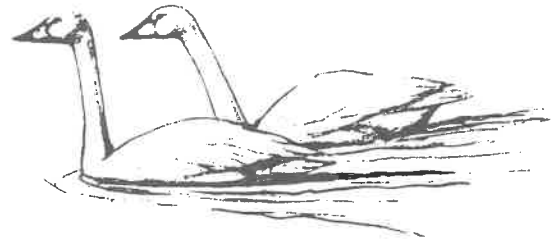


# Bourne Conservation Trust

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## After many a summer . . .



Unlike many of the Cape's ponds, Red Brook Pond, as far as swans are concerned, is a 'one-family' pond. Until last spring the same pair of swans had presided over it for perhaps a half-dozen years. To take over the Pond in the first place they'd had to challenge the resident pair who proved to be no match for them. After a typical, hours-long battle-- vicious nips, suffocating duckings-- the defeated cob struggled ashore to recuperate before flying off to the southwest, mate and cygnets in tow.

From then on the newcomers graced Red Brook Pond, in all seasons fighting off challenges, then every spring nurturing a new brood of cygnets. On twenty-four hour guard duty once a brood had hatched, the cob would greet strangers with don't-mess-with-me-or-mine snorts and hisses, puff himself up and bear down on a trespasser like a water-borne Sherman tank. Months later this fierce protector would become a patient, long-suffering flight instructor.

Of course, the mother swan would also be protective, but in her own thoughtful way, avoiding risk to her recently hatched brood whenever possible. Typical is the way she would make use of the culverts under the dirt service roads that meander among the neighboring cranberry bogs. After nudging the small, fuzzy cygnets into one end of an underground pipe, she would waddle across the road above them and from the other end, call, then wait for them to scramble out into the daylight, all quite safe.

But back in the bogs one morning last July, the family's idyllic life took a dreadful turn. Next to a holding pond, a hash of paw prints and a trail of scattered white feathers pinpointed the site of a fatal struggle. There the cob had instinctively held the attacker at bay long enough for his family to escape back to their Pond, the Pond he would never again swim upon.



The impact on the cygnets and their mother was immediate. Suddenly becoming a single parent brought about equally sudden changes in her role and behavior. Now she would single-handedly have to face whatever threatened her family and, when the time was right, teach the cygnets to fly. During the following few months she proved herself up to every important challenge. Then on the first of October her life took a second abrupt change when, after circling it a time or two, an adult swan alighted on the Pond and almost immediately began a determined pursuit. Amazingly, in less

than one hour the newly met pair (never having been told that swans mate for life), were bobbing breast to breast, lovingly rubbing one another's heads and necks, all the while ignoring the frantic *peeps* of the cygnets who anxiously paddled round and round them. It seemed, however, that it was to be a short affair. After only four days the visiting cob took to the air, circled the Pond three times, then flew off leaving the cygnets and their mother bobbing about on the choppy water.

The following day, happily, the smitten cob returned, this time accompanied by his own pair of cygnets who, in no time at all, showed their disapproval of the adults' billing and cooing with interruptions so frequent that the exasperated cob drove them off the Pond; however, in a matter of minutes they returned, and to vent their frustration, began to harass a half-dozen peacefully feeding mallards.



Days later, after the season's first frost had chilled the October air, another solitary adult swan could be seen gliding silently along the south shore, finally disappearing into the blinding white mist rising from the Pond.

He wasn't alone for long. After the mist lifted, the first of many skirmishes-- interloper vs. now-resident cob-- took place. While the cygnets and female watched, the cob chased the newcomer into the north shore underbrush. Leaving her cygnets, she followed him and when she emerged minutes later trailing her victorious mate, they rubbed one another's necks briefly. Next, while she and her cygnets retreated to the safety of the northeast shallows, the victor-- again all puffed up-- made ready for the loser's reappearance. It was sudden and hasty-- out of the underbrush, onto the water, into the air. *Splash-whap-whap-whap-swoosh!* After a brief, token pursuit, the cob circled the Pond once then settled down and resumed sentry duty.

Soon, however, a larger problem had to be dealt with. As is normal with swans-- at least on 'one-family' Red Brook Pond-- cygnets, as soon as they have matured sufficiently, are driven away and must survive on their own well before a new brood is hatched. It is a seemingly endless bit of drudgery. Usually when the buffleheads sweep in from the Arctic, they find mergansers, mallards and a heron or two, but last October was different. Cygnets-- sometimes one, often two and on occasion three, kept returning. At a safe distance they trailed the puffed-up cob and his puffed-up mate who would aid him in driving them away, hopefully for good.

Yet, despite their ceaseless efforts, one persistent cygnet returned in mid-November, settling in for a fruitless, unwelcome visit before departing-- this time for good-- on Thanksgiving Day. At long last the adults could enjoy their now cygnet-free Pond. They had the three cold months of winter to ready themselves for the springtime hatching of a new brood in constant need of nurture and protection.

# Briarwood/Little Bay

The Briarwood Conference Center property, off Shore Road in Monument Beach, was purchased by the Bourne Conservation Trust in January 2000. Subsequently the developed portion (the buildings and 8 acres) were sold to the Dexter School of Brookline, Massachusetts for conferences/retreats/seminars and environmental studies. Dexter (boys) and Southfield (girls) schools share a campus in Brookline.

The remaining 22 acres of woodland and shore frontage will be preserved by the BCT and called Little Bay Conservation Area. A path network (see included trail guide) provides fine views of Little Bay and Buzzards Bay. Signs and trail markers are now in place. Parking is available on Shore Road and next to the railroad underpass at Monks Park.

## CanalSide Commons

The Bourne Conservation Trust continues to monitor plans of the proposed CanalSide Commons development at the Bourne Bridge Rotary. Our primary concerns have been with the overall size of the project at a sensitive location and compliance with local zoning and the Regional Policy Plan of the Cape Cod Commission (our regional land use regulatory agency). It is our view that the revised plan, although somewhat less intense than the original plan (over 1,000,000 sq. feet), is still far too large and would impact this region of the Cape adversely. The approximately 923,000 sq. foot so-called "mid-build preferred plan" being forwarded by the proponent is a better mixture of uses, but is still huge and inappropriate at this already over-burdened access point to Cape Cod. The BCT, the Conservation Law Foundation, The Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Commission have taken the position that the project is much too large for this location and all have recommended that the proponent submit a "small-build" plan for a significantly reduced development allowing the least amount of impact on traffic, water supply and quality, and Cape Cod community character. The Cape Cod Commission specifically stated in their subcommittee report of June 22, 2000 on the CanalSide SDEIR the following: *"as proposed, the project does not meet a number of Regional Policy Plan Minimum Performance Standards. The proposed project mitigation may not (be) desirable or appropriate for Cape Cod and could create detrimental impacts in and of itself.*

*Further, the Subcommittee believes that the SDEIR does not propose a viable small-build development scenario. While traffic generation for Alternative 1 is acceptable, this alternative may be undesirable to the Town of Bourne. (This alternative is for 134 single family homes.) We believe that there is an economically viable small-build proposal that would be appropriate for this site and we strongly urge the project proponent to focus efforts and financial resources on proposing and analyzing a viable small-*

*build development proposal. As noted in the Economic Development section and other sections of this report, we believe that the retail portion of any development proposal should be greatly reduced to limit transportation impacts. A smaller development proposal should include land uses that limit impacts from traffic generation and roadway mitigation, while providing a benefit to the Town of Bourne and to Cape Cod.*

*Due to the above-noted concerns, the Commission's Subcommittee recommends that the applicant propose a small-build development with a far smaller project size, which incorporates desirable land uses. The Commission supports the Town of Bourne in its desire to have a project developed at this location and we believe that an economically viable small-build development would be suitable at this location. This could be a hotel and conference center on its own, or in conjunction with other preferred uses, such as office, technology, rental apartments, and possibly some limited community shopping and service uses to support tenants and office employees. We recommend that the applicant focus on an economically viable small alternative and that further study and analysis of a small-build project proposal be required in a Final Environmental Impact Report and for continuing Development of Regional Impact review."* This committee report was forwarded to EOE/MEPA who is jointly reviewing this project with the CC Commission. Mr. Cubellis (the proponent of CanalSide) anticipates filing a final EIR this fall.

Letters to Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), the Cape Cod Commission and the Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich and Mashpee are encouraged.

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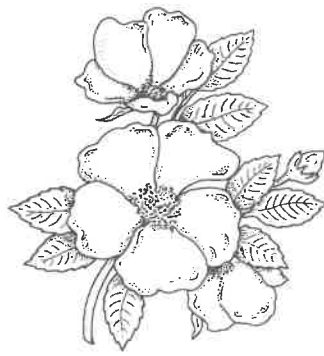
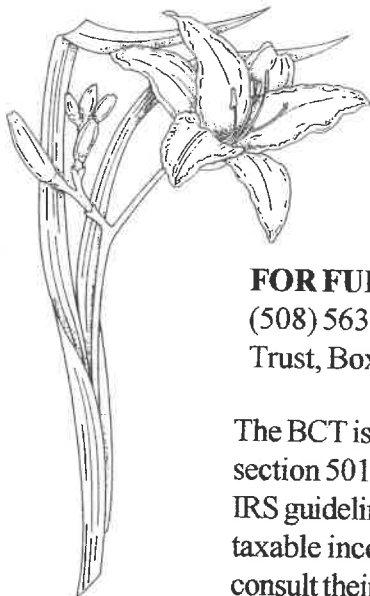
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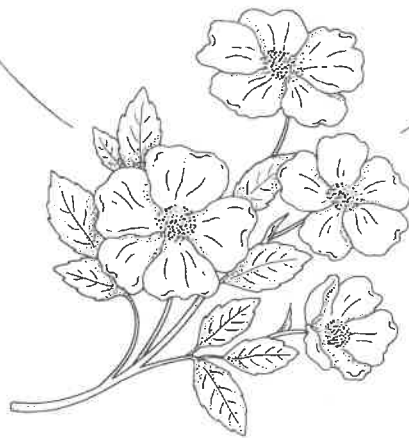
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**REAL ESTATE:**  
Real estate can be given as an outright gift. Such donations have both real estate and income tax benefits.

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The transfer of cash, securities, or other property to a charitable trust will provide a life income to the donor, donor's spouse, or other beneficiaries. After the death of the last named beneficiary, the principal becomes available for use by the BCT. Current tax deductions and eventual estate tax deductions provide a double benefit.



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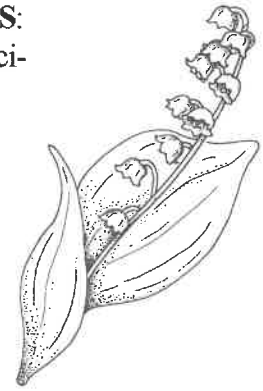
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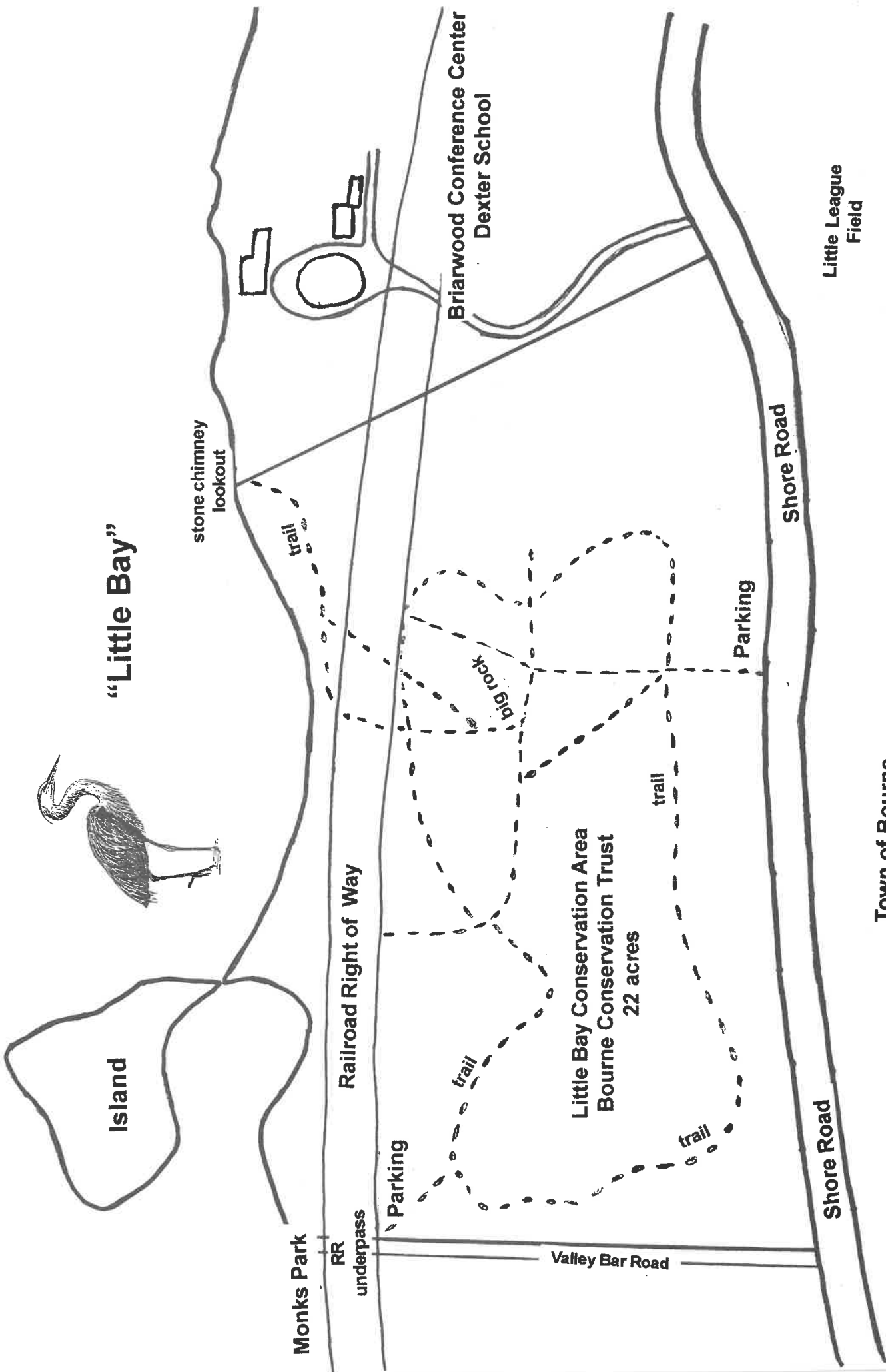
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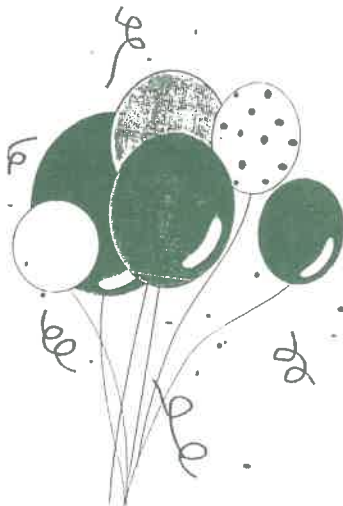
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In celebration of  
**Dorothy Porter's** 89th birthday  
The Ballentine family

A special thanks for their hard work  
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(Otis Memorial School)  
**Mrs. Nee** from McKinley Nickerson  
(Stone Elementary School)  
**Mr. Chris O'Gara** from Ashley Nickerson  
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In honor of **Steve & Sally Ballentine**  
Joan Mayhew

In honor of **Mr. & Mrs. Richard R. Morner**  
Col. & Mrs. Stanley L. King, Jr.

In celebration of the **Manthei Family**  
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In honor of **Peter Fisher**  
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In honor of **Leigh Stokey**  
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In honor of **Dick & Janet Shaw**  
The Noyes family

In memory of the **Y2K bug**  
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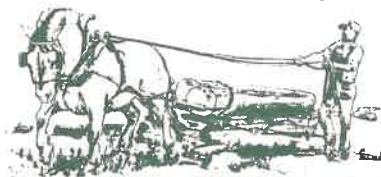
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In celebration of  
**Mort Myerson's** 80th Birthday  
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In memory of "**Snickers**",  
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Wendy & Doug Nickerson & Family

In memory of a very special dog, "**Fred**"  
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Given in Memory of  
**Ruth Nielsen Willman**  
 (1929-2000)

*Mom loved this area so much. In 1955, while we lived in a tent on the property, Mom helped Dad build our cottage and she cared for the 3 of us (all under the age of 5). She was then and still is "The Best Mom" in the world and "The Best Grandma" too. She is remembered by a close friend as "a special lady whose grace and courage was a privilege to observe." She loved being a part of such a special community as Cataumet with many loving friends and neighbors. We miss her so much.*

---Gayle, Robbie, and Laura and her grandchildren

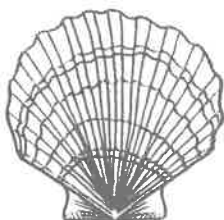
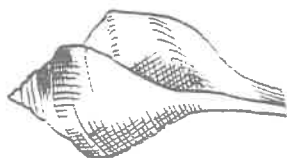
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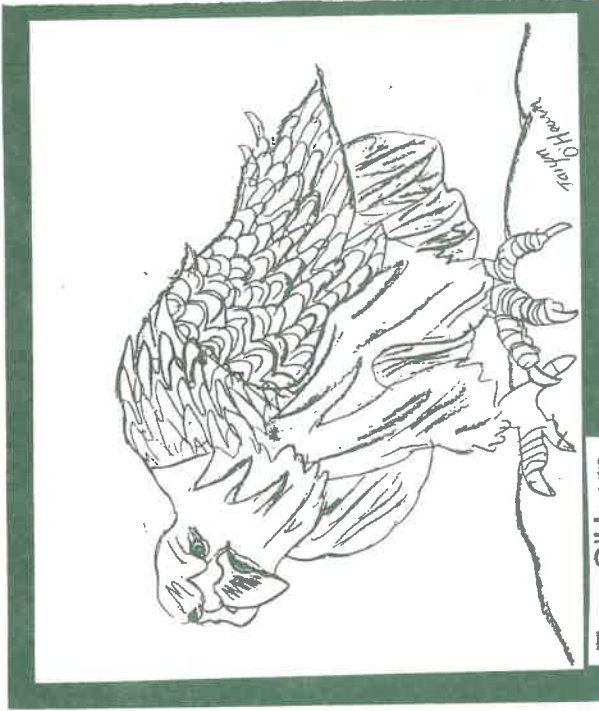
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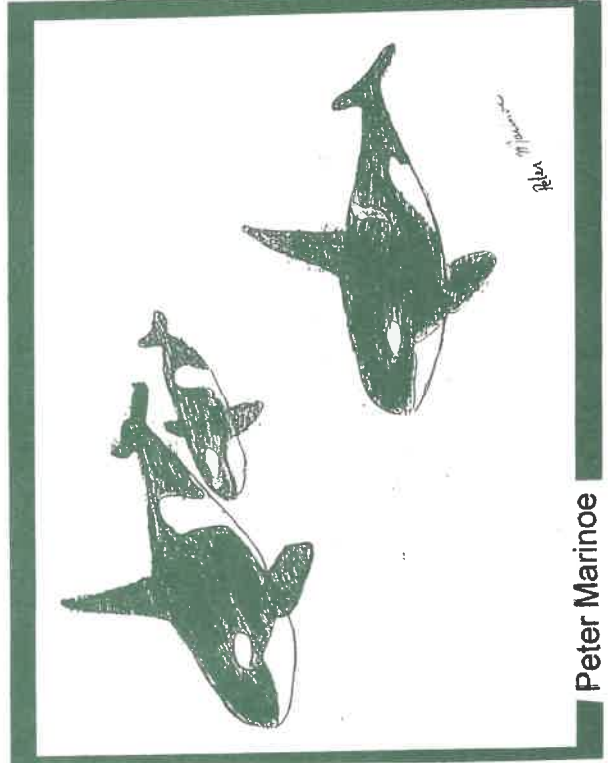
# Kahlin's Korner

Kahlin's Korner is a regular feature of the Newsletter, featuring children's articles or drawings. Included will be activities that are fun and will also help children to understand their natural environment. We hope you will submit ideas for future issues. (BCT, Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534)

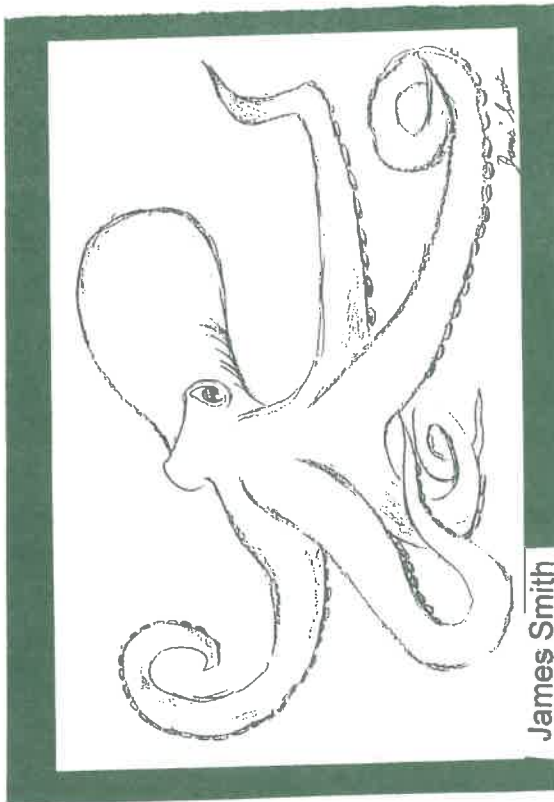
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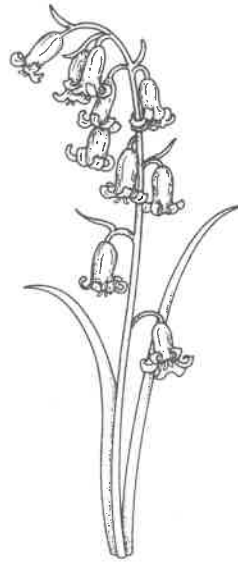
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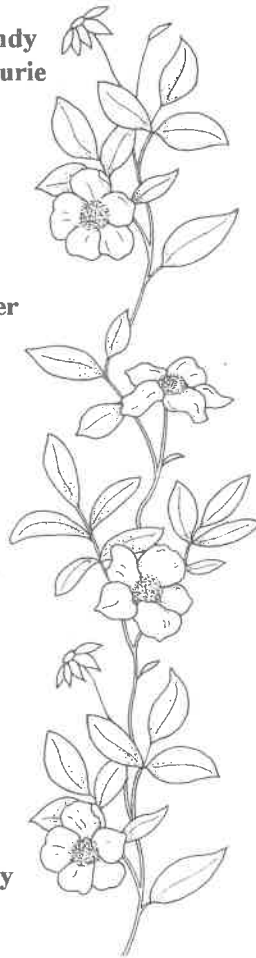
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