

Groton Conservation Trust



In loving memory and gratitude.
Arthur Blackman, trustee 1972 - 2003

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Arthur Blackman

Like the rest of Groton, the GCT mourns the loss of Arthur Blackman. He served the town and was a beloved friend, land donor and trustee of the GCT.

Conservation Summit Recap

Fourteen organizations shared information at the first [Groton Conservation Summit](#) held February 11 at the Groton Country Club. The event was co-organized by the Groton Conservation Trust, the Groton Conservation Commission and the Groton Trails Committee.

Hosted by Mark Gerath, the evening also provided a robust networking opportunity between the many groups and

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individuals interested in conserving the Town's resources. Ideas were suggested on how to find ways to continue sharing information, whether by website, email lists, or meetings. The group also discussed the possibility of establishing a volunteer coordinator for the town, to help connect interested citizens with volunteer opportunities in conservation. Groton Cable Channel recorded the event, which should be available in the next week.

Meet our new trustee

Holly Estes Joins the GCT

Holly has worked as a science educator for almost 25 years and is passionate about teaching others about the natural world. Her time in education has provided her with numerous opportunities to expose children and adults to the outdoors. In addition, she has experience in conducting field inventories in wetlands and uplands with a focus on invasive shrubs and trees.



Holly earned her MS in Conservation Biology from Antioch University New England, her MEd in Science Education from UMass Amherst, and her BA in Biological Sciences from Smith College. She works as the Science and Engineering Curriculum Specialist for the Sudbury Public Schools. In the past, she has worked for the Townsend Conservation Commission, and held positions on both the Groton Conservation Commission and the Groton Board of Health.

Shake "The Flakes" with outdoor activities

WBUR [describes "The Flakes"](#) as a condition many are dealing with when confronted with so much snow and cold. One solution: get outdoors and enjoy! Here are many events happening in March, including several in conjunction with the GrotonREADs program at the Library that will keep you from getting too flaky. Enjoy!

Thanks, as always, to GCT advisory member Mary Metzger for [compiling this information](#).



GCT Advisory member Karen Riggert finds the beauty on Gamlin.

Skinner Forest Hike

The Groton Trails Committee and the Appalachian Mountain Club will lead a Guided Hike at Skinner Forest, Sunday, March 15, 1:00 - 3:00pm. This stroll through typical New England hardwood forest, skirts some deep glacial kettle holes and the picturesque shores of Duck Pond. From Rt. 119, take Whiley Rd., then Duck Pond Dr. for a total of just over 1 mile. Park at the cul-de-sac at the end of Duck Pond Dr. (Coord. 42.5942N, 71.5102W). No pre-registration required. FREE.

For info: olin@embedinc.com, (978) 742-9014.



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From the GCT President:

Many of us are remembering our kind, gentle, generous friend Arthur at this time. While I served only a short while with him on the Trust, his impact was clear. He has [described his vision for conservation in Groton](#) on a number of occasions and his talk was backed with action, donating his own land, working with neighbors to ensure critical habitats were protected and guiding the Trust to focus on the land. Trustees have recalled the grace in which he served, not only our Trust but the town as well. He will be missed and will be, thankfully, forever a part of the Groton landscape.

Sincerely,

Dan Wolfe
President



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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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