

## WCLT Welcomes Business Partners



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The Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT) is proud to welcome our inaugural business partners as members of the Land Trust. Their membership helps us on our mission to enhance the quality of life in Westborough through the protection, preservation, and promotion of our open spaces.

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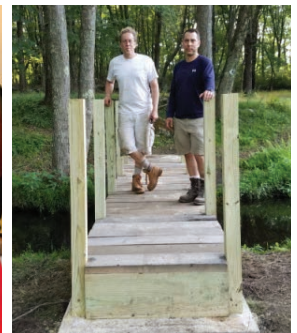
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Our business partners enjoy a variety of benefits, including: free family memberships to give to employees or customers (quantity varies by membership level); employee outing experiences; recognition on our website, in our publications, and at events; sponsorship listing on our trail maps; trailhead sponsorship plaques. Please contact [bizpartners@westboroughlandtrust.org](mailto:bizpartners@westboroughlandtrust.org) to find out how your organization can benefit from a corporate membership in WCLT.



Senator Eldridge & Kris Allen; Marge Fisher with sheriff's star (photos by Majid Ali); Burt Osterweis & Jeff Steinberg during bridge construction (photo by Marge Fisher)

## WCLT President's Awards for Five Members

In celebrating WCLT's 20th anniversary (1997-2017) in April and at WCLT's 2017 meeting in June, **WCLT president Scott Shumway** stressed the key role of volunteers in running our active, all-volunteer land trust. He thanked five members with WCLT President's Awards: **Kris Allen, Marge Fisher, Annie Reid, Burt Osterweis, and Jeff Steinberg**. The President's Award recognizes a member for exemplary service to WCLT.

At the anniversary celebration, Scott presided over the awarding of six different citations on the national, state, and local levels to honor and thank past WCLT president (2004-2007) and former long-time Education Committee chair **Kris Allen** for her decades of service not only to the Land Trust but also to the town and larger community.

**Senator Elizabeth Warren** sent a citation from the U.S. Senate.

**Congressman Jim McGovern** sent a citation from the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker** and **Lt. Governor Karyn Polito** (a WCLT member) sent a certificate recognizing Kris's accomplishments.

**Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge**, representing the Middlesex and Worcester District, appeared in person to commend Kris.

**Ian Johnson, Chair of Westborough's Board of Selectman**, praised Kris's many contributions.

**Scott and four past presidents of WCLT** — co-founder **Tim Buckalew, Ellen Bishop, Garry Kessler, and John Metzger** — jointly presented Kris with a unique **Presidents' Award "with an apostrophe at the end"** to signify that it came from all of them.

"I'd like to recognize Kris's contribution to WCLT, the protection of open space, and her commitment to promote the enjoyment of nature and respect for nature, and to show other people that learning about nature is an enjoyable and worthwhile pursuit," Scott said.

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## In Memory of Mark O'Connell



The Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT) deeply thanks the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Mark O'Connell of Olde Hickory Path for their generous stream of memorial donations in his honor. A WCLT member for 10 years and a long-time Westborough resident, Mark had an adventurous spirit and loved the outdoors. A group of his colleagues from MatrixOne is working with WCLT and his family to place a memorial bench and a tree by the Charm Bracelet trail on the shores of Sandra Pond, a place Mark liked to visit with his family.

"On behalf of WCLT I'd like to thank the friends, family, and colleagues of Mark for their generosity, and I'd especially like to thank the family for thinking of WCLT as way to honor the memory of their husband and father," said WCLT president Scott Shumway.



Photo by Jerry Lyle

## A Big Success: Earth Day Cleanup and Picnic

WCLT's annual Earth Day Litter Cleanup brought out a record-breaking 240 hearty folks who cleaned up over 400 bags of trash in drizzly weather and then enjoyed WCLT's first-ever Earth Day Volunteers' Picnic at Bay State Commons Green. This wonderful day was both productive and lots of fun, as neighbors met neighbors and everyone worked together to make Westborough a cleaner and more nature-friendly town.

WCLT thanks the many individuals and families who took part in the cleanup, as well as teams from Armstrong School, Cub Scout Pack 33, Explorer Post 85, Westborough Civic Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Westborough High School National Honor Society and Student Council, CCR Wealth Management, Crossfit Prototype, Energy Federation Inc., E.L. Harvey, EMSEAL, Koman Government Solutions, and the Westborough Fire Department. Many thanks also to businesses that donated food for the picnic: Arturo's Ristorante, Dunkin' Donuts on Route 9, Roche Bros., and both Westborough Stop & Shop stores. Thanks to Mugford's Flower Shoppe for providing bouquets for volunteers. And thanks, as always, to the Westborough Department of Public Works for donating the trash bags and collecting the full bags. Thanks to Bruce Tretter and Janet Anderson for organizing the event and to Rachel Radin for setting up the online sign-in.



## Pepper Award 2017 for Explorer Post 85

WCLT President Scott Shumway was pleased to present WCLT's 2017 Pepper Award to Explorer Post 85, a fire service post sponsored by the Westborough Firefighters Association and officially designated by the Board of Selectmen as the Westborough Fire Department Auxiliary. WCLT's Ellie and Jack Pepper Award is given to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding work in conservation and land preservation benefiting WCLT and the citizens of Westborough. Dana Haagensen accepted the award on behalf of Post 85.

The youth members of Explorer Post 85 are a familiar sight at public events in town. Every year Explorer Post 85 helps with WCLT's annual Earth Day cleanup around the busy intersection of Route 30 and Route 9. The Post has also marked storm drains in town with no-dumping and no-pollution labels to protect water flowing to local wetlands. Post 85 members lend support to outdoor Eagle Scout projects. With training in fire suppression, the Post has also helped contain numerous brush fires in our area.

Look for Post 85 members helping to provide safety at 4th of July block parties and fireworks events, the Rotary Club's Spring Festival and Holiday Lighting events, the Civic Club's Fishing Derby, the Arts in Common festival, and more. The group was started in the late 1960s and is the fifth-longest-running fire service Explorer Post in the country.

He pointed out that in addition to her service to WCLT, Kris has been a tireless public servant and advocate for open space preservation, management of water resources, affordable housing, historical preservation, regional planning, and senior citizens. She served 12 years (1992-2004) on the Westborough Board of Selectmen, including a stint as chair. She has served on numerous committees, including the 495 Metrowest Partnership (founding member), Government Study Committee, Housing Partnership Committee, and Westborough Historical Society, and more. In 2009 the State named her an Unsung Heroine of Massachusetts. She also wrote the book *On the Beaten Path: Westborough, Massachusetts* (1984), a history of Westborough.

A President's Award went to **Marge Fisher**, chair of the Stewardship Committee since 2013 and member of the WCLT Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, serving as secretary since 2011.

"Marge has transformed the Stewardship Committee into a well-oiled machine that is now one of the largest committees in WCLT," Scott said. "One of the greatest accomplishments of WCLT is the creation of 50 miles of trails. The next greatest accomplishment is the maintenance of those trails. No trail has become overgrown under Marge's watch, largely due to the fact that she is on the trails every week."

Scott jokingly handed Marge a sheriff's star as "an official badge to be used when carrying out her official WCLT duties."

Marge grew up in Westborough and graduated from Westborough High School. She moved back to town in 1982. She recently retired from her career in teaching and then health information administration and is now pursuing full-time hiking and a master's degree in history.

Scott also presented a President's Award to **Annie Reid**, long-time Education Committee member and chair of the WCLT Scholarship Committee. He thanked her for bringing out WCLT's newsletters and other publications and for spearheading WCLT's five-year purple loosestrife biocontrol project (2009-2013) with Westborough High science students. He pointed out that the Scholarship Committee runs the WCLT Earth Day Essay Contest and has awarded 18 WCLT scholarships to high school seniors since 2006. He noted that on behalf of WCLT, since 2004 Annie has written more than 239 "Nature Notes" columns in the Westborough News with her husband/photographer Garry Kessler. "Nature Notes" now also appears in other "wickedlocal" newspapers for nearby towns.

At the recent 2017 Annual Meeting, Scott gave President's Awards to hard-working members **Burt Osterweis** and **Jeff Steinberg** for building a sound, solid bridge on the Malley Trail over a stream that kept flooding prior plank bridges due to beaver activity. Bridge construction took place in summer 2016.

"It takes more than two people to build a bridge," Scott added, "so I'd also like to thank **Hank Rauch** for sketching the original plans and working out the planning and permission details, and helpers **Al Sanborn**, **Marge Fisher**, **Kevin Johnson**, **Jeff's 13-year-old son Ethan**, **Burt's father-in-law**, the **neighbors** who let us access their property, and others."

During his four years as WCLT president, Scott previously recognized five other members with President's Awards: **Al Sanborn** and **Kate Donaghue** (2014), **John Metzger** and **Steve Rowell** (2015), and **Kathy Leblanc** (2016).

## Board of Directors 2017 – 2018

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## Calendar of Upcoming WCLT Events

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For questions contact: [events@westboroughlandtrust.org](mailto:events@westboroughlandtrust.org)

**Wednesday, August 2 | 7 pm**

### **Willows Concert to Benefit WCLT**

One Lyman Street, Westborough

**Sunday, Sept. 10**

### **WCLT Marches in Westborough's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade**

Interested in participating? Contact [events@westboroughlandtrust.org](mailto:events@westboroughlandtrust.org)

**Sunday, Sept. 17 | 1:30 -3:30 pm**

### **Westborough History Walk at Lake Chauncy**

Walk along the shore of Lake Chauncy near the site of the town's earliest settlement with Kris Allen, author of *On the Beaten Path: Westborough, Massachusetts*. Meet at Lake Chauncy boat ramp parking lot on Chauncy Street.

**Sunday, October 1 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

### **RAIN DATE October 8**

### **Archeology Walk at Cedar Swamp**

Walk with archaeologist Michelle Gross and learn about Westborough before Europeans arrived and the Native Americans who were here before us. Meet at 57 Flanders Rd.

**October – All Month**

### **WCLT Art & Photo Exhibit at the 1717 Shoppe**

View the work of some of WCLT's nature artists and photographers.

**Sunday, October 15 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

### **Thoreau Nature Writing Walk; Upper Jackstraw Brook Reservation Hike**

Two walks start at the same time from one location. On the first, co-sponsored by the Westborough Public Library, walk less than a mile near Gilmore Pond and explore the nature writing techniques of Henry David Thoreau with Corinne Smith. For this walk, limited to 15 adults, preregistration through the library is required. On the second, a 2-hour hike, enjoy fall colors near Gilmore Pond, along Jackstraw Brook, and into Bowman West. No preregistration for this longer hike. Both hikes meet at Gilmore Pond entrance on Quick Farm Road.

WCLT preserves, protects, and promotes Westborough's open space.