

GROTON CONSERVATION TRUST

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April's Vernal Pool Exploration

Dear Susan,

There are so many great things happening outdoors. In April, we hosted our second annual Vernal Pool Walk with Pat Huckery and Jennifer Jones from the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Not only were the kids (and adults!) engaged, exploring and wading in the pools, the group was able to gather the necessary evidence to certify another pool with the State from among the identified possibilities on the property. See pictures from the day below.

We also hope to see you at our annual Meeting, May 17. You do not have to be a member to join us, but we hope you become one! We have a couple of important awards to present to outstanding

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Hidden Treasures 2017

Groton will be the location for 6 of the Hidden Treasures events. Many groups have been involved in preparing these events (Groton Trails Committee, Groton Public

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members of our community. We also have a guest speaker that will talk about conservation outside of our community, urban conservation that is a visitor destination.

May also brings the <u>Hidden Treasures</u> multi-day event. We are again pleased to have trustee Bob Pine lead a discussion on how glaciers guided our natural and human history on May 23. If you haven't seen this presentation, make a point to learn about Groton's ice age history!

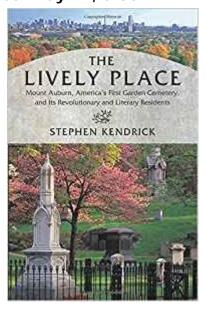
Take advantage of the great events coming up and I hope to see you outside.

Ted Lapres, President

Spring GCT Events: May, and June

May Annual Meeting: Wed. May 17, 6:30 PM

Join us for our annual meeting, socializing at 6:30 and then a special presentation by Stephen Kendrick, author of "The Lively Place: Mount Auburn, America's first Garden Cemetery". He will speak about some of the famous residents of the cemetery and the movement to create protected spaces in urban places. And have some books for signing. The meeting is at the Media Conference Center on the



Lawrence Academy campus. Parking available in lots at the entrance.

Sunflowers and Sunsets: Thurs. June 8, 7 PM We will "officially" debut The General Field with an evening of cocktails, music, food and hikes. And of course the sunset, viewed from the wildflower meadow. Bring your folding chair and join us. Rain date is June 10.

Library, Groton Conservation Trust, Groton History Center, and others) and all are looking forward to sharing our many and varied "treasures" with the general public! Here is a sampling of events:

- Birds and Nature Walk.
 Nashua River Rail Trail,
 Station Ave. parking
 lot, Sun. May 14,
 8:30-10:30 AM. Join
 birding enthusiasts
 Russ and Wanfang
 Murray for a spring bird
 and nature walk along
 the Nashua River Rail
 Trail. Brought to you
 by the Groton Trails
 Committee.
- Footprints of the Glaciers. Williams Barn, 160 Chicopee Row, Sun. May 14, 8:00-11:00 AM. Moderate 5-mile hike includes climbing Groton's highest drumlin (and viewing several others in the swarm), traversing eskers, and passing by bedrock outcrops and vernal pools. Brought to you by Groton Trails Committee.
- Gifts of the Glaciers:
 How Glaciers Guided
 Our Natural and Human
 History. Nashua River
 Watershed River
 Resource Center, 592
 Main St., Tues. May 23,
 7:00-9:00 PM. Learn
 how Groton's
 geographic location and

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the Ice Age glacier created a rich biological environment, unique in Massachusetts, as told by local experts Robert Pine, Geologist, and Michael Roberts, Archaeologist/Historian. Brought to you by Nashua River Watershed Association and the GCT.

Hear E.O. Wilson

Many of you have asked how to hear E.O. Wilson's plenary remarks from the MA Land Conference. We have posted the link on our website for you to enjoy. He is a conservation treasure and you will enjoy his conversation and recommendations for future conservation efforts.



RiverFest June 11!

June 11, 11 AM to 4 PM at the Petapawag boat launch Free shuttle from Deluxe parking to the event. The Groton Greenway is charged with protecting river and stream frontage in Groton, particularly along the Nashua and Squannacook Rivers. Join us as we support this wonderful day. Visit our booth!

Check out our events!

You can keep track of all our events by visiting our website. Check back as the summer approaches for more things to do and places to visit.

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Thank you to Pat and Jen from DFW for a wonderful Vernal Pool Day

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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