



FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Years from now, when you and your future generations walk the natural paths and places of Dennis, take pride in knowing that your continued efforts helped preserve them.

Summer Evening 2010 Auction a Happy Memory

Members and friends of the DCT gathered at the Sea View in Dennisport on July 18 for the 9th Annual DCT Live and Silent Auction. A summer tradition, the auction is DCT's most important fundraising event.

Just a few of the highlights...

Very spirited bidding on items like a weekend in Nantucket ... a personal airplane tour of Dennis ... A classic boat...Pats tickets ... Sox "dugout box"



(Left to right), Edward Jarosz, Paul McCormick, Jr.

tickets ... a Naples, FL vacation ... spectacular, handcrafted jewelry ... Not to mention... lots of laughter, thanks to auctioneer John Terrio, ... and a fabulous evening of food, fun, and friendship.

Special thanks to Auction Manager Connie Mooers and the nearly 100 exceptional volunteers who helped make this the best auction yet! ... Trustee Paul McCormick and everyone at the Sea View ...our Corporate donors ... the many, many businesses and individuals who donated auction items ... the restaurants and businesses that donated the fabulous food and beverages ... and of course, everyone who attended. Thank you, all.

Let's do it again next year!

**Save the Date:
July 31, 2011**



(Left to right) Paul McCormick, Connie Mooers and Debby Booth



(Left to right) Some of our Corporate Sponsors: Andrew Singer, Tom Hoy, Paul Galvin, Connie Mooers, Joel Crowell, John Willis, and Joe Masse.

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Annual Meeting

The DCT held its Annual Meeting on August 28, 2010 at the Jacob Sears Memorial Library in East Dennis.

President Richard Johnston welcomed attendees and reported on the DCT's recent activities, including a comparison of our achievements with those of other Cape Cod land trusts.

Kris Ramsay, DCT Administrator, offered a bit of DCT history, describing the evolution of property acquisitions, and outlined DCT's total land gifts, land purchased, and land held within conservation restrictions, all of which totaled 518 acres of protected land.

Chris Wadsworth, Trustee and Membership Committee Chair, reported that the DCT currently has 375 members, approximately 20 more than on a comparable date in 2009. He indicated that the 375 included 65 new members. We're delighted to welcome them to the DCT.



(Left to right) Dave Berry, Rob Little and family

Marj Milano's Conservation Legacy



The DCT wishes to remember Marjorie M. Milano who made possible one of our recent significant land acquisitions. Marj was a resident of Lexington and East Dennis. She was born in Boston and lived in Watertown for many years before moving to Lexington. Marj taught in the Watertown school system for 37 years and served as President of the Teachers Association. She retired in 2003. She was a gifted writer and editor of many classroom textbooks. Marj died on October 30, 2004 at her Lexington home after a long struggle with cancer.

Marj, became interested in the Cape when friends introduced her to sailing in the mid-70s. Immediately, she was 'hooked' on sailing and the charm of the Cape. In the mid-80s, she purchased her first home, on Janall Drive in East Dennis. But her dream was to moor her boat at Sesuit Harbor and, even more, to live in the historic village of East Dennis. She loved the area and the history of the village. Her dreams were realized when she found and purchased a rundown cape house on Centre Street, across from the church. A year later, the house was completely restored and charming.

Marj soon became familiar with all the paths and trails of East Dennis as well as The Cape Playhouse and the Dennis Pines Golf Club. An avid reader, she frequented and supported the Sears Library next door to her home. She thoroughly enjoyed living at Quivet Neck and entertained many friends and family all summer and fall.

Visitors to Centre Street would often find a note on Marj's door: "Gone sailing." With her boat in a slip at Sesuit Harbor, she spent every day sailing or maintaining her boat. On the rare day that she did not go sailing, she enjoyed sitting on the jetty to watch the boats enter and leave the harbor. Marj's other passion was walking through Quivet Neck. In the early morning, one could find her on a brisk walk down Centre Street, around the corner onto School Street, and down Cold Storage Road to the beach for a walk to the Brewster Flats.

Marj was devoted to the idea of protecting Quivet Neck. She was active in the Quivet Neck Homeowners Association and the Dennis Historical Society. She talked often about wanting to preserve East Dennis for future generations of residents and to protect the land for the wildlife there. Her vision led her to leave a significant part of her estate to DCT for purchasing land that would remain open and undeveloped. Marjorie's legacy to the historic village of East Dennis is a parcel of land at Cole's Pond Bog. While DCT arranged for the purchase, it is the residents of Dennis and their future generations who are the real beneficiaries of Marj's generosity.

Annual Report

President's Message

2010 can best be described as a year of growth and resiliency for DCT. Despite the hard economic times, DCT participated in a creative land acquisition campaign, hosted its most successful fundraising auction ever, expanded its membership operations, conducted land management activities with the Town of Dennis, and held a number of educational presentations open to the public.



As for land acquisition, in 2010 we have made strides toward the final purchase of two significant properties, one in Dennis Village and the other in East Dennis. The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, of which we are a member, bought both properties from private owners in 2009 with the expectation that we would raise the necessary funds to repurchase them from The Compact. We now are close to being able to acquire both.

“Old Fort Field,” which is located off New Boston Road in Dennis Village, is an 8.2-acre parcel of land that both DCT and the Town have looked to acquire for approximately a decade. After raising nearly half of the \$425,000 purchase price, DCT asked the Town if they would be willing to purchase a Conservation Restriction (CR), while also becoming the lead applicant for a \$200,000 state Land and Natural Diversity (LAND) grant. The Conservation Commission voted its approval to be the lead applicant for the state grant and to purchase a CR if the grant came through. In October of this year the Town and DCT learned that the full grant amount will be awarded by the state. Once DCT purchases the land and the Town receives the CR, hopefully in December, the state will reimburse the Town for its contributions.

At this same time DCT has been working to preserve “Coles Pond Bog,” a 7-acre parcel of land located within the Town’s District of Critical Planning Concern and in close proximity to Crowe’s Pasture in East Dennis. Similar to the “Old Fort Field” purchase, DCT applied for a state Conservation Partnership grant, for \$85,000, which required the Town’s Conservation Commission to receive CR over the land. The Conservation Commission again voted their approval to hold the CR, and in October DCT learned that we would be awarded the full amount of this grant application. We should be able to purchase Coles Pond Bog over the next several months.

Thus, we expect that DCT soon will own these two parcels, while the Town will hold CRs restricting development. Interestingly, the Town now owns several conservation parcels, including at Crowes Pasture and Bass River, on which DCT holds CRs as a result of our financial contributions to the purchases.

I anticipate that 2011 will bring about more enthusiasm for and focus on land preservation in Dennis. While still focusing on land acquisitions, DCT will be working to develop land management plans, encourage recreational and educational opportunities, further expand our outreach program to community members, and coordinate what we know will be a very successful 10th Anniversary Annual Auction.

Thanks to all of our supporters and the Town for a great year,

Richard Johnston, President

Annual Report (cont'd)

Committee Reports

Land Acquisition & Management:

As mentioned above, 2010 will be DCT's most successful year purchasing land. In 2010 DCT received three gift parcels of land, totaling 11.75 acres. DCT thanks the Congregational Church of South Dennis for their gift of 6.25 acres of land in South Dennis, John Mahoney for his gift of a half-acre abutting the Swan River in Dennisport, and The Edwards Family Trust for their gift of five acres along Chase Garden Creek in Dennis. DCT now owns 366 acres outright, and holds 150 acres in Conservation Restriction, protecting a total of 518 acres.

While acquiring land is very important, our Land Management Committee (LMC) also understands that this land needs to be managed and monitored as well. Thus, the LMC has been expanding its Land Stewardship program, watching for dumping, abutter encroachment, invasive species, etc. The LMC has also been working with the Town's Natural Resource Department to put together several property restoration plans.

Membership:

As noted in the Annual Report, the DCT currently has 375 members.

Finance:

Projected Operating Income for 2010: \$69,850. This is largely from membership contributions and profit from the annual auction. **Projected Operating Expense for 2010:** \$64,810. The major amounts have been for expenses related to the salary and land management activities of the Land Specialist/Administrator, Cape Cod Compact services, financial accounting, data base work, insurance, taxes, surveys and appraisals. **Projected Operating Net:** \$5,040.

This excess will be transferred to land acquisition and endowment accounts. In addition, we received individual contributions of \$23,169 in our land acquisition and endowment accounts.

Publicity:

The DCT continues to benefit from the support of our local media and organizations in publicizing activities and fundraising events. Our appreciation to The Register and Cape Cod Times newspapers, Cape Cod Media Center Channel 17, Town of Dennis Channel 18, the Dennis Chamber of Commerce, and the libraries and other organizations that help us share information about the DCT. Special thanks to Chris Simmons, Zygot Digital Productions, for creating DCT's first-ever television announcement.

Recognition:

In this up-coming year DCT's Recognition Committee plans to replace all the memorial plaques that have been damaged due to weather or other related issues, with bronze-casting plaques. The Committee feels it is important to remember those who have given so much to DCT over the years. The Committee is also installing a memorial stone, with a bronze plaque, recognizing Marjorie Milano, at the recently purchased Coles Pond Bog property in East Dennis.

View of Old Fort Field across Chase Garden Creek Marsh



2010 Special Gifts

IN HONOR OF

Joe & Rosemary Masse from Marcia Otto
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A gift to the Dennis Conservation Trust is a special way to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. Please consider a donation to the Trust, knowing that your gift will have lasting value in helping to preserve our natural environment. Contact our Administrator, Kris Ramsay, for more information (508-362-3422), or kris@thecomcompact.net.

2010 Members

(As of November 23, 2010)

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What to Watch For

Keep an eye out for updates and information about winter walks and talks in The Register newspaper, the Cape Cod Times, and on DCT's website. The walks will be at a leisurely pace and all age groups are encouraged to attend.

Visit our website for updates about DCT's activities and events, and opportunities to get involved. We invite your suggestions.

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Salt Marsh Die-Off Presentation

The DCT hosted an presentation about salt marsh die-off on Cape Cod, on Saturday, October 30. This presentation featured Eric Van Arsdale, an environmental science student at Brown University, who is focusing on issues surrounding marine conservation and scientific communication.

During the presentation Van Arsdale described the work he conducted on Cape Cod this summer while running a scientific outreach program for Mass. Audubon. He also explained how scientists can better communicate die-off information to the Cape Cod community, and what the causes and impacts of die-off are to our natural ecological system.



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Please join the DCT. Your \$30 membership dues and other contributions help the Trust in its land preservation efforts and operations. The Trust has five categories of membership ranging from \$30 to \$1,000. These memberships cover about one half of our annual operating costs. Become a member online at www.DennisConservationTrust.org or mail your check to DCT, P.O. Box 67, East Dennis, MA 02641. For donations of land, contact Kris Ramsay, 508-362-3422 or email kris@thecompact.com.