

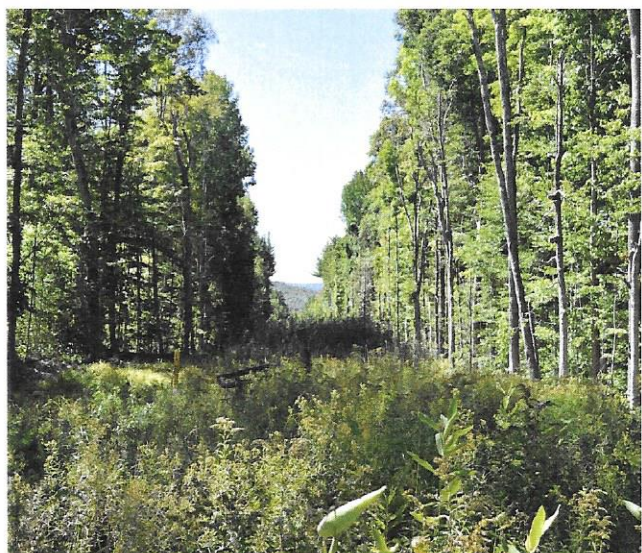
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Beach Land Donation Charles & Lois Beach Nature Preserve

In December 2016 Jeffrey W. Beach Sr.'s donation of 47.6 acres of gently sloping, diverse forest land on Hi-View Road in West Hartland to Hartland Land Trust became official. "The Property shall forever be held as a nature and wildlife preserve for scientific, education and aesthetic purposes." March 23rd several directors and spouses gathered with Jeffrey for a dedication ceremony. We are thankful for his generous gift in memory of his parents Charles and Lois Beach. (See full story on insert).



Fourth Hartland Photo Calendar 2018

Calling all photographers! Please submit a **maximum of four (4)** photos of flora, fauna or landscapes. All photos must be taken in Hartland and submitted digitally at the highest resolution by **July 15, 2017**, to **HLTphotocalendar@gmail.com**. Please include **photographer's name** and identify **location**. We are pleased to announce that we have added note cards to our selection, so a photo may be chosen for either project. Thanks go to Traci Vincent for assisting Directors Carole Vincent and Kris Anderson in this project! Questions, call Carole at 860-653-4004 or email **HLTphotocalendar@gmail.com**.

Annual Forum:

Water Quality in Our Streams: How Can We Tell?



*We never know the worth of water
till the well is dry. ~Thomas Fuller*

Extreme drought in our area this year has increased our awareness of how essential water is to our lives. Dependent on our wells, we all appreciate a glass of clean water. But what issues surround water quality? What protects our water? What threatens it? One indicator is what lives in our streams. Please join us at Hartland Land Trust's Annual Forum Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at Hartland Town Hall, 22 South Rd. East Hartland to learn the answers from Dick Caley, President of Salmon Brook Watershed Association. Dick, a retired science teacher and board member of the Granby Land Trust, will bring live organisms to illustrate his presentation. There is no admission charge, but donations to Hartland Land Trust are gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served after the program.



CT Trails Day

HLT will represent Hartland by sponsoring a hike for CT Trails Day, an effort by the CT Forest and Park Association (CFPA) to include every CT town in an outdoor activity. Trail leaders Steve and Pam Emmons will guide you on a 3.8 mi. hike of the most northern section of the Blue-Blazed Tunxis Trail with views of Trillium Hill, Hurricane Brook and Emmons Pond. Saturday, June 3 from **9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** We will meet at the end of the paved section on East Pell Road at 9 a.m. This educational hike is of moderate difficulty. Please bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent and dress appropriately with sturdy shoes. Please no pets. No rain date.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."
John Muir

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The Hartland Land Trust, incorporated Oct. 2006, is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. All officers and directors are volunteers.

President's Message from Mark Ziarnik

Greetings everyone!

October 2016 saw Hartland Land Trust mark the 10th anniversary of our founding and we had a great time celebrating with many of you including our friends in the Hartland Historical Society and the Wilderness School. 2016 also brought Hartland Land Trust the largest single donation that we have received to-date: 47.6 acres on Hi-View Road in West Hartland - now the Charles and Lois Beach Nature Preserve. This extremely generous donation by their son Jeffrey Beach, Sr. will protect this beautiful parcel forever as a nature and wildlife preserve as well as memorialize his parents. What a nice combination!

Have you been thinking about how you might be able to have a larger impact supporting one or more of your favorite charities? Do you own an asset such as stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds or land that has gone up substantially in value since you acquired it? If so, did you know that you may be able to realize substantial tax advantages by donating that appreciated asset directly to a qualifying 501(c)(3) charitable organization - including Hartland Land Trust or a donor advised fund? By donating the long-term appreciated asset (instead of cash) directly to the charitable organization, you may be able to avoid paying the associated capital gains taxes that you would normally incur if you sold that asset yourself, while still being able to deduct the current fair-market value of the donated asset from your taxable income (subject to IRS limitations). This can add up to substantial tax savings to you and can be a great way to magnify the impact of your charitable contributions. Consult your tax advisor to see if such an approach might make sense for you.

Thank you for your support as we work together to protect the rural character of Hartland. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



Hats Off to:

- ✦ **Sandy Lisella and Jane Jones** for taking still photos
- ✦ **Joanne Groth and HHS, Tom Dyer, Wilderness School** for their help with our 10th Anniversary Celebration
- ✦ **Nicki Hall** for bird inventory at Bassett- Kell Preserve
- ✦ **Tom Dyer** fauna study at Bassett-Kell Preserve
- ✦ **Marie Szweczyk's** help with the events' refreshment table
- ✦ **Glenn and Carole Vincent and Susan and Hank Prussing** for co-sponsoring with HLT for Earth Day presentations at Hartland School

HLT 10th Anniversary October 2016!

In a spirit of community cooperation, the Hartland Historical Society (HHS) and the Wilderness School (WS) joined us in a celebration of Hartland Land Trust's 10th Anniversary. HLT sponsored Marty Podskoch, author, historian and expert on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). HHS President Joanne Groth offered a slide show of historic photos and a display of CCC artifacts from its collection: a wool uniform, vehicle markers, badges and pins and a mess kit. HHS members contributed to the array of refreshments as well. The audience included venerable former CCC participants and their relatives. WS, the former site of CCC Camp Robinson, generously provided the venue for the presentations and its grounds for a guided hike with Tom Dyer. See more inside under Speaker Series.



Photos By: Sue Murray



Updates

- ✦ Biologist Betsy Corrigan has completed the baseline study of flora at the Bassett-Kell property. The study was funded by a reimbursement grant from the Wiederhold Foundation. In addition Nicki Hall did a bird inventory and Tom Dyer has been working on tracking for animal denizens. This information will inform where we can make trails without damaging important habitat.
- ✦ Tunxis Forester David Irwin reported on the third fall-winter witchhazel harvest near Pine Mountain Rd. (see our website under News or fb page for full story)
- ✦ HLT will assist for the fifth year in the Salmon-in-Schools Project at Hartland School.
- ✦ HLT has donated *Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Lore & Legacy* by Marty Podskoch to the Hartland Town Library and *Snakes* by Penny Clarke to Hartland School Library



Speaker Series

Jay Kaplan, a Director of Roaring Brook Nature Center, brought us *Snakes Alive*. by *Rebecca Huntley*

The two venomous snake species found in CT, the timber rattlesnake and the copperhead, do not have widespread distributions, and neither is found in Hartland. These venomous snakes, along with the other 12 CT snake species, are not aggressive and will only bite if threatened or handled. Timber rattlers, an endangered species in CT, have venom sacks in their cheeks, and habituate forested areas with rocky outcroppings and dry ridges. Copperheads have copper colored eyes and prefer basalt ridges, talus slopes, open woods, and the edges of swamps and meadows. Both venomous snakes have heads that appear larger than their necks, elliptical eye pupils, and large pits between their nostrils and eyes. Non-venomous snakes in CT include the black racer, DeKay's brownsnake, eastern ratsnake, garter, hog-nosed, milk, northern water, redbelly, ribbon, ring-necked, smooth green, and worm. All snakes can swim, are reptiles, and are helpful, eating small rodents.



Jay Kaplan shows his snakes to a captive audience.

Photos By: Jane Jones

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Hartland

by *Alana Bordewieck*

Of the 15 camps in CT, Camp Robinson in Hartland was the farthest north and named for Lucius Robinson, a CT lawyer and environmentalist who served on the CT Forest and Parks Commission adding 80,000 acres of State Forest. Camp Robinson is now the site of the Wilderness School (WS) which, generously provided the venue for **Marty Podskoch's** presentation and its grounds for the hike led by its former founding director and former HLT director Tom Dyer who showed us the refurbished stone building first built by CCC, brick kiln area, former dump and various foundations. WS Director Gene Marchand said the school is funded by Department of Children and Families (DCF) and is the only government agency in the country for child welfare and juvenile justice that has a program like that of WS for referred children. It is an expedition course based on the Outward Bound model to learn trust, to believe in oneself through the challenges of nature and its beauty. Evident is the connection to the philosophy behind the CCC camps of the 30's Depression Era. President Roosevelt, who loved trees, said "I propose to create a civilian conservation corps to be used in simple work ... more important, however, than the material gain will be the moral and spiritual value of such work." Congress passed the proposal March 27, 1933 and FDR signed it into effect March 31. He assigned the Army to build facilities and transport young men to camps all over the US and its territories. The 200 young men at Camp Robinson received \$1 a day: \$25 went home to the parents, \$5 remained as spending money. They were given clothing, medical care, education and training classes and board for their work in Hartland including gravel pit work for 3 miles of roads, the repair of Emmons Pond Dam, the planting of 713 acres of conifers and the cabins built for CCC workers. The camp even had its own monthly newspaper, examples of which Mr. Podskoch passed around. You can find more information on CCC camps in CT in the book *CCC Camps in CT: Their History, Lore and Legacy* by Marty Podskoch, donated by HLT to the Hartland Library.

Forest for the Birds by *Alana Bordewieck*

"There is something about a forest that compels introspection..."
~**Eloise J. Roorbach** 1907

Sean Grace director of Audubon Sharon spoke on the importance of forest habitat for migrators in our Eastern Seaboard Atlantic flyway and an assessment opportunity for land owners in focal areas. The Audubon CT Forest Bird Initiative is funded by the US Forest Service in partnership with Audubon CT, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) and CT DEEP Forestry and Wildlife Divisions. Birds need food, cover, nest sites and territory to prosper. The free assessment is available to land owners, land managers or communities with a minimum of 10 acres in the focal areas. Those near us are in NW and NE CT. An Audubon conservation biologist and Certified CAES Forester conduct an inventory of current songbirds and the conditions of the forest habitat. Mid and over story, leaf litter, coarse vegetation, bugs and invertebrates are recorded and measured. All birds seen or heard are noted. The forest owner is given that information and no-obligation options for managing the habitat or creating one for increased bird population. Although 70%-over 80% of forest exists in our area, the complex understory preferred for most nesting sites (most nests are built at ground to 15 feet), is challenged by homogeneous growth because of the effects of all the cutting from the charcoal industry of the past. Young forests (0-20 years old) preferred by ruffed grouse, black-throated blue warbler and woodcock make up less than 3%. Owls prefer Eastern red Cedar and juniper.

Other interesting facts are :

- ✦ 114 assessments have been done since 2011
- ✦ 53% of Hartford County is in forest land
- ✦ 75% of Litchfield County is in forest land
- ✦ 54% of CT forest is privately owned: 52% of which is under 100 acres.



Sean Grace explains the Forest Bird Initiative

Photo By: Sandy Lisella



Deer Carol,

Everyday I drive by a sign that tells me I am now entering a watershed area. What does that mean? There is a reservoir in my county, but the sign seems far away.

Wondering on West Street.

Dear Wondering on West Street,

A watershed according to the United States Geological Survey is "the area of land where all the water that falls in it and drains off it goes to a common outlet." So this means as you pass the sign and enter the watershed, all of the water, snow and any other form of liquid that enters the soil has the possibility of seeping into small streams, rivers and may eventually enter the reservoir that is near your area. So, imagine you live in a house where the water from the local reservoir fills your glass with water. That means that the rain that pours down onto that sign, seeps into the soil, works its way down the hill into a stream, into the body of water that is the reservoir and flows to the place where it is piped through miles of underground piping systems and emerges crystal clear into your drinking glass. That is a pretty amazing trip for a tiny raindrop!



What Can I Do to Help?

Land Conservation & Stewardship LC&S
– property monitors, trail builders

Outreach & Education O&E
– Speaker Series coordinator, database manager,
newsletter address monitor, social media
coordinator, liaison to school

Membership & Fundraising M&F
– grantwriting, potential donor outreach,
membership coordinator

We look forward to your response to
860-379-5868 or email HLT at
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* wild geranium and highbush blueberry for
early season; swamp milkweed and New Jersey tea
for mid-season; New England aster and wrinkleleaf
goldenrod for the late season

Calendar of Events 2017

- ✦ **April 22 Earth Day** Presentations on April 20 for Hartland School sponsored by HLT. Brian Kleinman of Riverside Reptiles will present on reptiles and amphibians with live creatures
- ✦ **June 2 HLT Annual Forum** Water Quality in Our Streams? How Can We Tell? with Dick Caley, Hartland Town Hall, 22 South Rd. East Hartland, 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ **June 3 CT Trails Day** Tunxis Trail Pell Rd south to Rte 20, 1 mi. in then 2.8 mi. hike with Steve & Pam Emmons 9-11:30 a.m.
- ✦ **June 19-25** National Pollinator Week. Refrain from chemical pesticide. Plant native plants * to flower from spring through fall
- ✦ **July 15 Deadline** for submissions for photo calendar 2018 and note cards to: HLTphotocalendar@gmail.com **N.B. All pictures must be taken in Hartland**
- ✦ **September 28 Wildlife Photos** with Cheryl Anderson 7:30 p.m. Nellie B. West. Socialize with wine, cheese and nature!
- ✦ **November 27 MDC Watershed Protection: Protecting Water at its Source** with MDC Forester **Andrew Hubbard** on history, forestry project, land and wildlife management; Hartland School, 7:30 p.m. Special explanation of school Library mural of pre-reservoir Hartland Hollow by the artist **Hank Prussing**
- ✦ **December 12 Fifth Annual HLT Fundraiser at "Flatbread Pizza"** in the Canton Shoppes 5-9 p.m.

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