



SUMMER 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.

Going Once.. Going Twice... Sold!! Auction 2010



Auctioneer John Terrio keeps the bidding spirited

Join us on Sunday, July 18 at 5 p.m. at The Sea View on Chase Avenue in Dennisport for our 9th Annual Live and Silent Auction.

Sumptuous food from area restaurants, including our famous clam and oyster raw bars ... fabulous and fun auction items, like a Florida vacation, a Lyman boat, sports tickets, dinner for six with your own "wine guru," Joseph Carr, and a meal prepared in your home for you and your guests by Chef Paul McCormick ... plus spirited bidding and libations ... and a gala evening supporting Dennis land preservation.

Watch for your invitation in the mail, but if we miss you, please call Auction Manager Connie Mooers (774-212-3525) or send an e-mail to DCTAuction2010@comcast.net for reservations and information. Tickets are \$60 in advance and

\$65 at the door. Register electronically on our website, DennisConservationTrust.org, while checking for item updates and more information. Summer Evening 2010 promises to be the "not-to-be-missed" event of the season.



Classic Lyman Boat to be Auctioned off this year!

Corporate Donors to Date

- Bayside Reality Consultants
- Michael Bittrich, D.M.D.
- Cape Cod Cooperative Bank
- Cape Cod Five Cents Saving Bank
- Mary Higgins Clark
- Cathy McAbee, Coldwell Banker
- Doane Beal & Ames
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- McDowell Associates
- Merrill Lynch
- Mid-Cape Home Centers
- Quivet Cellars
- Quivet Neck Homeowners
- Sesuit Neck Property Owners Association
- Singer & Singer, Attorney at Law

Online Giving Goes Live!!

For the first time ever, supporters can go to the DCT website and electronically enroll for our annual auction, seasonal wine dinners, become a member, make a gift in honor or memory of someone, or make a donation towards our on-going land acquisitions. The electronic page is quick and easy, and can be done any time of day. Visit www.DennisConservationTrust.org



Drawing by:Warren Tsang

Multiple Land Acquisitions on the Horizon



Old Fort Field

and will know the results of the application in late fall. DCT has worked with the Dennis Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation

Old Fort Field Map



Committee to apply for Community Preservation Act funding to help facilitate the grant process.

Coles Pond Bog

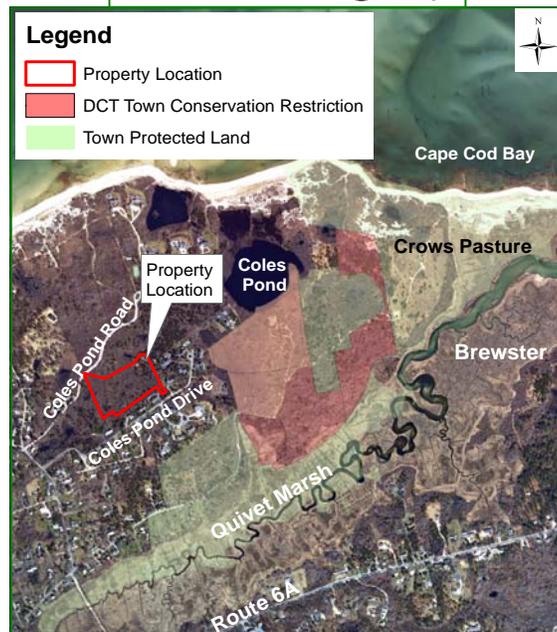
Thanks to a generous bequest from long time East Dennis resident Marge Milano, DCT has the opportunity to purchase another 7 acres in East Dennis. DCT has set its eyes on the Coles Pond

In the fall of 2009 the Trust learned it had a unique opportunity to purchase and preserve 8.2 acres of land in Dennis Village. This acquisition will protect rare plant and animal species as well as local water resources near the head of Chase Garden Creek. It will also preserve the site of the Pre Revolutionary "Old Fort Field," where colonists constructed the first defensive outpost in Dennis, according to many local historians.

Bog Property, which lies within the Quivet Neck/Crowes Pasture District of Critical Planning Concern and provides a large, naturally vegetated buffer to the Crowes Pasture Core Habitat area.

What's Happened to Date: DCT has raised roughly half of the \$425,000 purchase price. The money raised so far has been through generous donations and pledges.

Coles Pond Bog Map



What's Next: The DCT requested, and the Conservation Commission has agreed to hold a Conservation Restriction over the property. This allows DCT and the Town to apply for a State Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant, for an amount up to 52% of the appraised Conservation Restriction property value. DCT and the Town will be applying for this grant in July

What's Happened to Date: DCT has raised roughly \$400,000 of the \$500,000 purchase price.

What's Next: The Town has voted its approval to hold a Conservation Restriction over the property and DCT will be applying for a State Conservation Partnership Grant to help with funding.



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 we will close on the properties before the end of the year.

Spring Wine Dinner A Memorable Evening



Co-chairs Connie Bechard and Paul Prue and other DCT Trustees welcomed nearly 40 guests to The Red Pheasant, Route 6A, Dennis on Friday, May 14th, for the Spring Wine Dinner. The warm and friendly atmosphere at The Red Pheasant Inn was a charming setting for the gourmet presentations by Chef Bill Atwood, with meticulous attention to detail by his wife, Denise.



After a brief update on recent activities of the Trust, the highlight of the night was the introduction of Joseph Carr, a part time resident of Dennis, who with his wife Deidre, owns Joseph Carr Wines. As each wine was served with the accompanying menu selections, Joseph provided information about the flavor, development, and grapes, interwoven with the story of the company. Guests had the opportunity to savor the wonderful wines, and spend time with Joseph throughout the evening to ask more about the wines or the processes.

Each guest received a beautiful print of the Vineyard, autographed by Joseph Carr as a memento of the evening.

Earth Day Celebration

On May 1, DCT celebrated Earth Day by giving away more than 450 native White Pine seedlings on a busy Saturday morning at the Town's Transfer Station. DCT encourages residents to plant native species, resist purchasing invasive species, and look into removing invasive species from their properties. The removal of the invasive species will directly improve the surrounding environment and the species dependent upon it for survival.

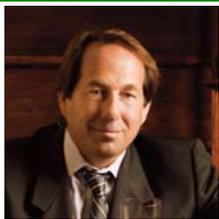
DCT would like to thank volunteers 10-year-old Zachary Souza, Anna Clark, and Land Steward Kerry Cassin, for volunteering their time.

DCT would also like to thank:

- Hart Farm Nursery and Garden
- Cape Coastal Nursery
- The Register Newspaper
- The Town of Dennis DPW
- Helen Wilkerson
- DPW Mary Hood Hagler Swap Shop Volunteers



Left to Right:: Zachary Souze, Kerry Cassin, DPW Volunteers



DCT Member and Contributor Joseph Carr: A Chance to Follow a Dream

To the *New York Times*, winemaker Joseph Carr is "a producer to watch for." To the Dennis Conservation Trust, he is a welcome new member and supporter. The director of Joseph Carr Napa Valley, Joe has won accolades for his handcrafted boutique wines; as a supporter of the DCT, he has generously donated wine for our recent wine dinner fundraisers at the Red Pheasant. Joseph founded the company in 2005, describing the venture as "a chance to follow a dream."

While the grapes for Joseph Carr wines are grown in California, the Carrs spend much of their time at their home in Dennis Village. You can enjoy Joseph Carr wines at the upcoming July 18th DCT Auction. You also have the opportunity to bid on a "dream evening," where Joseph Carr will host your party of six (you plus five of your friends, associates, customers, clients, etc.) for an extraordinary dinner at one of two nearby fine dining restaurants - **wine included, of course.**



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What to Watch For

FREE Guided Walks:

In the coming months, DCT plans to host a number of free guided walks on both Town and DCT protected lands. Keep an eye out for updates in the Register newspaper and on DCT's website. The walks will be at a leisurely pace and all age groups are encouraged to attend.

Recent Gift:

DCT would like to thank John Mahoney of Dennisport for his gift of .5 acres on June 23, 2010. This gift will further expand the assemblage of protected land that both DCT and the Town own abutting Swan River. The land is within close proximity of State protected Atlantic White Cedars and is made up of mostly a brackish marsh, serving as an important buffer to surrounding wetlands.

2010 Special Gifts

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

Dorothy Bell	Ed Gelsthorpe	Richard Sears	Mari Weiner
Suzanne Cross	Jas. Murray Howe	Katherine Spalding	Mary C. Doer
Regina & Harry Cross	Barbara Burleigh Howe	Sylvia Howe Thompson	Virginia Day Hayden
King Cross	Ted Romanick	Cynthia Weinman	Carol Hunt
Alice Dingman			

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 compactK@cape.com.

THE POWER OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Please join the DCT. Your \$35 membership dues and other contributions help the Trust in its land preservation efforts and operations. 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 compactK@cape.com.