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Early morning at Hayes Woods. Courtesy of Sally Reed.

Dear Susan,

September marks a change for many of us. Back to school, back to regular work days and back from summer adventures. We look forward to two great events this month that will give us a chance to be back with you again. The first is <u>GrotonFest</u> set for Saturday, Sept. 23. We are there with our booth, maps and treats. Stop by!

On the next Saturday, Sept. 30, we are pleased to bring in owls for you to view. Mark and Marcia Wilson have been educating and delighting our area about these wonderful creatures since 1994. Eyes on <u>Owls</u> will present a free program at 1:00 PM at Williams Barn on Chicopee Road. See the notice Your support helps us protect Groton's open spaces. Renew your membership now

September is also time to renew your GCT membership!

How can you do that? Several ways!

> Easiest is to donate online, it

below and join us!

And if haven't had a chance to see it, visit <u>Bates</u> <u>Land</u> to see new art on display (pictured above) depicting the landscape.

We hope to see you soon! Ted Lapres President

Upcoming Events: September

Eyes on Owls! 9/30, 1 PM, Williams Barn, free We are excited to bring a barn-full of beautiful owls

for you to view up close. The great folks of Eyes On Owls bring a variety of owls for you to see up close. Chances are you'll meet New England's tiniest owl, the Northern Saw-Whet Owl (weighing in at 4 ounces) along with the world's largest owl, the Eurasian Eagle Owl (check out that five foot wingspan!). Other species that figure prominently in their program can include Eastern



Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Barn Owl, Great-horned Owl, Snowy Owl and Spectacled Owl. Space is limited at the Williams Barn, so please <u>sign up</u> for this **free** event.

Tom Wessels and OptOutside Hike 11/24

Plans to spend the day after Thanksgiving outside with us instead of shopping. We are very pleased to bring back Tom Wessels to Groton to lead us on walking history tour of <u>The Throne Hill</u>. Located at the top of Rockland Road, off of Townsend Road in West Groton, this 121 acre parcel provides a wide variety of forest landscape.

Mr. Wessels' talk is made possible with a grant from the Groton Commissioners of Trust Funds.



Congratulations to John Moores!



John has once again found Harlan at Gamlin Crystal Springs, and he was hard to is quick, easy and safe.

- Visit us at GrotonFest, we are always happy to talk with you and renew your membership.
 BONUS: We have thank you gifts for anyone renewing at your booth!
- Mail in your donation (still using checks?) to us: PO Box 395, Groton, 01450.

No matter how you renew know that your membership helps our all-volunteer board acquire and maintain over 30 properties in Groton. Thank you!

New Kiosk Art at Bates Land

Trustee David Black led a group of Groton School students in upgrading our kiosks. One is located on the Moors Schoolhouse property, the other at the front of The Bates Land. The original art was a part of a larger effort to clear brush from the entrances and make these properties inviting. Go visit!



find this time! Harlan is heading out again and there is still a chance for you to enjoy free ice cream from Johnson's. Watch our Facebook page for clues.



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