



BARRINGTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

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Featured property: Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve



Photo by Lenny Rumpler

The Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve shelters a diverse variety of habitats within which live a wide range of animals, birds and plants. This special property was created through a combination of acquisitions funded, in part, by Rhode Island Open Space Bonds and land donations from private parties. A conservation easement placed on the property in connection with the Open Space Bonds initially used to acquire the Preserve requires that the property be closed to the public except by special arrangement with the BLCT. One such opportunity is BLCT's annual Post-Thanksgiving

Walk, which this year will be held on November 29th.

The Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve is located off Sowams Road and stretches to the Palmer River. A walk through the 32-acre Preserve showcases open fields, woodlands, salt marshes and ponds. Quiet observers may see deer, small mammals, and many species of birds, including osprey which nest on platforms

erected within the Preserve. Two endangered plant species, Colicroot and the Salt Marsh Bulrush, may also be found within the Preserve, along with a wide variety of deciduous trees, shrubs and salt marsh plants. The Preserve is beautiful at any time of year, but a visit during the cold months, when the creeks and salt ponds are frozen and snow makes animal tracks more apparent, is especially worthwhile.

In the 28 years since the Preserve was first established, it has been maintained by the

BLCT Stewardship Committee and countless Boy Scouts and other volunteers who have helped to maintain trails, build bridges in marshy areas and erect new osprey platforms. Because there remains some undeveloped land in the area around the Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve, BLCT hopes that additional parcels may be added to the Preserve in the future through additional donations or acquisitions.

BLCT hopes you will come experience this special place, either during the Post-Thanksgiving Walk or by making an appointment to visit the property with a BLCT guide. The Preserve is also a great place for school groups to explore. Visits can be



Photo by Cindy Pierce

arranged by making an inquiry at Info@BLCT.org.



Hurricane Movie Screening at the Library

In October, the BLCT and the Barrington Public Library presented a screening in the Salem Auditorium of *One Day . . . The Story of a Storm, A Video Documentary of the 1938 Hurricane in Rhode Island*, by Carla Ricci in the Salem Auditorium. "One Day" illustrates how life can change without warning, transforming a life that is perfectly normal when you get up in the morning into a shambles by sundown. In this case, the Hurricane of '38 was the culprit; the film depicts the devastation wrought by the storm in the tiny mill town of Carolina, Rhode Island and throughout the state. Although this awful event happened seventy-nine years ago, its lessons are even more important today due to increased coastal development and the effects of climate change. Following the movie, Ms. Ricci and Teresa Crean from the URI Coastal Resource Center discussed hurricane preparedness and the future of living along the coastline in an effort to help people avoid the risks associated with another major hurricane.



Great Blue Heron at Osamequin. Photo by Catherine Boisseau

BLCT Needs Your Help - Please Give Generously!

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust depends upon the generosity of its members and friends for the funds necessary to steward the 76 properties it has conserved, to protect the animals and plants that live within those properties, and to share the natural wonders associated with this flora and fauna with school children and residents of Barrington.

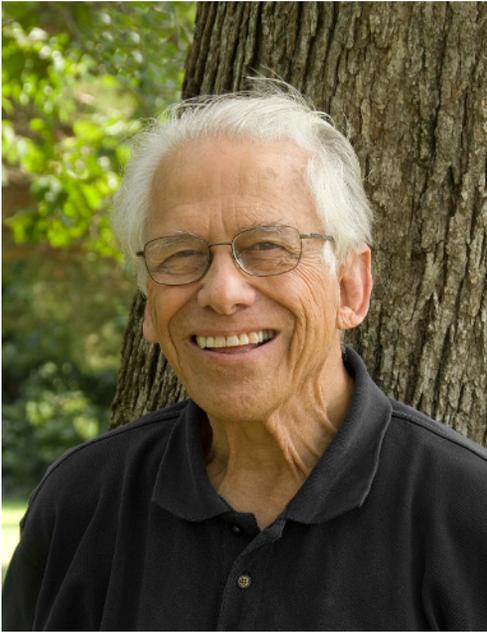
Please help to ensure that BLCT can continue the types of activities featured in this newsletter in the future by making a donation today. The Barrington Land Conservation Trust and all those who depend on its efforts appreciate your support!

Grapes and Grains Supports BLCT with Giveback Wine

Grapes & Grains, located next to Shaw's Supermarket at 24 Bosworth Street in Barrington, chose the Barrington Land Conservation Trust as its September "giveback" partner. During the month of September, Grapes & Grains donated to BLCT 10% of the purchase price of each bottle of 2018 Villa Des Anges Old Vine Rose purchased at the store. Grapes & Grains, with the help of several members of the BLCT Board of Directors, also hosted a wine tasting featuring the "giveback" wine. Thanks to the many BLCT supporters who purchased this wine, Grapes & Grains sold out of all the "giveback" wine. The result was that BLCT received one of the largest donations ever made by Grapes & Grains as a result of the monthly giveback program. Many thanks to the great people at Grapes & Grains and to everyone who supported BLCT by buying wine!



Lenny Rumpler to Exhibit Photos of BLCT Properties at Library



Mussachuck Creek. Photo by Lenny Rumpler

This January, the Barrington Public Library will host an exhibition by Lenny Rumpler. This exhibit will feature photos of Barrington Land Conservation Trust properties taken by Mr. Rumpler, including Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve (see front page for Mr. Rumpler's photo of our featured property), Allin's Cove, and Mussachuck Creek. Upon completion of the exhibit at the end of January, the prints will be displayed in the Library's 2nd floor hallways and meeting rooms, and will be available for purchase.



Allins Cove. Photo by Lenny Rumpler

Mr. Rumpler is an award-winning photographer and a resident of Barrington since 1963. He has exhibited extensively in Rhode Island and throughout the Northeast, and is a member of the Providence Art Club, Imago Gallery, the Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, and the Portsmouth Arts Guild. You can learn more about his work at www.LennyRumpler.squarespace.com.

Shaw's Supermarkets Celebrates Reopening with Donation to BLCT



Shaw's Supermarkets recently celebrated the reopening of the newly renovated Barrington store with a Grand Reopening celebration. As part of the festivities, Shaw's Supermarkets presented a \$1,000 donation to BLCT. Shaw's has always been a valuable community partner and BLCT appreciates its on-going support. Thank you to Store Manager Karen Medeiros and Shaw's Supermarkets for this generous donation to BLCT!

Purple Martin Report 2019

It was another great season for the Purple Martins in Barrington. The gourd racks at BLCT's PIC-WIL Nature Preserve hosted a total of 38 pairs of Martins. Every nesting pair fledged chicks, and a total of 176 chicks were added to the population. Many of the chicks were banded so that we can track repeat visitors next season. The other four sites in Barrington, located at Tillinghast Farm, RI Country Club, on Rumstick Point and along the Barrington River also had a successful season. All together, Barrington's gourds hosted 112 nesting pairs and fledged 486 chicks. Many thanks to Ray Marr for his dedicated attention to the Purple Martin population in Barrington.



Black Friday Family Walk

Walk off your Thanksgiving meal and spend the morning outdoors at one of Barrington's hidden gems, the **Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve**, 32 acres of woodlands, open fields, and saltwater marshes on the Palmer River.

Johannis is maintained and protected by the BLCT and normally closed to the public. This is a wonderful opportunity to view this special property and enjoy time with family and friends.



Photo by Catherine Boisseau

This trail can be wet, so protective shoes are recommended.

You can register for this free event at the Barrington Public Library website. We have two time slots: 9:30 am OR 11 am. Space is limited to 30 participants for each time slot.

