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SUMMER EVENING 2013 AUCTION:

*Celebrating Open
Space Successes*

JULY 28, 5 P.M. at THE SEA VIEW

Sure, it's hard to top last year's fun, food, and fabulous auction items, but we're going to try. If you've ever had car trouble or listened to public radio, you're probably familiar with "Click and Clack" and their popular "Car Talk" call-in show. DCT is delighted to welcome Ray Magliozzi as our special guest emcee this year. We don't know if he's Click or if he's Clack – but we do know it will be fun!

As always, you'll enjoy fresh-as-can-be oysters and clams at the raw bars, spirited libations, scrumptious food and desserts from local restaurants, and – new this year – a grilling station on the patio.

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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.

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Grassy Pond

A Victory of Community Partnership

Grassy Pond Woodlands – now the Dorothy Connors Bell Conservation Area – is the kind of success story we love to share. It began with one woman's wish that her land be preserved for future generations, continued thanks to her family's willingness to work with the DCT in what became a complex, multi-year process, and became a reality when the Town of Dennis closed on the acquisition and conveyed a Conservation & Watershed Restriction to DCT and the Dennis Water District on June 26, 2013. 11.2 acres saved from development ... precious watershed protected ... increased public recreation opportunities ... wildlife, walking trails, and ponds preserved, forever.

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March 25, 2013 Press Conference at Grassy Pond. Mass. Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs Rick Sullivan awards \$400,000 State LAND grant to Town of Dennis towards purchase of property. From left to right: Secretary Sullivan, Chairman of Dennis Board of Selectmen Paul McCormick, State Rep. Cleon Turner, State Senator Dan Wolf, DCT Administrator James McCarthy.

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Joan Nickerson and Family

Decades of Conservation and Community

The Nickerson family has a tradition of commitment to conservation and to the community. DCT, and in turn the people of Dennis, recently accepted the donation of 1.37 acres of buildable upland in South Dennis, thanks to the generosity of Joan Nickerson and her family. Joan and her late husband Norton Nickerson had previously donated 3 acres of buildable land to the DCT. Prior to that, the Nickerson family worked with the Town to permanently preserve nearly 25 acres of beautiful wooded habitat along the Bass River, known today as the Indian Lands Conservation Area. And last year, Joan approached the Trust about an additional land preservation opportunity, which resulted in the 1.37 acre donation.

Joan devotes much of her time in service to Dennis and the Cape, as a DCT Land Steward, and as a volunteer at DCT events including the auction and annual seedling giveaway. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old South Dennis Village Association, and a volunteer at the Museum of Natural History. We thank Joan and her family for their on-going commitment to conservation and to the Town of Dennis.



GUIDED TOURS OF WOODS AND WATERS



Kayak Tour at Chase Garden Creek

DCT hosts free guided walks at a variety of conservation areas throughout town, and we have also introduced kayak tours as an exciting way for our supporters to enjoy Dennis' unique environment. Our friends at Cape Kayaking led a group of 10 paddlers last fall through the

winding channels of Chase Garden Creek. There's no better way to appreciate the natural paths and places of Dennis than to actually get out there and enjoy them for yourself! Check our website for upcoming walks and tours, and contact DCT at 508-362-3422 ext. 3 for more information.

Saturday, August 17 10am – Indian Lands Conservation Area: Easy/moderate walk. Park in the Town Hall parking lot, on Main St.

Saturday, September 14 12 noon – Crowes Pasture Oyster Walk: Easy/moderate walk. DCT's James McCarthy will lead the group down to the beach to meet John Lowell at his East Dennis Oyster Farm! Oysters available \$1 each. Meet at Crowes Pasture main parking lot adjacent to Quivet Cemetery.

AmeriCorps Cape Cod to the Rescue!

On March 20, DCT partnered with members from AmeriCorps Cape Cod (ACC) to relocate and re-install an Osprey platform on a DCT property off Chapin Beach Road that had come down during one of last winter's powerful storms. Mass Audubon's Dennis Murley, who has worked on nearly every Osprey pole from Dennis to Provincetown, led the charge. The nesting platform was installed just in time for the returning Ospreys to settle into their summer home. This project's success would not have been possible without assistance from ACC and Mass Audubon.



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We don't know if the partnership between the Town, Community Preservation Committee, the voters, the state of Massachusetts, The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, the Dennis Water District, and the Dennis Conservation Trust is unique ... but it is nothing short of amazing. We're incredibly proud that DCT and its members are at the heart of this success. DCT will continue to champion projects like this, and we know you'll be right there with us.



WE BID FAREWELL

Emily Hosley Levine

Emily was a long-time resident of East Dennis, a valued member of the DCT Board of Trustees, and a significant contributor to the Dennis community as a whole. DCT was deeply saddened to learn of Emily's passing in February of this year. Emily and her husband Larry entrepreneured several successful businesses on Cape Cod, including the Emily Lawrence stores and the Lawrence Shop.

Emily provided leadership and support to many Dennis organizations including, The Cape Playhouse, Cape Cinema, Cape Museum of Art, Dennis Union Church, and the Dennis Memorial Library among others.

Emily played an integral role in the Town's acquisition of the Crowes Pasture Conservation Area and was among the most active DCT members during that campaign. She lent great assistance with fund-raising, including a substantial contribution by the Levine family in memory of their daughter Elena Levine Smith. Emily's lasting impression on DCT, land conservation, and the community in general, will live on forever.

Plant a Tree!

Go ahead, it's Free!

Each April, DCT sponsors a tree give away event at the Town Transfer Station to celebrate the environment in honor of Earth Day. This year the event was held on April 20 and April 21 and we succeeded in handing out over 400 white pine saplings! A BIG thanks to Donald Kossack and Hart Farm for their generous donation, and to the Dennis Department of Public Works for accommodating the event once again.

ANNUAL MEETING

25 Years of Conservation in the Books

**OCTOBER 19, 9:30 A.M.
at THE MARSHSIDE**

The Dennis Conservation Trust will host its 2013 Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 19 from 9:30am to 11:00am at the Marshside restaurant on Bridge Street in East Dennis. Join DCT as it looks back on 25 years of open space success in Dennis, and looks forward with anticipation to future opportunities to further preserve the natural character and beauty of our community. Refreshments will be provided.



President's Message

The Romig Family – A Commitment to Conservation

2013 is DCT's 25th year of operation, and I am proud to look back at the progress that has been made not just this year, but consistently over time. With steadfast support from members throughout the community, and in working collaboratively with local, Town, and State agencies, DCT has been able to protect over 530 acres of land and realize great success in its mission to preserve the natural character of Dennis for current and future generations to enjoy.



DCT would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Romig family of Dennis Village, a family that has demonstrated an impressive commitment to land conservation in our Town for over 40 years. In the late 1970's, the family made a generous contribution to the Town of a 27-acre property north of route 6A off New Boston Road, just east of Chase Garden Creek. This property has come to be known as

“The Romig Conservation Area.” It offers peaceful walking trails, natural upland habitat that supports a variety of wildlife, and marshland that helps to maintain the quality of our salt water ecosystem.

More recently, following the unfortunate passing of Eleanor Romig-Jaquinet, DCT received a very generous bequest that has been earmarked for land acquisition and will be instrumental in upcoming land protection campaigns. Only with the support of concerned citizens like the Romig family can DCT continue to protect our remaining open space for the benefit of our community.

We hope this example of great generosity will inspire others to consider a way of giving to DCT that will benefit Dennis for lifetimes to come. You might consider a bequest through your own will, a reserved life estate, a conservation restriction, a land donation, or a bargain sale. Leaving a land legacy not only benefits your family though potential tax advantages, but it also provides the assurance that your commitment to your home will live on forever.

I thank you for your past and continuing support, and look forward with anticipation to the accomplishments that DCT will achieve in the next 25 years.

Sincerely,
Richard Johnston, *President*

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2012-2013 Special Gifts

A gift to the Dennis Conservation Trust can be 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 at **(508)362-3422** or **james@thecomact.net**.

In Honor Of

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SUMMER EVENING 2013 AUCTION:

Celebrating Open Space Successes CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

John Terrio will again wield the gavel, and this year's items include a fabulous vacation at the Marriott Signature Resort on private Scrub Island in the British Virgin Islands, and a one-week stay at a beach-front cottage in Truro. Our thanks as always to the generous merchants, businesses, individual donors, and volunteers who make the auction a not-to-be missed event each summer. Tickets are online at www.DennisConservationTrust.org or call 774.212.3525. \$70 in advance; \$75 at the door. See you at the Sea View on July 28 at 5 PM!



Auctioneer John Terrio & 2012 Special Guest
Mary Higgins Clark



Auction Manager Connie Moors &
East Dennis Oyster Farm's John Lowell

Join the Team! *DCT Volunteer Opportunities*

- **Land Stewardship** – Become a land steward in charge of monitoring one or more of DCT's properties to help us maintain accurate data on site conditions, wildlife habitat, and maintenance needs
- **Trail Maintenance** – Join a trail development or restoration project to help advance recreation opportunities on conservation properties
- **Photography** – Volunteer your time to photograph landscapes, plants, or wildlife on DCT land for showing on our website and in our newsletters
- **Property Boundary Investigation** – Help survey conservation parcels to discover property bounds and mark borders
- **Website/Technical Assistance** – Lend technical assistance to help improve the DCT website and/or guide us on new outreach initiatives
- **Fundraising** – Learn how you can be a part of DCT's annual auction and other fundraising efforts, and share ideas for new fundraising opportunities.
- **Educational Programs** – Help DCT to discover new educational opportunities that we can use to benefit our supporters and the general public.
- **Land Research** – Assist DCT in its goal to preserve land by investigating new potential acquisition projects and by collecting land tips.

These are just a few! For more information on any of the above volunteer opportunities, please contact DCT at **508-362-3422 ext.3** or james@thecompact.net



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DCT Goes Hollywood

Thanks to Zygote Digital Films in Harwich, the Trust will soon have a short video program to help us tell our story to the community and on our website. Shooting will begin soon, and will include images of many of DCT's properties along with interviews highlighting recent accomplishments. Zygote principals Dorria Marsh and Chris Simmons are waiving most of the production and post-production costs for the Trust. Check our website for information about a mid-fall premiere.

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