



GROTON CONSERVATION TRUST

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June Adams Johnson

Dear Susan,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Meeting. It was a celebration of life and life in Groton.

After a brief business presentation, President Ted Lapres led a commemoration of former trustee June Johnson who died on April 18. June was a trustee from 1980 until 2014, and named an honorary trustee. As trustee Chuck Vander Linden noted, she was an integral part of every aspect of the trust. "June embodied the three things the Trust holds as our mission: commitment to conservation, commitment to service and diplomacy of the highest order". Trustee Ed McNierney talked of her attention to detail and historic truth. Trustee Susan Hughes commented on her generous spirit and desire to

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July 27: GCT gives back

Community Dinners
First Parish Church in Groton

Join your friends at the GCT as we help with the July 27 [Groton Community Dinners](#). We will be serving, cooking and cleaning and you can join us in this valuable service in our area. If you

get people on the land in order to appreciate it. June's memorial service is June 2, 2018 at 2 PM at First Parish Church.

The Taplin recognition honored John and Virginia Taplan for their many gifts of land to the town of Groton. Tom and Carl Taplin, along with their friend Noreen, were on hand to hear the many tributes and appreciations. Trustee Bob Pine began with the fact that 15% the protected GCT land came from Taplin gifts. He called them the most quiet, yet influential conservationists in town. Historian David Gordon gave a history of the Newton families, Taplin, Skinner and Peterson that loved Groton and the lost lake area. You can read [David's story of these families and how they came to define Lost Lake](#) on our website. Former trustee Marion Stoddart presented the Taplin brothers with the historic document where Groton proclaimed "John and Virginia Taplin Day" on October 19, 1996. Michelle Collette recognized the Taplins gift of land that helped to create a well for the Groton water supply, which is still in use today. Michelle also brought historic maps of the Lost Lake area to review.

At the end, Tom and Carl were presented with GCT's conservation achievement award for 2108 honoring their family and their generous gifts to Groton and the GCT. Tom Taplin noted, "My mom's wish was to have her gifts move forward and impact the way people use the land. She would certainly be impressed with the way her contributions have been beneficial, enabling all the good work of the Trust."

are interested, please contact trustee [David Pitkin](#).

Meet Louise

To honor the passing of June Johnson, the Trust introduced Louise, a companion to Harlan the Gnome. June created the Harlan quests. Louise is named for Harlan Fitch's wife and with a sly twist, it is also June's middle name. As June was very spotlight-phobic, we think she will appreciate this clever nod to her!



Louise, Harlan the Gnome's new companion.

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Tom and Carl Taplan with Ted Lapres.

May 5, Tree ID and iNaturalist Challenge!

Do you know a maple from an oak? Can you spot a birch or white pine just by the leaves? For many of us, despite seeing them every day, we suffer from [tree blindness](#)! On **Saturday, May 5 at 10 AM**, trustee Michelle Ruby will help cure us with the first in a series of tree ID hikes. This one will be on the **Shepley Hills property**. Parking is available at the rail trail lot off Sand Hill road.

In addition to learning about the trees of our area, we will also conduct an iNaturalist challenge. (Not sure how to use iNaturalist? Find instructions and info on our [homepage](#).)

Please [RSVP](#) so we know to expect you. Wear appropriate clothing for a walk in the woods.

This hike is appropriate for all

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Mission Statement Adopted July, 2014

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House Finch
Observer: mruby
Date: Jan 18 2018
Place: 100 Healis Street Groton MA

Barred Owl
Observer: dhblackjr
Date: Jan 10 2018
Place: Middlesex County, US-MA, US

Northern Cardinal
Observer: susanughes
Date: Jan 04 2018
Place: 42 Watson Way, Groton, MA, US

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Wildflower challenge!



Trustee David Black has a request for everyone using the iNaturalist app: if you take wildflower pictures for iNaturalist would you also upload them to his "Pollination Ecology - Groton School" project (found at the site). He is working to map the emergence times of the flowers and their pollinators with the goal both of tracking populations and of exploring network theory.

Annual Sunflowers and Sunsets June 7 at 7 PM

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us again for our member thank you night at The General Field. We will enjoy snacks, complimentary wine and beer, local music and of course the beauty of the wildflowers at The General Field. You are welcome to bring your chairs and a picnic for this annual early summer treat.

ages and dogs on leash are welcome.

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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