

## Canton Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

Fall 2001  
Newsletter

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9-11-01

We all recognize that on September 11, 2001, America changed. The atrocious attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, and the heroic sacrifices over Somerset County, Pennsylvania, horrified and galvanized our nation.

The response was immediate. Flags blossomed. Across our nation, Americans sent aid and comfort; food, financial support, medical and other supplies, equipment, shelters, volunteer hours, water, blood, and prayers.

Now, as we recover with determination, reassess our world, and seek to re-establish "a normal life", while also seeking security, it may seem presumptuous to ask for contributions to the Canton Land Conservation. But we sincerely believe that to do so is appropriate.

Our mission is to preserve the properties dedicated to quiet recreation, beauty, and -- peace -- for the benefit of the citizens of the Town of Canton, the State of Connecticut, and anyone who comes our way.

Our organization is maintained almost completely by volunteer effort - and dollars. Our mission cannot be accomplished without your help. Please consider whether the Canton Land Trust is worthy of support to maintain a small, but really important, part of what we all wish for America.

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### Canton Votes for Open Space

The survey recently sent to the citizens of Canton indicated that there is an overwhelming desire to preserve open space and to maintain the rural character of our Town. The Canton Land Conservation Trust, which is approaching our thirtieth anniversary in 2002, has for all these years pursued these very goals. With the help of many generous and foresighted people, thirty-two pieces of property totaling 1300 plus acres have been preserved. This represents 8+% of the area of our town. Forests, fields and wetlands are all well represented. Most Land Trust parcels are kept in their natural state. Our properties can be

found throughout the Town, from Ratlum Mountain to Sweetheart Mountain. Hiking trails for anyone's use can be found on five properties, and work is being done to create trails on two other properties. They should be ready for use in the Spring.

These wonderful properties are maintained for the benefit of the people of Canton. They were obtained in a variety of ways: outright gift; purchase by paying back taxes; and grant money from the state; but, most importantly, no  
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acquisition would have been possible without financial support from our membership. It is our hope that we will be able to continue to add to our properties. Open space benefits our Town in many ways. For one, obviously, donated properties have much less demand on the Town than developed land. More importantly, it benefits people through the peace and tranquility it provides.

There are many ways property owners can benefit our Town--and themselves--through preservation of their land. Call us for information.

### Third Annual Tour of Ratlum Mountain

Preceding this year's annual members' meeting at the Smith Tree Farm, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Tour of Ratlum Mountain hike was held beginning at the Tree Farm, up the Charlotte Craig Trail to the lookout, out the logging trail to Robin Drive in Barkhamsted, along old Derby Road in Barkhamsted to the Big Down Marsh, through the DeWeese property, and back down Doyle Road to the Tree Farm. There were ten hikers, led by Charlie DeWeese.

### Capen Cabin Welcomes Campers

The Canton Land Conservation Trust owns several contiguous, large parcels of land in the vicinity of Breezy Hill in Canton. There is also a rustic cabin that had been used extensively by the Boy Scouts and other groups primarily in the '80's. We are interested in fostering and encouraging that use again.

Our guest book from March 1, 1986 notes that Troop 177 BSA from Collinsville spent the night with a scout master, assistant scoutmaster and 6 boys. They stayed two nights, heard two wild turkeys at 10 pm and saw 4 deer.

The cabin has one large room that is approximately 20' x 30' and one small room which is approximately 10' x 10'. There is a fireplace, wood stove, cold cellar, outhouse and there is potable water on the site. The cabin would comfortably sleep 12 people or so (as comfortably as 12 people sleeping on the floor can be). There is minimal furniture in the cabin. Outside there is very good tent camping space. In the vicinity there are miles of Land Trust maintained hiking trails.

Our hopes in making the space available to appropriate groups are multiple. They include:

1. Increased awareness of the beautiful open spaces right here in our own communities.
2. Increased awareness of the good activities conducted by the Canton Land Conservation Trust
3. A 'quid pro quo' created whereby scout and other groups help us maintain or even improve our site in return for having the use of it at no charge.

We eagerly encourage the use and would suggest that anyone interested may visit the site first or call Steve Stang at 658-0344. The cabin, known as the Capen Cabin, can be found by following Barbourtown Rd. north to Breezy Hill Rd. Bear left onto Breezy Hill Rd. and follow that to the top of the hill where the pavement turns to dirt. At the end of the pavement, park your car. You will see a sign designating the 1 ½ mile long Ted Wright Trail. That trail heads due north. Don't follow it. Follow an unblazed path slightly East and bearing NNE. Walk about 400 yards to the cabin (you'll pass the pump house first). If you would like to camp, permission is required, and can be obtained from Steve Stang. If you would just like to hike, no permission is required, and all are welcome.



### Miller Feibel Nature Endowment

The Land Trust's good friend and benefactor Miller Feibel has passed away, leaving her husband Fred, her children Fritz and Craig, and many, many friends and relatives who loved her dearly. Fred Feibel has set up the Miller C. Feibel Nature Endowment Fund for the Land Trust in Miller's memory. The proceeds of the Fund will be used for maintenance on Land Trust properties, educational programs, trail guides, and other purposes to advance the interests of the Land Trust. Contributions can be made to the Miller C. Feibel Nature Endowment Fund, c/o the Canton Land Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 41, Canton Center, CT 06020.

### Donors to Miller Feibel Nature Endowment Fund

Martha Abbot	John & Frances Geis	David & Beverly Payne
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	Joseph & Joan O'Connor	
	Kevin & Marilyn Palme	

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### **Cherry Brook Primary School Earth Day Hikes**

Once again this Earth Day, all of the Cherry Brook Primary School children had the opportunity to have a field trip to one of the Land Trust properties or another woodland property in town. This program was developed and promoted by Sarah Leff. Among the Land Trust properties visited were the Mary Conklin Preserve, and the Ted Wright Trail, while some of the children visited Rhonda and Charlie DeWeese's, Arthur Sweeton's beaver pond at Big Down Marsh, and the Humphrey Christmas tree farm.



## Stewards

Each Land Trust property has two stewards, one is a Board Member, and the other a volunteer from our membership. Stewards check properties to determine the overall condition of the property. Do the trails need work? Are the trail markings adequate? Do the fields need to be mowed? Do invasive plants need to be removed? Do downed trees need to be cut up and removed? And, sadly, does other people's trash need to be removed? Or, are there illegal camps and fire rings?

Land Trust properties are for everyone's enjoyment, but we regret that they cannot be used for camping out. The only exception is the Capen Cabin, which may be used with permission. (To find out more about the Capen Cabin, please see the article in this newsletter.)

As to other "regulations", all trails are open for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and showshoeing. All dogs on Land Trust property must be under control at all times. No bicycles or motorized vehicles are allowed.

Here is a list of the people who have volunteered to be stewards of the properties, if you wish to volunteer to work with the stewards on these properties, please contact one of them or Betty Stanley at 693-2074.

At the moment, Board members and volunteers are busy working on new trails at the Swan property on Case Street; the Sun, Wind and Woodland Preserve on Breezy Hill Road; and boundary marking, to be followed by trail work, on the Korder-Bredhal property on Gracey Road.

As you can see, there are a wealth of volunteer opportunities. We welcome your help, and your enthusiasm for maintaining Canton's open space, and your support.

### PROPERTY STEWARDS

Anderson Easement	Fielden/Wright Road	Perry Life Use	Swan
Art Sweeton	Associates	John Pech	Alan Duncan
Joan Kenney	Bill Danielson	Thomas Perry (Ski Sundown)	Fred Swan Jr.
Atwood	Charlie DeWeese	Tim Lord	Katherine Pearson
Bill Danielson	John Pech	Potter	Virginia Shreve
Bouchard	Gladstone	Art Sweeton	Mary Ellen Mullins
Fred Feibel	Jay Weintraub	Peter Lamb	Diana Hurrie
Joe Bechard	Hatinen	Bill Danielson	Sweetheart Mountain
Capen	John Pech		Steve Stang
Fred Feibel	Joe D. Pratt Onion Mountain	Smith Tree Farm (incl.	Ron & Deb Parker
Joe Bechard	/ Stich / Korder-Bredahl	Kresge, Paust and Rochford	Eric Sondergeld
Steve Stang	Jay Kaplan	properties)	Art Mauger
Simon White	Jay Weintraub	Ted Cowles	Sweeton
Conklin/Gillespie	Holly Hambleton	John Pech	Art Sweeton
Larry Smith	Andy Dylag	Peter Lamb	Alison Smith
Charlie DeWeese	Dan Towles	Solomon	Towpath
Betty Stanley	Knode	Bunny Terry	Eric Sondergeld
Bunny Terry	Art Sweeton	Bob Porter	Jim Ludwig
Joel Staub	Peter Lamb	Skip Alford	Ted Wright Trail
Carol Blejwas	Tim Lord	Sun Wind & Woodland	John Pech
Craig	Maglaty	Betty Stanley	Yakemore/Porrirt
Art Sweeton	Bob Porter	Charlie DeWeese	Jay Kaplan
Charlotte Craig	Pech	Chris Williams	Yellin
Ed Korner	John Pech		Dick Swibold
	Perry Charitable Trust	Sun Wind & Woodland	
	Elenor Smith	Easement	
	Betty Stanley	Betty Stanley	



### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Approaches

In 1972 Dick Sanger, Chan Barlow, Jim Potter, Minerva Forker, Judi Friedman and Bill Danielson made up the first Board of Directors of the Canton Land Conservation Trust. The dedication and foresight of these people and the Directors who followed them created a strong foundation for today's Land Trust. We are fortunate to have had the benefit of their enthusiasm and expertise, especially Bill Danielson, who continues to serve as a Director, now in our 30<sup>th</sup> year. CLCT received its first donation of land from Charlotte Craig in 1973, and we were off and running.

The Land Trust wants to celebrate all the people who have volunteered their time, made financial contributions, and especially showed the foresight and generosity to donate land. Next year we will be celebrating the Land Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We plan to have a fun family occasion featuring a variety of events such as short hikes, orienteering, educational displays and tasty refreshments. Plans are in the works, details to come in the spring newsletter.

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### News from Sun, Wind & Woodland

Trail work has started at the Sun, Wind & Woodland Preserve on Breezy Hill Road. Betty and Frank Stanley, Rhonda DeWeese and Ted Cowles have been busy this fall clearing a trail, mowing fields, and removing junk, and the place looks great. While Frank was mowing the fields on his tractor, he had the company of a coyote chasing mice. A trail has been flagged between Sun, Wind & Woodland and the Land Trust's Breezy Hill Farm trail network, and will be cleared in the future. Lots of volunteer help will be needed to remove abandoned farm equipment, old cars, and other souvenirs of a time when this property was more intensively used.

### NEW WEB SITE

A new web site for the Canton Land Trust has been created and will be up and coming soon. Log onto <http://cantonlandtrust.org> for information concerning the trust. Included in the web site is a monthly calendar of meetings and events and how you can get involved. Our monthly calendar will include group hikes, volunteer opportunities for trail clearing, boundary marking, and maintenance, Christmas

tree farming and other projects and activities we do throughout the year. Other pages include our mission, information about preservation and conservation, membership, properties and hiking trails.

### Board of Directors

President	Betty Stanley	
Vice President	Jay Weintraub	
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Peter Lamb	Elenor Smith	Chris Williams

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### New Director

Bill Crowe, a 12 year resident of Canton, lives on West Road with his wife Susan and children Billy, Charlotte and Sam. He is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission and a member of the committee for Canton's Plan of Conservation and Development. Bill is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Fordham Law School. He is a partner at the firm of Mayo, Gilligan & Zito and specializes in real estate and business law.

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### News from the Swan Preserve.

Lots of work has been going on at the Fred Swan Preserve on Case Street. Our right of way into the property from Case Street has been cleared of an accumulation of old junk - glass, old cans, and wire. Poison ivy was removed along this lane. The path has been covered with wood chips, and it is very inviting. Chris Williams, Katherine Pearson, Virginia Shreve, Betty Stanley and Rhonda DeWeese have been involved in the clean up and trail work. This is a beautiful place to hike and will be great for winter activities, including snowshoeing and cross country skiing.



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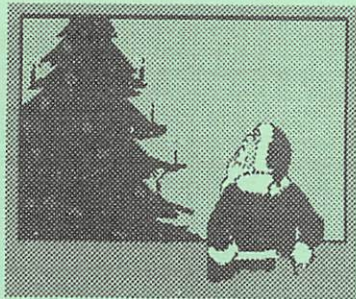




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Date	Time	Activity	Location	Contact Person	Phone
Sun, Nov 18	1 - 4:00	Boundary Marking	Sun Wind & Woodland	Betty Stanley	693-2074
Sat, Dec 8	9 - 2:00	Christmas Tree Sale	Smith Tree Farm	Ted Cowles	693-6340
Sat, Dec 9	9- 2:00	Rain Date for Christmas Tree Sale			
Sun, Jan 6	1 pm	Snowshoeing, X Country	Capen Cabin (Meet at parking lot for Wright Trail)		
		Skiing or Hiking followed by Cocoa and Hot Cider		Betty Stanley	693-2074
Sun, Feb 3	1 pm	Snowshoeing, etc.	Mary Conklin Preserve	Betty Stanley	693-2074
Sun, Mar 3	1 pm	Winter Woodland Excursion	Swan Preserve (Case Street)	Betty Stanley	693-2074