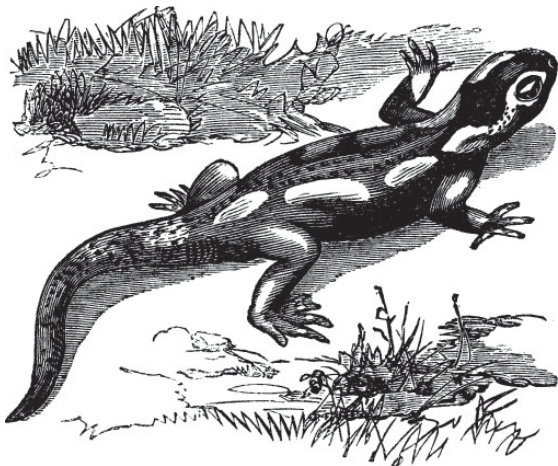




## Big Night: The Great Amphibian Migration by Bradford Gray

Once again, on a miserable, cold, rainy night during the first week of April, a night on which most people would be content to curl up with a good book in front of a fire in their woodstove, I was out near the edge of a nearby pond in a rain poncho and hat with a flashlight—a sort of mad King Lear, out in the tempest. As my wife says, shrugging her shoulders and resigning herself to the oddities of husbands, “Well, you get what you get.” Anyone observing me would have concluded that I was crazy, up to no good, lost, or searching for something. In fact, I was searching for something although, once again, I failed to find what I was looking for: migrating frogs and salamanders. Once again, just a little too late.



Every spring, typically on the first rainy night in late March or early April when the ambient temperature reaches 40° F or above, the great migration takes place. Hundreds, even thousands, of wood frogs and Jefferson's, spotted, and blue-spotted salamanders move en masse down slopes, through woodlands and meadows, and across roads, to reach the ponds, wetlands, and vernal pools where they breed. At a single one-acre

pond (Brown's Pond in Concord) herpetologists have counted as many as 5,000 wood frogs, 700 spotted salamanders, 42 blue-spotted salamanders (a threatened species), and 9,000 spring peepers. The peepers tend to arrive a week or two later and remain in the pond for a few weeks after the mole salamanders (so-called because they live underground for the remainder of the year) and the wood frogs have departed. A man who lives near a pond up the road from me refers to these tiny frogs possessively as “his” peepers. “My peepers,” he will say, “began singing the first week of April.” After laying their egg masses, the peepers also leave their breeding pools and return to live out the rest of the year in the leaf litter of the surrounding woods.

There is a good reason why vernal pools, which fill annually from spring rains, melting snow, and rising groundwater, but tend to dry up entirely later in the year, are ideal breeding habitat for amphibians: they do not support populations of predatory

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fish. But there is a downside to this advantage. Although safe from fish, the tadpoles and salamander larvae need to metamorphose (i.e., from gills to lungs) and return to the upland woods before the water in the pools disappears. This is why the breeding season starts so early (sometimes before the ice has entirely melted from the ponds) and continues for such a brief period. This is particularly true of the wood frogs whose entire mating period, easily measurable by the sudden onset and abrupt cessation of the considerable noise they make, lasts only five to seven days. It is a race against time.

Photo by Chris Mountain



Volunteer and photographer Alyssa Russell finds a shy one

Volunteer Otis at Oak Hill, Littleton finds a spotted salamander

I have to confess that, despite repeated attempts, I have yet to witness this “big night” spectacle. Conditions and one’s timing need to be just right and you only get one chance each year. If the first above 40° night in spring is dry, there will be no salamanders; if the temperature on the first rainy night is less than 40°, there also will be no salamanders. One can go repeatedly out into the bad weather in hopes of hitting just the right conditions, but this takes determination!\*

One year, my then ten-year-old son and I came close, but once again we were just a little bit late. We should have known we were too late because the wood frogs were already in the pond uttering their characteristic “quacking” and that unmistakable “sleigh bell” chorus of the peepers had just begun. With the aid of a flashlight that my son had ingeniously taped to the bill of his baseball cap to make a headlamp, we did see one large, yellow polka-dotted, spotted salamander and a 2-inch giant water bug (*Lethocerus americanus*) in the water, along with a number of peepers clinging to grass stems and twigs. But Big Night had already come and gone.

The ecological and socioeconomic values that wetlands provide have been discussed in this newsletter before. The main benefits bestowed by Boxborough’s

marshes, swamps, bogs, and ponds include water pollution removal and control, groundwater storage, storm water management and flood control, air pollution and carbon emission mitigation, and fish and wildlife habitat. Most (if not all) people agree that these are good reasons for protecting our wetlands. But what is all the fuss about these salamanders and frogs—to the extent that we have passed legislation to protect them and their habitat and some towns have gone so far as building tunnels (“ecoducts”) under roads for them and even closing roads altogether on certain rainy nights of the year? Other forms of wildlife (marsh birds for example) can at least be observed, but these creatures stay hidden underground for eleven out of twelve months of the year and even when they do emerge to breed, they are difficult to spot, as my own experience attests. What good are they, some people ask? Well, to anyone posing a question such as that, probably no answer would be sufficient. We could try to explain (somewhat lamely) that they have an impact on the ecosystem, that when they metamorphose and move from the pond to the surrounding upland woods, they recycle nutrients from the pond by becoming food for other animals. But the real answer to the question—if any answer is required at all—has to do with what kind of world we want to live in. We need to remind ourselves that humans are only a small part of the natural world and that there is room enough in it for all living creatures, even the smallest and most obscure.

\*see Amy Green’s note in inset below

## Join the Amphibian Brigade!

Volunteers are needed, especially for Depot Road and Old Harvard Road. If you’re interested, please visit Littleton’s website\*\* and get in touch with Amy Green, Littleton

Conservation Agent ,  
[agreen@littletonma.org](mailto:agreen@littletonma.org) to get on her distribution list and review the volunteer handbook. Each year, the timing is a little different depending on rain and



temperature, but usually the big movement happens towards the end of March with the first warm, rainy night. \*\*“One ‘Big Night’ is pretty rare – there are usually multiple nights over an approximately two week time frame when there is a lot of amphibian movement...so if volunteers go out one night and don’t see anything, don’t necessarily be discouraged!” says Amy Green. Volunteers contribute data on crossings and mortality AND help salamanders and frogs to cross safely. In 2022, volunteers in Littleton, Acton, and Boxborough helped over 400 amphibians to cross roads safely! See page 12 for current 2023 count.

\*\*<https://www.littletonma.org/conservation/pages/vernal-pools>

photo by Alyssa Russell

# Letter from the President

by Rita Gibes Grossman

*“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”*

– Jane Goodall

**We did it!** In 25 years, the BCTrust has helped conserve almost 500 acres of land preserving nature’s benefits for everyone. This achievement is a testament to all the volunteers who have contributed to the BCTrust’s success. Whether a board member, officer, *Common Ground* newsletter volunteer, a land steward, or Blanchard contest coordinator; every volunteer, donor, and member has made a difference! **Thanks to all of you, we are robust and moving forward with our work.**

Despite the weather-induced postponement of our 25th Anniversary celebration to Sunday, June 11th, we had a great day with music, family activities, and many conversations while engaged with the map of Boxborough. Although some could not attend with the date change, I am so grateful to those who did come, especially a few who stopped by just to say thank you. We were honored to have Senator Jamie Eldridge attend, speak, and present the Trust with an official citation from the Senate. Thank you to Becky Harris, Dave and Eileen Barnett, Geoff Osmun and Liz Caldwell for all their work and to everyone who helped make this a success, especially to Peishan Bartley for hosting us on the library lawn and to Oen Kennedy whose music made for a festive and reflective atmosphere.

**Congratulations to all of the winners of the BCTrust sponsored art contest at Blanchard Memorial School whose winning entries are featured in this issue.**

## In gratitude

**Stewardship:** Thanks to all of you who steward the BCTrust’s properties and to all of you who hike on all the trails responsibly.

**Blanchard Contests:** Thank you to Soojin Eriksen and Becca Edson for coordinating this year’s art contest and to Brittany Martinez, Blanchard art teacher, who makes it all possible.

**In Memorial:** Jeanne Kangas and I both joined the board in 2003 and for 20 years we worked together. I’m most grateful for her agreeing to work with me to get the Community Preservation Act passed in 2014. She was always a pleasure to work with and a great collaborator.

And, thank you to editor, Lynn Horsky, editor/writer, Bradford Gray, and editor/production manager Becky Harris who make this publication possible.

## BCTrust Acquisition

NAME	TYPE	ACRES ~	YEAR
Grady Conservation Preserve	Land	21	2000
Beaver Brook Valley Preserve (The Esker)	Land	74	2006
Inches Woods	Land	25	2009
Inches Woods	Easement	1	2014
Shurtleff Woods	Land	13	2015
Elizabeth Brook Knoll	Land	15	2019
Panek Land (on Patch Hill)	CR*	51	2002
<b>TOTAL ACQUIRED ACRES</b>		<b>148</b>	

## BCTrust Assists

NAME	TYPE	ACRES ~	YEAR
Flagg Hill (portion)	Land	80	1998
Rolling Meadow (portion)	Land	7	2001
Patch Hill	Land	103	2002
Flagg Hill (portion)	Land	36	2008
Steele Farm	CR*	36	2013
Ashmore	Land	10	2015
95 & 105 Sargent Road	Land	21	2022
<b>TOTAL ASSISTED ACRES</b>		<b>318</b>	

**TOTAL CONSERVED ACRES = 466**

\*CR = Conservation Restriction: A legal agreement between a land owner and another qualified entity that holds a deed restriction in perpetuity that extinguishes the development rights of the land.



For the month of June, and extended through July, the Community Room at the library will feature the nature photography of ABRHS students under the guidance of teacher, Nat Martin. Also displayed are some beautiful local wildlife photos by Stephen Kent, lovely pastels of local landscapes by our own Lynn Horsky, and the artwork of the 4th grade art contest winners. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid project by ABRHS biology students is on display as well.

## Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

Over 70 people of all ages came to our 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sargent Memorial Library on June 11th, for a concert on the lawn, indoor exhibits, and nature-based scavenger hunt for kids. President Rita Grossman introduced the event with a brief summary of the activities of the organization over the past 25 years; gave a tribute to past presidents (Frank Coolidge and wife Emilie, and Jeff Fuhrer and wife Mary) who all attended; and remembered recently deceased board members Ruth Zimmerman and Jeanne Steele Kangas.

Senator Jamie Eldridge presented the organization with an Official Citation from the State Senate on the **"Momentous Occasion of your 25th Anniversary"** and spoke about his appreciation for the work the land trust has done and the importance of conservation land in the region. Blanchard's 4th grade art contest winners were announced by volunteer judge Becca Edson, only after two of the winners were retrieved from their explorations on the nearby nature trails!



Townpeople gather on the library lawn to celebrate the BCTrust's 25th anniversary



Senator Jamie Eldridge and Rita Grossman, President BCTrust

The highlight was a concert on the lawn by Oen Kennedy, one the area's most beloved singer-songwriters, who sings about the natural world as only a true naturalist can. His beautiful voice and creative songwriting are captivating and we so appreciate his performance for us. Though True West couldn't make the rain date, the audience didn't seem to mind, enjoying lemonade and seltzer and the eventual arrival of Juniper Farms Ice Cream truck.



Oen Kennedy, local singer/songwriter

*Thanks to Peishan Bartley and the library staff for opening their doors and grounds to us, to all of the organizers and volunteers, especially Becky Harris, Liz Caldwell, and Dave and Eileen Barnett.*



Dave Barnett and Caldwell children identifying a tree by its leaf

*Photos by Becky Harris and Rita Grossman*

## Jeanne Steele Kangas, In Memoriam

## BCTrust's Volunteer Hall of Fame



### In Memory of Jeanne Steele Kangas BCTrust Board Member 2003 - 2022

Jeanne's enthusiasm, reliability and level-headedness contributed significantly to all our work and she was always diligent in being present at meetings until she resigned just a few weeks before she passed away on January 10th. In addition to her editing skills, we will miss her steady, diplomatic voice as she brought the legal and historical perspectives on various issues to the table. Above all, her sense of humor always made her a pleasure to work with. Thanks to all of you who donated to the BCTrust in her memory.

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### Blanchard Memorial Elementary School ART Contest Coordinators

- Diane Hosmer, Blanchard Memorial Elementary School art teacher (1998 –2003)

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- Inches Woods: Tom Bieber

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*Foraging class with Rachel Goclawski*  
Sept 13 at 4:00 pm, open to 25 registrants.  
(Location TBD)

Email [bharris@bctrust.org](mailto:bharris@bctrust.org) to register.



Depot Road wetland

photo Lynn Horsky



**GOOD NEWS!** The Conservation Restriction for the Sargent Road land was recorded on June 29th, the final step in the process to secure \$400,000 in State LAND grant funding and protect the land in perpetuity.

*Stay tuned for trails and a ribbon cutting celebration in the fall!*

# 2023 Annual Meeting

## Featured Speaker, David Barnett:

*from Mt. Auburn Cemetery to  
his Boxborough Backyard*

by **Becky Harris**

Some of my earliest memories as a child growing up in Belmont are of birding with my parents in Mt. Auburn Cemetery every May. It is a mecca for birders; Neotropical migrant songbirds find refuge there during long migrations to and from Central and South America, amidst the sea of buildings in Cambridge/Boston. In 2002 it was recognized by Mass Audubon as one of the state's Important Bird Areas. Founded in 1831, it was designated in 2003 as one of the country's National Historic Landmarks. It is special for so many reasons.

For the past nearly three decades, much of the success of Mt. Auburn as native habitat is due to Boxborough's own David Barnett. Dave started at Mount Auburn Cemetery in 1993 as Director of Horticulture, was promoted to Vice President of Operations & Horticulture in 1999, and then became President & CEO in 2008. After 28 years at Mount Auburn, he retired in September 2021.

His retirement is our gain, because he has dived into local stewardship as a new BCTrust Board member. And all along, as he worked to restore native plants and habitats in the country's oldest garden cemetery, he was also creating a native plant refuge in his yard in Boxborough. As BCTrust's Annual Meeting Speaker on March 21, 2023, he spoke about the extensive efforts to minimize lawn, expand native wildflower, understory, and forest habitats at Mt. Auburn, as well as developing climate change mitigation strategies.

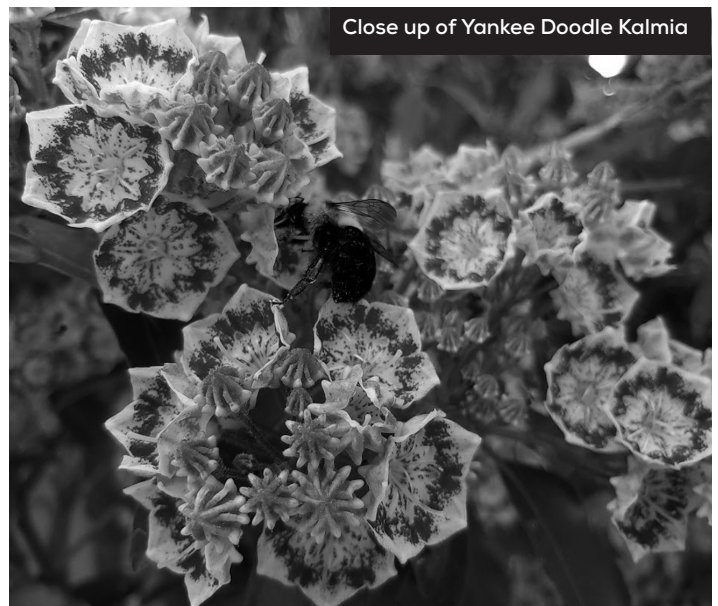
One of the most striking examples he cited was the decades-long effort to restore the Consecration Dell at the heart of the cemetery, including reintroduction of several amphibian species. As well as a vernal pool, the Dell includes a lovely sloping hillside that is always wonderful for warblers, because you can look down at treetops from the walkway above. I remember well visiting the Dell during the start of this restoration effort, and even as a conservation biologist, I didn't understand what was happening. As it turns out, the ugly process of tree removal was all for the best: invasive Norway maples were being removed and replaced with native tree species and understory plants that would provide much more caterpillar habitat, which means more warblers and other Neotropical migrants.

For our 25th Anniversary Celebration, Dave created the powerpoint available here (<https://tinyurl.com/bxaw8swm>) to illustrate how his yard has been transformed into a haven of biodiversity, using mostly native plants, no pesticides, and a water feature that attracts amphibians and birds and more. Not only was Mount Auburn Cemetery lucky to have Dave's vision and expertise, Boxborough is lucky to have him to guide us in the creation of mini-ecosystems at home.

*Photos by David Barnett*



Asa Gray garden



Close up of Yankee Doodle Kalmia

# BCTrust's Annual Blanchard's 4th Grade Art Contest

Coordinator and judge: Soojin Erikson, judge: Becca Edson. Thanks to art teacher, Brittany Martinez.

## 2023 Theme: "Reptiles and Amphibians of Massachusetts"

There are many different species of reptiles and amphibians in Massachusetts.

As the snow starts to melt, many can be found and heard at this time of year as we explore the outdoors.

### The Artists' Challenge:

To create their own original drawing in pen and ink, reflecting upon this year's theme.

Each entry was judged for artistic merit, originality and how well it reflected the theme.

Aquinna Caprara



Sadie Harris



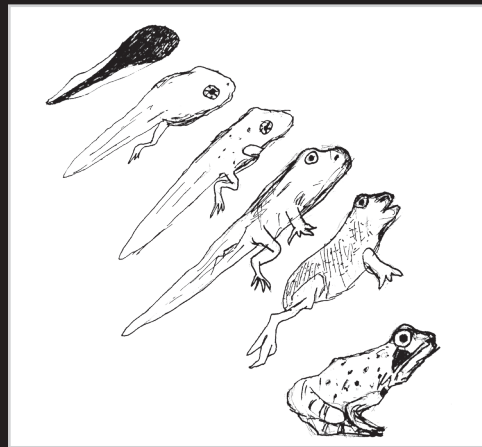
Ella Roland



Aine Brady



**1st** Aquinna Caprara



**2nd**  
Sadie Harris



**3rd** Ella Roland and Aine Brady

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**Editor's note:**

**We're sorry....**

During the print production of this summer edition of Common Ground, we inadvertently left out some of our current members and/or misidentified Charter Members.

**Our apologies to the following members who should have been listed**

Anne Gardulski  
Cesar and Sharon Garde  
Gerry Gaebel  
Grant Garven  
Jack and Karen Geissert  
Kristine Gatesman  
The Gebhardts  
**...and to the Charter Members listed, or not listed as Founders (now asteriked\*)**  
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David Koonce.

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*Preserving and Protecting Boxborough's Undeveloped Land*

## New Member Registration Form

The **Boxborough Conservation Trust** is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are actively seeking new members to join in the effort of preserving and protecting Boxborough's undeveloped land. Anyone may join. Regular (voting) members must be 18 years of age or older and must be Boxborough residents. All others are honorary members. Membership is on an annual basis.

There are several membership levels. All donations are tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law.

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30	Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	Patron	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2500	Preservationist
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	Associate	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000	Sponsor			

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (street)      (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (telephone)

\_\_\_\_\_ (town)      \_\_\_\_\_ (state)      \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear in our membership listings, such as 'The Jones Family,' or 'John and Jane Jones,' or if you prefer, you can just say 'anonymous.'

**Membership Listing:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **The Boxborough Conservation Trust**, and mail it with this form to:

**Treasurer  
Boxborough Conservation Trust  
650 Massachusetts Ave.  
Boxborough, MA 01719**

We will mail you a donation acknowledgment suitable for tax reporting purposes. Please contact your employer to see if they will match your contribution.

Your comments and suggestions would be very much appreciated:

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Thank you for your support!  
You can find BCTrust at **bctrust.org** or on Facebook.  
650 Massachusetts Ave. Boxborough, MA 01719; email: [president@bctrust.org](mailto:president@bctrust.org)

*Report from the Amphibian Brigade  
Littleton, Acton, and Boxborough:*

The **2023 count** (in process) of amphibians that crossed the road or were found in the vicinity of; and the count of the dead most likely caused by vehicles. (note: dead were not counted on one of the nights)

**Fort Pond (Acton/Littleton)**

- 118 wood frogs (plus 14 dead)
- 158 spring peepers (plus 39 dead)
- 23 unidentified dead frogs
- 19 spotted salamanders (plus 3 dead)
- 6 Jefferson/blue spotted complex (plus 1 dead)

**Arlington Street (Acton)**

- 1 wood frog
- 4 spring peepers
- 1 spotted salamander (plus one dead)
- 6 unidentified dead frogs

**Depot Road (Boxborough)**

- 29 wood frogs
- 24 spring peepers
- 1 spotted salamanders
- 20 unidentified dead frogs

**Oak Hill (Littleton) (first time count)**

- 11 wood frogs
- 33 spring peepers
- 13 spotted salamanders
- 1 Jefferson
- 200+ dead frogs and 30 dead spotted salamanders

<https://www.littletonma.org/conservation/pages/vernal-pools>

View Stephen Kent's stunning nature photography currently showing at The Sargent Memorial Library. Thanks to Nat Martin and his ABRHS student nature photographers for their work which is also featured in the BCTrust's library gallery exhibit . Exhibit is open June--to the end of July.

Photography below by Stephen Kent. <https://www.beenthereshotthat.us/>



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