels for permanent preservation, and will be announcing a third acquisition in a few days. In addition, we are in the talking stages with several other townspeople who wish to have their lands preserved. Clearly, the Trust is here to stay.

The Trust is growing in other ways, too. Our membership continues to increase, giving us the strength of numbers: lots of help, ideas, suggestions, support of all kinds. We are growing in experience, through the collective wisdom of six other local land trusts, with whose directors we meet regularly. We arranged and were hosts for the first of these get-togethers, in February. (Our Trust, only two years old, is next-to-oldest in the region - after Farmington. Avon, New Hartford, Granby and East Granby all have begun Trusts within the past year.)

We feel we have made a good start. We have developed a nice momentum, which is giving results. But the need for conservation in Canton is so great, we must do more. Our town desperately needs designated open space for people to enjoy the hills, trees, fields, rocks, water and all the life the land supports. Attaining two parcels like this year's beautiful gifts each year for the next 100 years would still leave Canton far short of minimum open space requirements, according to State open space recommendations. And by then, of course, it is too late. Just think how difficult it must be now to designate open space in the highly populated cities and towns near Canton!

The time to act is now, and we need help. By supporting the Land Trust, you can help to keep Canton's special nature.

ATTENTION - PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

(Open to adults and young people)

Subject: Colored slides that show environmental pollution in Canton, such as:

- telephone wires and electric wires
- air pollution in any form (open burning, car exhaust)
- dead animals or birds
- water pollution in any form (streams, ponds, river)
- litter (many slides are needed)
- refuse in the dump, especially items which could be re-used or re-cycled
- any environmental pollution or ugliness

HOWEVER, ALL SLIDES MUST NOT RELATE TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

Subject: Colored slides that portray environmental beauty in Canton, such as:

- stars in a clear night sky
- cloud formations in a clear sky
- photos of wild animals
- any photos of streams, lakes, and ponds
- close-ups of pine needles and pine branches
- mist in the woods
- clearings in the trees
- humming insects
- early spring leaves
- whippoorwill
- night shot of a croaking frog
- soft rain on a pond



ALL PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE AESTHETIC AND IN FOCUS.

Prizes: Winners will have their slides duplicated and used in the new Canton Land Trust Show. This presentation will focus on an Indian letter written in 1855 to President Franklin Pierce. The letter is entitled "This Earth is Sacred." Winners will also receive a one year free membership in the Canton Land Trust, and will be guests of honor at the Land Trust Premiere of "This Earth is Sacred," which will be followed by a unique party.

Deadline for entries: June 1, 1974. For a copy of the script or for further information, contact Judi Friedman (693-4377).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

- | | | | |
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| <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 |

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POSTAL PATRON

FLASH !

The Land Trust is offering a series of small-group hikes, four to five hours long, to Canton Middle School students during 1974-1975. The hikes will be within the limits of Canton, and will further acquaint the young people with our town's splendid natural beauty.



FREE OFFER !

You don't have to be a member of the Canton Land Trust to enjoy Trust-held land. A romp in our Canton Center meadowland, or a walk through the Trust's wetlands along Cherry Brook, is absolutely free of charge! These lands are for all of us to enjoy. We ask only that you help keep these natural places clean; - please fight litter.