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Creature peeping at the April Vernal Pool walk on The Throne.

Dear Susan,

Join us for the Groton Conservation Trust's annual meeting May 11, at 6:30 PM, in the [Media Conference Center](#) at Lawrence Academy (number 8 on the [map](#)).

Light refreshments will be served followed by our program at 7 PM. The [keynote talk](#) will be given by Michelle Ruby, based on a presentation she gave at the MA Land Conference in April.

We will also introduce new officers and recognize long-time stewards of our properties. We hope you are able to join us for this enriching evening.

**Your support is
necessary in
protecting Groton's
open spaces.
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membership now](#)**

**Why we are
members of the
GCT
by Rob and Laura
Moore**

Groton is home to a

The Harvard Conservation Trust's 36th Annual Tree-For-All This Weekend

The Harvard Conservation Trust will distribute nannyberry viburnum seedlings at the [Transfer Station on Saturday, April 30](#) from 8 a.m. to noon, and on the [Harvard Common on Sunday, May 1](#) from 10 a.m. to noon. These nannyberry seedlings were grown from seed at the New Hampshire State Nursery in Boscawen, NH. Their flat-topped clusters of white flowers bloom in the spring and develop into fruits that turn bluish-black in the fall. Its fruits can persist into winter and provide a sweet and edible food source for many species of birds, wildlife, and people.



The shrubs are free to Harvard Conservation Trust members and are available to non-members for a \$5.00 contribution.

Groton's Hidden Treasures in the Freedom's Way "Hidden Treasures 2016"

Hidden Treasures 2016 is a nine-day regional celebration. Beginning Saturday, May 14th through Sunday, May 22nd, communities across the 994 square mile Freedom's Way area, home to over 750,000 people, will offer free public programs featuring one or more "hidden treasures" in their town.

Groton has a [full program](#) of 11 events including hikes, mountain biking, canoeing/kayaking, geology trolley tours, an introduction to the region's new fully accessible trail in the forest along the Nashua River, and a presentation on the "Gifts of the Glaciers" that explains the great biodiversity of Groton.

You can learn more about this great community event in the [press release](#) or by contacting [Paul Funch](#).

vast array of natural treasures, from its various waterways to its drumlins and woods to its expansive fields and pastures.

As long-time residents of Groton (Rob for 33 years and Laura for 49), we have come to cherish the beauty and serenity of our town.

We give to GCT because we want to ensure that its treasures are preserved and protected for years to come.

Guided Hikes with Michelle



Trustee Michelle Ruby, an environmental science teacher at Lawrence Academy, continues her monthly hikes on GCT land. Hikes will take place at 10am on the first Sunday of the month, barring inclement weather or unavoidable conflict.

Membership Renewal!

Please take a moment to [renew your GCT membership now](#). The important work we do is not possible without your annual contribution. Since dues from our membership continue to be our largest source of annual income, we are counting on you to keep us moving forward together.

Our current [membership list](#) recognizes everyone who has contributed already in 2016. Thank you! Please [contact us](#) if you don't see your name correctly or even better -- make a donation today!



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The Groton Conservation Trust is a private, non-profit land trust in Groton, Massachusetts. It was founded in 1964 to acquire, preserve, and provide public access to lands with significant conservation value. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of Groton residents with varied backgrounds, occupations and interests.

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The May hike will take place on **Sunday May 1** at 10am at Red Line Path, and led by trustee Mark Gerath. We will meet At the end Cow Pond Road, right outside the Transfer Station. This is a hilly hike!

Dogs are welcome, on leash.

Dedication of The General Field

Mark your calendar for June 11, 11:00 AM. We will be dedicating a beautiful new park area on The General Field. We have a fun time planned for the entire family complete with food and hikes. Please no dogs please.