

# **Bourne Conservation Trust**

Newsletter Number 45

### The Fabric of Conservation in Bourne

by Tom Gelsthorpe

**D** ourne has a more complex geography than most parts of Cape Cod. It has more indented coastline with more coves and harbors, more islands and peninsulas, more glaciated knob-and-kettle terrain and more unexpected sights as you round its curvy roads.

Much of Bourne remained a checkerboard of traditional farms until well into the 20th century. Bourne still has more working cranberry acreage, the Cape's strongest agricultural tradition, than any other town on Cape Cod. Newer pressure for tourism, retirement homes and other forms of development bear heavily on Bourne, as they do on all of southeastern Massachusetts. All the more important that she have a

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strong conservation community to preserve Bourne's fragile, precious and unique qualities.

#### **The Bourne Properties**

Fortunately, Bourne has just such a community. Farsighted, philanthropic leaders established the Bourne Conservation Trust in 1980 as a private organization staffed by volunteers. Bourne Conservation Trust's more than 200 acres of preserved, wild places provide valuable green space to the town at negligible cost but great benefit to the taxpayers. The Trust's 15 major properties stretch from the northern extremity near Sandwich to the southernmost extremity of Lawrence Island overlooking North Falmouth. The Trust's properties preserve habitat for wildlife and carefully conserve the woven pattern of

village, woodland and water cherished by residents long before Patti Page warbled about quaint villages and salt air. The Bourne Conservation Trust coordinates with town-owned public properties wherever possible. One example is the 20-acre Little Bay property which abuts Monk's Park in Monument Beach and shares splendid water views and is a popular spot for fishing and launching kayaks.

#### **The Bourne Microclimate**

Like most Trust properties, these woodlands demonstrate the plant succession typical of overgrown farmland in New England. There is a rich mix of wildflowers and abundant undergrowth among mid-sized oaks and rising saplings of white pine, southern New England's most majestic evergreen. Because upper Buzzards Bay nurtures an unusually humid microclimate, lichens on oak branches amounting to fuzzy spots elsewhere on the Cape, grow to luxuriant size here—the local equivalent of the famous air plant, Spanish moss, common to the coastal Deep South.

The Cataumet greenway has a thriving understory of white pine among the oaks. One part of the greenway, Joyce Woods, boasts a forest of mature white pines—a look into the future of what sapling white pines grow up to become.

Water views from Trust properties provide glimpses of picturesque marine birds, especially the ospreys that build conspicuous nests of tree branches, grace the air with soaring flights and issue a cry which is peculiarly delicate for the size of the bird. There has been much speculation about what "buzzards" Buzzards Bay was named for. Most votes come down in favor of the magnificent, native osprey.

#### **Use and Maintenance**

Trust properties have meandering, well-maintained trails unobtrusively woven into land, beach and vegetation. Most properties are traversed by a lightly-used but working railroad, deftly blending old infrastructure with ancient landscapes. In these many ways, and in many places, properties maintained by the Trust provide views into the past of Cape Cod that has made it so cherished, and into the future of Cape Cod its most devoted residents hope it will remain. A majority of Bourne's residents are within walking distance or minimal driving distance of a Trust property. Anyone seeking relief from the hurly-burly can take a peaceful stroll on short notice and find the renewal that only communing with nature can provide.

#### **Board of Directors**

Stephen Ballentine, *President* Grace Rowe, *Treasurer* Robert Birch, *Trustee* Dick Boyden, *Trustee* Tom Corcoran, *Trustee* Philip DeNormandie, *Trustee* Don Mears, *Trustee* 

The BCT is tax exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Within IRS guidelines, contributions may be tax deductible from your taxable income. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

# **Money Matters**

In 2007, the BCT purchased a 10-acre parcel of land on Route 28A in Cataumet, known to most of you as the former Cataumet Garden Center. With this purchase, we were able to preserve 8.5 acres of woodland, a nature sanctuary

protected from developers and future home to new walking trails. The remaining 1.5 acres includes two commercial lots fronting Rte. 28A, intended to be sold



to offset the purchase price of this property.

Architectural and usage restrictions have been placed on these two lots to prevent undesirable development. One has been sold and beautifully rebuilt. The other remains on the market.

Between the poor economic climate and stagnant commercial property sales, BCT's efforts to market this remaining garden center lot have faltered. We have been paying substantial interest on the loan we secured to purchase the property and this has affected our reserves and endowment. Although the sale of the first lot enabled us to pay off part of the principal, we are still carrying a \$450,000 debt.

We are asking for your financial support, to help us reduce the principal due, and thus reduce

Over the past 30 years, the Trustees of the Bourne Conservation Trust, with the help of many loyal supporters, have preserved numerous special places in Bourne. Perhaps less well known have been our efforts to preserve the charm of Bourne's unique village centers. We have saved from development or controlled commercial properties in Pocasset and

> Cataumet, including an acre for a park at Pocasset center, an acre and a half with a railroad station (the Depot) at Cataumet's Post Office Square, and 3.5 acres on Route 28A across from Cataumet Fish. The Cataumet Garden Center is our most recent purchase and one that greatly adds to our goal of preserving open space in Bourne. Through the purchase of this property the BCT has preserved woodland acreage and

prevented over commercialization of a village setting, and the result is available for all to enjoy.

> the interest accruing on the loan secured for this very worthwhile project. Thanks to many end of the year donations, approximately \$50,000 was raised. Half of that will be needed for interest and the balance will be used to reduce the principal. If everyone contributes something, we can make a more substantial reduction in the debt, helping to sustain us until the remaining lot sells. Please send whatever you can, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **Trail Meisters**

by Dick Boyden

or the last dozen years or so the BCT's rapid response team for "trail making and maintaining" has consisted of Don Mears and Dick Boyden. The former certainly because of his backyard proximity to the Greenway trails off of Red Brook Harbor Rd. The latter it is reported because of his chainsaw talents even though he lives in Mashpee. Together this "dynamic duo" have cut, pruned, hauled and muscled their way in making new trails at the following sites: the access trail from the road entrance at the Aptucxet Trading Post to the Cape Cod Canal, the loop and cross trails at the Bourne Sisters Woodland and the new South Trail at the Red Brook Pond sanctuary. Their biggest project was the three quarter mile loop trail and numerous cross trails at Little Bay off Shore Road in Pocasset along with complimentary trails at nearby Monks Park.





Dick says that "trail making is more a case of reading the topography, taking the easiest route and cutting the fewest trees, avoiding damp areas, looking for good vistas and directing the trail through interesting forest areas." To do so the two are armed with loppers, chain saws, weed whackers and when the going gets tough Don mounts his ancient small tractor dragging a bushhog to make the trail through heavy underbrush and green briar areas. All the trails have to be maintained with several 'walk throughs' especially during the summer months. Now and then there are requests to clear fallen trees across the trails.

Don's carpentry skills have been employed to make the attractive wooden signboards, which house trail maps with the helpful 'you are here' designations. Bill Dibella of Cataumet recently joined these two in creating the new Bog Stream Trail and constructing the 20-foot wooden Brookside Bridge which links the Bourne Sisters Woodland trails with eager walkers from the Brookside homes off of County Road in Monument Beach. All three affirm that their work is a labor of love, not to mention good exercise. A well-used trail path is thank you enough for their efforts.

BCT trail walkers are free, if they choose, to help in the maintenance of the trails by using hand held cutters or loppers as they walk along. Any group or person interested in adopting a portion of one of the trails should contact Sally Ballentine at 508-563-2884. Trail maps are available at Ballentine's Boat Shop, Parker's Boat Yard, Kingman Marine, Bourne Town Hall and the Bourne Public Library. Trail maps can also be ordered by telephoning 508-563-2884 or they can be printed out from the BCT web site (www.bourneconservationtrust.org).

### The Littlest Avian Alien

by Bill Grant hen walking the many BCT trails, one passes a variety of miniature ecosystems, each with its own array of nature's creatures. As a birder, I am always on the lookout for the solitary species found only in the woods, like hermit thrush, flycatchers or owls. Because we on the Cape are surrounded by water, which serves as a heat sink, we often have unexpected avian visitors. A few years ago we had a particularly exciting one.

One late October, after the feeders had been cleaned and stored for the winter, my wife Kat spotted a hummingbird on one of the few plants still in bloom, a pineapple sage with beautiful pendant red blooms. Assuming it was a ruby throated hummingbird late to migrate to Panama, we called ornithologist extraordinaire and personal friend, Vern Laux, to ask why it was still here. After a visit, he told us it was not a native bird, but a Rufous (Rufus), or Allen, Hummingbird native to the west coast. It must have been blown in by the unusually strong west wind that had just swept across the country, diverted by the storm from its usual migration to Mexico.

The next day, waking to an unusually frigid fall morning, there were a dozen birders encamped in our backyard with high speed zoom lens cameras trained on the feeder we had hastily hung. Vern later explained that he had told only a few local bird enthusiasts. Had he written about a Rufus in his Cape Cod Times weekly column or website, Cataumet would have been inundated with birders. Vern arranged a house visit by ornithologist and licensed bird-bander Sue Flanagan, who trapped the hummingbird, carefully measured and analyzed its feathers, and banded it. After a call to Arizona for consultation, she determined that it was a fledgling female Rufus, one of two blown onto the Cape that year.

That such a diminutive bird (the smallest on the planet) can survive sub-freezing weather still instills awe. Surprisingly, staying warm is not the key challenge—it spends nights in heavy brush, fluffing its feathers, dropping its heartbeat, and entering a mini-hibernation—but it cannot survive even a day without consuming one half its weight in nectar alone. That is the equivalent of 1,000 flowers (or one feeder). For the rest of the winter our little friend visited the feeder dozens of time a day, helping itself to sugar water kept liquid by heat lamps and sheltered from the wind. Where

it found the bugs it needs for protein (which make up a quarter of its diet) is still a mystery.

As Vern predicted, in April it started to feed heavier that normal, bulking up to fly away to find a seasonal home and mate. Hummingbirds typically double their weight before traveling, and this one became a chubby little darling, going from the equivalent of two M&Ms to four M&Ms. One day it was gone, never to return. But every year we have plenty of its relatives to entertain us with their aerobatics.



*Hey Wagler, Daisy here People and poop bags. What's the scoop?* 

#### Well Daisy,

We adorable pups know how humans are such sticklers for their doggies. And they always expect us to "do as they say, not as they do," especially about "doo." We do our "doo" as they tell us to, then some of them don't do what other humans ask them to—which is pick up and dispose of poop properly, so it doesn't foul our waterways. We want our water clean enough for chasing tennis balls, digging quahogs and for children, fish and fiddler crabs to swim in.

So all you humans reading my message, remember when using walkways near the water, especially around Lawrence Island, scoop your pooch's poop and take it with you, please!



Happy tails Wagler C. Dawg waglercdawg@gmail.com



#### The Easter Bunny Will Be Back!

*Save the date:* Saturday, April 16, 10:30 am, Spring Hill Farm, 1079 County Road, Cataumet

That's the day the Easter Bunny will be hopping by to greet the kids and kick-off the annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Cataumet Civic Associates in partnership with the BCT. Get out your Easter baskets! Put on your Easter bonnet! Grab a camera and come watch the kids search for candy, visit with Ben and Peter (the farm goats), see the horses dressed in their Easter best, and enjoy beautiful Spring Hill Farm. It's fun! (Rain date: Saturday, April 23, 10:30 am.)

#### A Special Gift of Land

The BCT was recently the recipient of the gift of approximately five acres of woodlands and wetlands in Bourne Village. This acreage was donated by the Ribich family and will be left in its natural state for wildlife habitat.

Gifts of land can be a win-win situation for donors and for conservation trusts. In addition to providing tax advantages, such donations can guarantee the future of special family places or of adjacent lands. For the land trusts and their members it secures another spot that helps to preserve the scenic character of the

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area and helps maintain air and water quality while providing a natural habitat for wildlife. Win-win!



#### **Out on the Trails**

A new trail that meanders from Brookside development to Bourne Sisters Woodland allows the residents easy access to these beautiful woods. A footbridge provides safe crossing of a small stream; a bench provides a spot to rest and commune with nature; and hilly terrain insures that visitors will get their cardiovascular exercise. BCT trail meisters, Dick, Don, and Bill are the masterminds behind designing and building the new access. Thanks, gentlemen!

The Bourne Sisters Woodland can also be accessed from County Road across from the town owned Leary Property. (See trail map on opposite page.)

All the trails are mapped and detailed in the BCT Trail Guide, available at Ballentine's Boat Shop, Parker's Boat Yard, Bourne Public Library, Bourne Town Hall or just call (508) 563-2884 and we'll get one to you.

#### Cape Cod Roadrunners Show Their Support

It was a nice day for a run...a bit slippery in the ice and snow. But that didn't stop more than 125 runners from competing in the 31st Cape Cod Roadrunners "Fun Run" on January 9, 2011. The 4.9 mile course started and ended at the Wearv Traveler's Club in Monument Beach where the race has been hosted for three decades. The winning time, set by Ryan Gattoni, was 27.59 minutes. (Full results can be found at http://www.capecodathletic club.org/results/2011/gp/gp115.htm). After the race, all runners were treated to hearty seafood chowder, fritters and refreshments. The day was then capped off with an awards ceremony and a raffle. All proceeds, \$825.00, were generously donated to the BCT. Thank you Cape Cod Roadrunners! We look forward to seeing you next year: January 12, 2012, 10:30 am, rain, snow or shine!

#### Recycling at Spring Hill Farm

After carefully removing all ornaments and tinsel, once again friends delivered their Christmas trees to Ben and Peter, the resident goats of Spring Hill Farm. With the addition of these various kinds of evergreens to their home, Ben and Peter now seem to be living in a forest, but as the season progresses they will nibble away and by spring most of the trees will be recycled. Ben and Peter thank not only the donors of the

trees but also Daily Brew, which provides their daily bread (fruit and vegetables too), and all their other friends who drop by to visit.

### **Bourne Sisters Woodland Trail**

Bourne Conservation

Trail Guide

Trust

This trail map is one of seven available in the trail map guide, or downloadable at www.bourneconservationtrust.org. Other trail maps include Cataumet Greenway, Lawrence Island, Little Bay and Monks Park, Nickerson Conservation Area, and Red Brook Pond Conservation Area.

Trail maps can be obtained at Ballentine's Boat Shop, Parker's Boat Yard, Bourne Public Library and Bourne Town Hall.









# Kahlin's Korner

is dedicated to the memory of Kahlin Jespersen, a child full of sunshine and a love of nature, and also to all children for whom we preserve a part of the natural world.

Our thanks to students of Bournedale Elementary School for these wonderful drawings.

Third grade students were asked to draw a picture, any picture, of an event. Then they were asked to draw two more...one showing what happened right before the event, and one showing what happened right after. It's a concept called foreshadowing, as illustrated in Jan Brett's "The Three Snow Bears," which was read to the class. Here are a few examples of their work.



## How the BCT Raises Funds

To some it may seem like magic that the BCT always seems to have funds available to purchase land for open space. But it is not magic, it is hard work (fundraising), generosity (donors), and belief in what we do.

Our fundraising approach has always been a "soft sell" with our most important tool being the newsletter. Although a handy return envelope is provided with the newsletter, we never ask for money on the first page, but rather present a description of wildlife, BCT properties and their history, and other stories of interest.

The newsletter lists donors. This is done for several reasons: as a way of saying "thank you" for your support, as a way of reminding you if you have not made a recent donation, and in hopes that you will encourage others to contribute.

The BCT has never listed our donors by the amount that they give. Donations small, medium, and large are important, because the number of donors shows foundations and other large donors the degree of local support and helps to retain our status as a IRS 501(c)(3) organization, thus allowing your donation to be tax deductible. Further, we recognize that a \$100 donation from one person may represent as much sacrifice as a \$50,000 donation from another. We trust that those who believe in the BCT will contribute as much and as often as they can.

In addition to the newsletter the BCT will send personal letters or meet individually with persons and a few acres at Briarwood to the Dexter School and selling the house with an acre at Cataumet Crossing (Route 28A).

The BCT receives gifts in many forms: cash (many are memorial



This tree on the BCT Lawrence Island property was the inspiration for the BCT symbol.

directly affected by a specific project. It is always our hope that those who benefit the most will give the most.

The BCT sponsors some fundraising events—auctions, armchair auctions, art show, annual road races with the Cape Cod Roadrunners, and Christmas tree sales (locally grown trees).

Some projects are made feasible by selling a portion of the property: for example, selling the buildings donations), land, stocks, grants from foundations, bequests, and once the BCT was the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

The BCT's approach has been successful because our preserved woodlands, shore frontages, marshes, and trails speak for themselves and because we have a constituency that understands the value of open space and understands that it is everyone's responsibility.

# Ways of Giving

Gifts to the Bourne Conservation Trust are charitable contributions with resulting tax benefits. The amount of the benefit depends on the kind and size of gift. A well-planned gift can combine financial and charitable objectives by providing tax benefits, thereby meeting personal and charitable goals.

#### LIFE INSURANCE

The Bourne Conservation Trust can be named as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

#### **BARGAIN SALE**

By special arrangement, you may sell your property to the BCT for less than its fair market value (a bargain sale) and the difference is considered a charitable gift.

#### WILL

Naming the BCT in your will creates a gift and can reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.

#### CASH

Cash donations provide immediate funds for BCT use and can result in tax savings for the donor.

#### SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated securities may save on capital gains taxes.

#### **CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST**

Cash or securities can be placed in a charitable trust for a specified period of time, with income directed to the BCT. At the end of the trust period, the

# principal reverts to the donor or some other beneficiary.

#### **REAL ESTATE**

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

#### LIFE INCOME GIFTS

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.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call (508) 563-2884 or write to the Bourne Conservation Trust, P.O. Box 203, Cataumet, MA 02534-0203.

# Ways to Memorialize

#### CELEBRATIONS

The perfect gift for someone who has everything. Donations (any size) can be sent to the BCT

"in honor of" "in appreciation" "in celebration of your birthday (or anniversary)" "in honor of your graduation"

for any holiday and so on.

Appropriate notification will be sent to the recipient and an acknowledgment will be sent to the donor.

#### **SPECIAL DONATIONS**

Many people send donations in memory of pets (please include

species: dog, cat, bird, horse, etc.). These donations are handled in the same way.

#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Many people choose to remember

deceased friends and relatives by sending a memorial donation to the Bourne Conservation Trust. When such a donation is received, notification is sent to the designated family member and an acknowledgement

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|   | P.O. Box 203                                     |
| 1 | Cataumet, MA 02534                               |
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|   | We wish to inform you                            |
|   | that a contribution to the                       |
|   | Bourne Co  |
|   | Bourne Conservation Trust                        |
|   | has been made to honor                           |
|   | the memory                                       |
|   |  |
|   | of   |
|   | Jane Doe   |
|   | by:  |
|   |  |
|   | Mr. & Mrs. John Smith<br>P.O. Box 001<br>Catoure |
|   | Cataumet, MA 02534                               |
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is sent to the donor for their tax records. These memorial donations are listed in the BCT newsletter.

#### "NAMED" MEMORIALS

"Named" Memorial Donations: From time to time, the BCT will be named in an obituary as the organization chosen to receive

memorial donations. In these cases, the family of the deceased is asked to write a short tribute to be used when the donors are listed in the newsletter.

### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Memorial donations received after December 31, 2010 will be listed in the next newsletter.

In memory of **Dutton Alden** Ann Ware

In memory of **Dutton "Skip" Alden, Jr.** Ann Ware

In memory of **Louise Alden** Drs. Henry B. & Marie B. Coté Ann Ware

In memory of Sherrard & Thelma Arch Barbara, Carol, Rich & Susan Hill

In memory of Walter & Grace Atwood Eleanor A. Hammond

In memory of **Joanie Baker** Nicholas Baker

In memory of **Tom, Jeannette & Jeff Barnes** Amanda Barnes Muckle

In memory of **Shirley Beal** Drs. Henry B. & Marie B. Cote

In memory of **Albert F. Beinor** Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod

In memory of **Dorothy Berry** Duane R. Downey

In memory of **John Black** Jonathan & Deborah Black

In memory of **Bonnie Lamken Bowling** Bob & Lisa Moon

In memory of **Doris Underhill Campbell** Duane R. Downey

In memory of **Geoffrey Chase** Monie & Stuart Chase

In memory of **Coleman F. Cody** Sarah M. H. Cody In memory of Carol Jean & Robert Downey Duane R. Downey

In memory of **Gerald P. Dubuque** Liz Dubuque

In memory of **Elwood Eldridge** Nancy Eldridge

In memory of **Robert & Sylvia Fish** Mira Coleman

In memory of **John N. Fisher** John N. Fisher, Jr.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fitzpatrick Mrs. Donald Jackson

In memory of **Harry & Meg Goff** Deborah Goff Handschin

In memory of Midge & Leo Gruener John N. Fisher, Jr.

In memory of Edwin F. Hannon, Jr. Jessica Britt Beer John Meade Mr. & Mrs. Donald C. Westman

In memory of **Haile T. Hill** William & Adeline Kerrigan

In memory of **Clement Hutchins** Mary Hutchins

In memory of **Ann Jarmulowicz** Jessica Britt Beer

In memory of **Kahlin Jesperson** The Guy Family

In memory of **Kaare Karstad** Heidi Lewitt

In memory of **Jane Keene** Sarah Goodrich

In memory of **loved ones** Camilla Nevius

In memory of **James Lucas** Carol Lucas In memory of **Joan Mayhew** Joan Richards

In memory of **Vartges Melidosian** Mrs. Doris Oberbeck

In memory of Sabino C. "Sal" Minerva Richard & Marita Nakashian

In memory of Marcia Wright Monette Bob & Lisa Moon

In memory of Sterling & Marjorie Myrick Priscilla Diamond

In memory of **Jane Nair** Richard & Judy Conron

In memory of **Dorothy Nelson** Pamela Thoits Olson

In memory of **Virginia Olmstead** Jay & Karen Waldron

In memory of **E. Russell Ottey & "Cocoa"** Steve & Sally Ballentine Norman & Gloria Vickery Marilee Wheeler

In memory of **Dorothy H. Partridge** Tim Partridge

In memory of **Ray Parrott, Jr.** Bob & Lisa Moon

In memory of Dr. Thomas C. Peebles Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Carter

In memory of **Izzy Pendergast** Talbot Baker, Jr.

In memory of **William Percival** Duane R. Downey

In memory of **Darroll Petersen** Darolyn Peterson

In memory of **Richard Prince** Doug & Diane Prince Florence Prince

In memory of **Mr. Jules Rothkopf** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Birch

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### NAMED MEMORIALS

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# Given in memory of **THE REVEREND ALLEN W. SWAIN**

a rascal, a tease, a helpmate and counselor, a joyous man of God. His spirit will carry on in all those who he has touched with honest, caring, and totally unselfish love.

Hope Lincoln Baker Talbot Baker, Jr. Steve & Sally Ballentine Ann & Al Birmingham Judy & Joel Bullard Jack & Ellin Coughlin Natalie S. Forrest Jay & Margot Jenkins Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mears Elaine & George Millerick Don & Penny Myers Richard & Marita Nakashian Perry & Bill Phinney Carol & Warren Sterns Sue & Joe Travers The Watmough Family Robert & Nancy Young

# In memory of **PETER B. EMMONS**

whose happiest moments were spent overlooking Squeteaque Harbor with the love of his life, Cathy. Peter would have been honored to know the number of friends who made a contribution in his name to the Bourne Conservation Trust.

Joan R. Bolton Tim & Connie Brown Linda Carpenter Duane R. Downey John Lowry Amanda Barnes Muckle Janet Percival

#### Given in memory of **"FINNY"** (1979ish-2011)



The Ballentine Family "Ben" & "Peter" Linda Carpenter Linda & Greg Dadak Phil Duddy (Goat Boy) Allison & Jay Fisher Kris & Peter Fisher Sissy Howard Jill & Dick Knowlton

the gray mare who graced the paddocks of Spring Hill Farm for the past 5 years. Finny greeted visitors to the farm, kept careful watch on the children during Easter Egg Hunts, absorbed the sun while napping near the goats, and surveyed the farm from under her apple tree. Her quiet presence will be missed.

> Alyson Rando Malone The McGurl Family Sandy & Steve Mealy Kirkland O'Leary The Parker Family Joan Richards Grace Rowe The Seyler-Schmidt Family

Finny was supported and cared for by your donations and her special "staff", a group of devoted volunteers. Donations also support Ben and Peter, the resident goats.

Upon the death of a loved one, many families request memorial donations to charitable organizations in lieu of flowers. When the BCT is specifically named to receive memorial donations, it is our practice to ask the family to write a short tribute to be included in our newsletter.

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In memory of Maynard & Grace White Sallett George & Lillia Holmes

In memory of **Alice Post Scott** Lily B. Agar

In memory of **Mary B. Scott** Johanna Lessinger

In memory of Nelson & Adele Seaver Phyllis R. Manley In memory of Margaret & Joseph Sullivan Linda & Jerry Powers

In memory of Franklin Pratt Sweetser Ann S. Carton Marie Odile Sweetser Caroline Sweetser Tuttrup

In memory of **Elizabeth Ann Taylor** Richard & Marita Nakashian In memory of **Anna Walden** Jane Ann Willis Pearce

In memory of **Robert B. Watson** Mr. & Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Jr.

In memory of **H. Holton Wood** Marshall L. Smith

In memory of **Ted Worcester** Steve & Sally Ballentine

In memory of **Jennie Zeghibe** Jean Davock

### **CELEBRATIONS**

In honor of **Robb Annable & Pam Ascanio** Linda Cocca

In observance of **Dick & Judy Ballentine**'s 2010 trip to the Cape Kay Johnson



In honor of **Franklin "Bucky" Barlow** Linda Barlow & Paul Palo

In honor of **Ted, Linda, & Juliet Cocca** Robb Annable & Pam Ascanio

In gratitude to **Tom Corcoran** for his kindness & generosity Steve & Sally Ballentine George & Irene Whitaker Jean Schnell Steve & Sharlyn Radcliffe

In gratitude to Howard Crow & Jane Downing Bob & Carole Courey

> In honor of **"Daisy"** Linda Carpenter

In celebration of **Pete Duval**'s 75th birthday Thomas Fedge

In celebration of Jean Duval's birthday Thomas Fedge In celebration of William Eustis' 90th birthday Lennart & Ann Lindberg Harriet Schley

A tribute to the splendid gentlemen, **Bill Eustis**, **Mort Myerson**, and **Len Schley**, and the great lady, **Polly Watson**, all of whom have celebrated a ninetieth birthday in 2010. Lifelong summer residents of Catuamet, they are living proof that living in this environment and preserving it is good for us! Connaught & Gael Mahony

In appreciation of **Kevin & Aly Malone** for chipping brush cuttings From those who enjoy the trails

In celebration of **Mort Myerson**'s 90th birthday Heidi Lewitt & family

In honor of **Amanda Barnes Muckle** Alice, Brent, Emily, & Phoebe Smith

For **Pat Nelson** in celebration of Mother's Day Amanda & Thomas Nelson



In celebration of Flo Prince's birthday Ann & Ron Sefrna

In honor of **Florence Prince** Doug & Diana Prince Ann & Ron Sefrna Roberta Wetmore

In honor of Helen & Steven Schoonover and "Mona", "Misha", "Maya", & "Max" Judy & Peter McGee & "Clancy"

> In celebration of **Tadhg Sweeney**'s birthday Harriet Schley

In appreciation of the wonderful G2 classroom volunteers at Bournedale Elementary 2009-2010:

Mrs. Lisa Lovering, for smiles & support in the classroom & computer activities

**Mrs. Barbara Surrette** for knowledge & support in the classroom & computer activities.

**Mrs. Deborah Doonan** for helping to make Books & Beyond a success in the classroom. From Barbara Sabulis

#### **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

In memory of **"George"** Linda Carpenter

In memory of **"Holly"** Steve & Sally Ballentine Mojo & Maggie

In memory of **"Lily"** & **"Jacob"** Jeff Stolz & Elizabeth Coolidge Stolz

> In memory of **"Max"** Steve & Sally Ballentine Mojo & Maggie

In memory of **"Sam"** Nancy York Ambler Linda Carpenter

In memory of **"Sula"** Steve & Sally Ballentine Maryellen Kozar Mojo & Maggie Laura Tournas

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