



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.

Join us July 31 at the 2011 Auction for the “Perfect 10”

To the echoes of “Save the Crowe,” it was a decade ago that an intrepid group of volunteers from throughout Dennis created the first Dennis Conservation Trust Summer Evening Auction as a fundraiser to help the Trust and the Town purchase a beautiful and fragile parcel of land in East Dennis, Crowes Pasture. Ten years later, the Auction has become a not-to-be-missed summer institution for both year-round and summer residents and their guests. This time we rally to help purchase the Grassy Pond Woodlands: 11 acres of pristine natural land bordering both Grassy and Clay Pond; it abuts ~250 acres of Town/State protected Open Space; and is a natural filter for the Public Drinking Water supply.

Summer Evening 2011, July 31 at the Sea View in Dennisport, promises to be the best yet, according to Auction Manager Connie Mooers. The evening of fabulous food, spirited refreshments, and live and silent bidding begins at 5 p.m., and ends when auctioneer John Terrio brings down the gavel on the final item. In between, feast on the sumptuous raw bar, with specialties from area restaurants, including the legendary local oyster and clam bars.



(Left to Right) Paul McCormick, Connie Mooers, and Debby Booth helped make Summer Evening 2010 another memorable event.

Summer Evening 2001: Were you there?

Under the tent on the Dennis Village Green, on August XX, 2001, the first DCT auction started a tradition that celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.



Items to Date

- Red Sox Tickets
- Patriots Tickets
- Bushnell Binoculars
- Whale Watch Tickets
- Kayak Rentals/River Cruises
- Coach Satchel Handbag
- Mary Kay Basket
- 20-Person Clam Bake
- Mini-Trip to Boston
- And Much, Much More!!!**



(Left to Right) Some of our 2010 Corporate Sponsors: Andrew Singer, Tom Hoy, Paul Galvin, Connie Mooers, Joel Crowell, John Willis, and Joe Masse.

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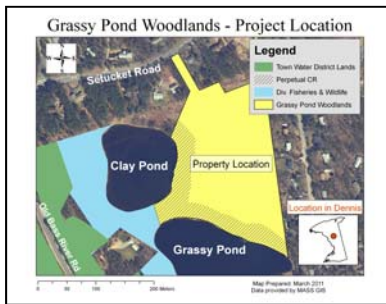
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Tickets are \$60 in advance, and \$65 at the door. We hope you received your invitation in the mail, but if we missed you, or if you have questions, please call Connie Mooers at (774) 212-3525 or send an e-mail to DCTAuction2011@comcast.net. You can also go to our website, www.DennisConservationTrust.org, for electronic reservations, and for updates about items and sponsors. And, we’re always looking for new, exciting auction items. If you want to donate something special, contact Connie Mooers.

LAND ACQUISITIONS

Current Project: The Grassy Pond Woodlands

In late fall 2010, DCT learned of an exciting opportunity to help preserve over 11 acres of land bordering Grassy and Clay Pond, in East Dennis off of Setucket Road. **See Map Below...**



Why is it Important to Protect? This 11-acre property would be a spectacular addition to protected lands not only in Dennis, but on Cape Cod in general. It links to almost 250 acres of open space protected by the Town of Dennis, the MA Department of Fish & Game (DFG), and the Dennis Water District south of Setucket Road, ex-



tending from west of Old Bass River Road to east of Route 134. Acquisition of this property will help to preserve a natural, woodland habitat; enhance the adjoining open space lands; protect the quality of the public water supply; preserve important wildlife habitat; protect critical freshwater wetland resources; and expand passive recreation opportunities. Unquestionably, this is an important natural resource area in Town, and a critical parcel to protect. DCT is especially eager to preserve this tract, as there are very few parcels this size remaining in Dennis.

What's Happened to Date: The land has been appraised and DCT has negotiated with the current owner to agree on a purchase price. We are currently working with a number of different agencies, including applying for Community Preservation Act funds, as well as state grants, to coordinate a funding plan that would result in the protection of this beautiful conservation land in perpetuity.

Recent Success Stories: Coles Pond Bog & Old Fort Field

Coles Pond Bog: Following 3 years of discussion, campaigning, and a generous donation made by the late Marjorie Milano, a long time resident of East Dennis, DCT took its final step to acquire the 7-acre Coles Pond Bog property in East Dennis, closing on the land in December of 2010. The Town's Conservation Commission will hold a Conservation Restriction over the land. This property is open to the public for passive recreation and education purposes. A commemorative plaque will be mounted on site in honor of Marjorie Milano later this year.



Old Fort Field: After working with the State and the Town, DCT devised a purchase plan that resulted in the Trust owning the 8.2-acre property in D. Village, subject to a Conservation Restriction held by the Town. The Town purchased the CR on March 8, 2011, at which time DCT closed on the property. Since that time, DCT has received approval by the Dennis Natural Resources Dept. to develop a trail system there. Trail development has already begun and should be complete by the end of the summer. We encourage community members and visitors to get out and walk the trails, and to enjoy this well-located conservation land.



If you have already made a donation or pledge towards the purchase of these properties, DCT thanks you and asks that you look for website updates. With continued donations and pledges coming in, we are confident that we can add another 11 acres to our list of protected lands before the end of the year.

Keeping Company with Kestrels



Nearly 100 bird lovers gathered at the West Dennis Graded Schoolhouse on January 29 to learn about – and meet – the kestrels. Hawk and falcon expert Joey Mason kept the audience, young

and not-so-young, “raptured” as she shared her research and experiences with American Kestrels in southeastern Massachusetts – including why these birds of prey often prefer to nest in our cranberry bogs! The highlight of the day, of course, was the opportunity for guests to meet the kestrels up-close and personal, as Joey introduced the birds to the audience. One of the kestrels even posed for pictures with the kids. This free event was sponsored by the DCT, with support from the Register Newspaper. Special thanks to Lucy White, Earl Beardsley, and Joan Nickerson for volunteering their time.



Earth/Arbor Day - Tree Give Away!

Dennis residents who brought trash and recyclables to the Town's transfer station on April 30 brought a little something home with them, too –



A free White Pine seedling, ready for planting! To celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day, the DCT distributed more than 350 of the seedlings. DCT administrator James McCarthy arranged for the giveaway, and was assisted by volunteers: Judy & Michael Perkins, Joan Nickerson, Earl Beardsley, Susan Ingalls, Zoe Simmons and Trustees, Dorria DiManno and Jim Wick.

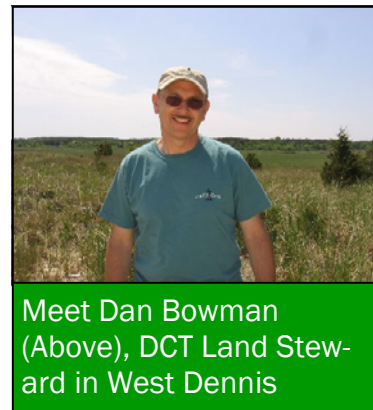


Special thanks to:

- ◆ Hart Farm Nursery & Garden
- ◆ Cape Coastal Nursery
- ◆ Dennis Department of Public Works (DPW)
- ◆ The Register Newspaper

DCT Land Stewards

DCT's Land Stewardship Program is going strong, and in its 3rd year of operation. Land Stewards play a very important role in helping to annually monitor all of DCT's protected lands. We rely on our Stewards to provide information relating to: public access, property line encroachment, natural resources and habitat conditions, and property uses and maintenance needs. Stewards visit an assigned DCT property and monitor the site, showing their findings in a Property Survey Form. We use the information in the surveys for reference when performing management practices to maintain our properties. If it weren't for these stewards dedicating their time and energy, it would be much more difficult to maintain and manage DCT properties. If you're interested in becoming a DCT Land Steward, please visit our website or contact Administrator, James McCarthy (james@thecompact.net, (508) 362-3422 ext.3).



Meet Dan Bowman (Above), DCT Land Steward in West Dennis

Lohr Family: Gifts of Land

DCT would like to thank the Lohr Family of West Dennis for their land gifts totaling nearly 7 acres on March 23, 2011. It was in December of 2010 when Scott Lohr, representing descendants of Arthur and Jean Lohr, reached out to the Trust with intentions of donating three land parcels that had been in their family for decades. In March, Scott delivered the signed deed for the proposed land gift and the deed was recorded by DCT, marking the completion of this generous family gift. The land is within close proximity of State-protected Atlantic White Cedars and is composed mostly of brackish marsh, serving as an important buffer to surrounding wetlands and to Indian Pond.



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What to Watch For

Keep an eye out for updates and information about Fall 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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2011 Special Gifts

The DCT thanks the families and friends who recently made donations in memory or honor of:

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| Mary Subak | Dieter Schrebler | Nicola Zaffino | Carole Bell |
| Dorothy Bell | Martel & Tom Reilly | Daniel Laurenza | Cynthia Weinman |
| Ann Price | Donald Day | Carol Hunt | Marj Weiner |
| William A. White | Elinor Emslie | Mary Doerr | |

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, James McCarthy, for more information.

THE POWER OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

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 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 James McCarthy, 508 362 3422 or email james@thecompact.net.