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Newton Conservators *E-Bulletin*

Monday, December 3, 2012

... Newton's land trust working to preserve open space since 1961



Happy Holidays from the Newton Conservators!

Hope you are enjoying the switch to the winter season with the dusting of snow recently (but perhaps not enjoying the annual emergence of the Winter Moths in November/December). Don't miss an exciting lecture on Sustainability cosponsored by the Newton Conservators on Tuesday evening (Dec 4) and an interesting program on the Charles River on Wednesday (Dec 5 in Watertown). Tonight is a memorial service for Fran Seasholes, a long term Newton Conservators member and board of advisors. Learn about the annual Christmas Bird Count in Newton and how you can join the fun. How about a gift membership to the Newton Conservators for your open space minded friends or perhaps one of our trail guides or almanac? Happy Holidays!

Newton Conservators Lecture:

Sustainable Operations

Real Life Opportunities and Pitfalls
Marc Fournier - Lasell College

Tuesday, December 4 at 7 pm
Druker Auditorium - Newton Free Library

During the past two decades there has been growing pressure on schools, businesses and other organizations to pay more attention to the environmental and resource consequences of the diverse range of operations they manage. Join Marc Fournier, Interim Director of Plant Operations and Sustainability at Lasell College, for a program that will explore the real life opportunities and pitfalls of designing and implementing sustainable operations. The program is cosponsored by the Newton Tree Conservancy, Newton Conservators and Green Decade/Newton.



Topics will include:

- Urban forest management
- Reuse and recycling
- Toxics reduction
- Lean/green operations
- The triple bottom line (profit, people and the planet)
- Green fleets, energy efficiency, water conservation and climate change strategies

With 30 years experience in recycling and waste management, Marc Fournier is a LEED Accredited Professional and Massachusetts Certified Arborist. A former Environmental Analyst with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Marc's experience includes the development and implementation of the waste management program at UMass Amherst: a program that achieved a remarkable recycling rate of 57 percent - one of the leading in the nation! He teaches night courses in Environmental Management, Global Warming and Sustainable Operations Management in the UMass-Boston College of Management Graduate MBA program.

Flyer at http://www.newtonconservators.org/events/lecture2012_12_04.pdf



**In Memory of:
Frances Seasholes - Newton Conservators Advisor**

**Memorial Service:
Monday, December 3, 2012, 7 pm
Second Church in Newton, 60 Highland Street, Newton 02465**

Frances (Cressey) Seasholes, decades-long participant in Newton community organizations, mother of four, and widow of Tufts Professor Bradbury Seasholes, died on November 13, 2012 at age 79. During her 56 years in Newton she was actively involved with The League of Women Voters, the Newton PTAs of Bowen, Weeks and Newton South High School, The Arlington Street Church (UUA), The Second Church in Newton (UCC), Newton Dialogues on Peace and War, The Newton Conservators, The Newton Green Decade, Newton Community Development Foundation, The Newton Centre Task Force and the Newton/San Juan del Sur (Nicaragua) Sister City Project. Fran was raised in Syracuse, NY, educated at Oberlin College, the American University of Beirut (Lebanon) and the University of North Carolina. As a Child Welfare Social Worker she was employed by the Orange County (NC) Welfare Department, The New England Home for Little Wanderers, The Gaebler Children's Hospital, and Protestant Social Service Bureau (now ISS in Quincy). In recent years Fran and her husband traveled widely and provided homestays for about 225 foreign students here to study English. She is survived by their four partnered children and two grandchildren: Laura Seasholes, Brian Booth and Andrew Barton of Seattle, Catherine Seasholes and April Calvert of Mequon, WI, Edward and Bereniz Seasholes of Framingham, Kenneth Seasholes, Andrea Chiasson and Hope Seasholes of Tucson, AZ. Her sisters are Marjorie Bowler of Newtown, PA and Eleanor Webster of Montpelier, VT. A memorial service will be held at the Second Church in Newton on December 3, 2012, at 7:00 PM. Messages to the family may be sent to BradFran3@yahoo.com and memorial donations may be made to one's charity of choice.



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Come Celebrate Our River!

“The Charles River in Watertown: Its History and Wildlife”

A Live Photographic Presentation
by Watertown Photographer, Carole Smith Berney

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 7 pm
Watertown Savings Bank Room - Watertown Free Public Library

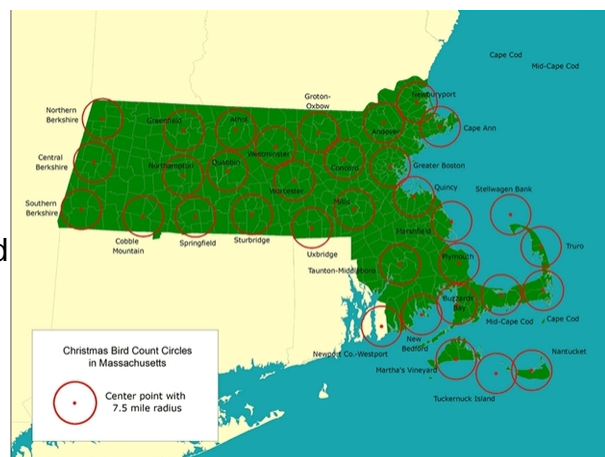
The evening will feature colorful projected images of the river and its denizens in the seasons of fall and winter, with musical accompaniment and entertaining narrative. A presenter of river-related material for over a decade, Ms. Berney will focus on the lively beauty of a natural resource in Watertown’s backyard. Her recently published children’s book, *River Walk*, will be available for purchase, as will her 2013 wildlife wall calendars. This program is sponsored



through a generous grant from the Watertown Community Foundation. The Watertown library is at 123 Main Street, Watertown -2472 (617-972-6431). You may remember Carole's lecture for the Newton Conservators on the Flora and Fauna of the Charles River which can be viewed online at <http://blip.tv/environmental-show/flora-and-fauna-of-the-charles-river-1529337>

Newton Christmas Bird Count - Sunday, December 16

Now in its 113th year, the Christmas Bird Count takes place and you can join in. From December 14 through January 5 tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Families and students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists go out on an annual mission - often before dawn. For over one hundred years, the desire to both make a difference and to experience the beauty



of nature has driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of a warm house during the Holiday season.

Each of the citizen scientists who annually braves snow, wind, or rain, to take part in the Christmas Bird Count makes an enormous contribution to conservation. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations - and to help guide conservation action. From feeder-watchers and field observers to count compilers and regional editors, everyone who takes part in the Christmas Bird Count does it for love of birds and the excitement of friendly competition -- and with the knowledge that their efforts are making a difference for science and bird conservation.

Newton is part of the count circle for the Greater Boston Count which will take place on Sunday, December 16 this year. Both experienced and beginner birders are welcome on the count. In Newton, we meet at the home of Cris Criscitiello (2 Raeburn Terrace, Newton Highlands) at 7 pm (or earlier for the owlers). Groups fan out across Newton to various open spaces to count as many birds as they see, recording species and count. Contact Alison Leary (617-572-1182) if you are interested in participating. There are swans swimming, calling birds, doves or even the partridge in a pear tree out there waiting to be counted! There is NO charge to participate!

Winter Trails Day - Weston Ski Track

January 13, 9 am - 2 pm

The correct date is January 12; see website link below

Winter Trails Day is a national event each January to introduce people to the great fun of getting outside in the winter on cross-country skis or snowshoes. The event will run from 9am-2pm.

Snowshoeing: All snowshoe events will be free and do not require pre-registration. Everyone will receive a free snowshoeing trail pass, there will be free snowshoe demos, and we will be leading a number of free guided tours. There will be a limited number of demo snowshoes available; those who want to use snowshoes for more than 15-20 minutes can rent them from us at the [regular rate](#).



XC Skiing Free ski lessons will be available with pre-registration and the purchase of a trail pass (and rental if needed); see our [regular rates](#). Free ski lessons are only available with pre-registration and payment.

<http://www.skiboston.com/skitrack/events/wintertrails.php>

President's Letter

Dear Newton Conservator Our year has been busy and very productive as we continue our work to preserve the balance in Newton between healthy development and open space needed for wildlife habitat and human enjoyment. Here are some of our recent accomplishments and activities.



- We had an inspiring Annual Meeting featuring Professor Douglas A. Tallamy, a leader in protecting native plants.
- We worked with the City to maintain a park purpose for the buildings at Kennard and Nahanton Park.
- We pushed hard to preserve open space and protect the environment at Lyons Field.
- Along with other groups, we protected Hammond Pond from an intrusive boardwalk.
- We moderated an excellent photographic and historical program on Houghton Garden.
- We served on the Planning Department's Open Space Advisory Committee, updating the City's Open Space Plan.
- We finalized a Conservation Restriction protecting a beautiful parcel in Newton Centre and preserving public access.
- We continue to monitor our properties and areas under Conservation Restriction.
- We ran four invasives removal projects for NewtonServes, and are working with the Parks and Recreation Department on invasives removal projects throughout Newton.
- We continue our poplar walks, lectures, events and grants.

To reduce our paper use, you may check the box on your Profile page to opt out of receipt of our paper newsletter, which can be read in color in PDF form on our website. You may also renew your membership on line. Find membership info at <http://newtonconservators.org/membership.htm>. We also encourage membership in our sister organization, the Newton Tree Conservancy, an organization well worth supporting. Please take a look at www.newtontreeconservancy.org for more information.

We hope you will support us in our important efforts by renewing your membership and perhaps make an additional gift. We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2013.

Best wishes,

Jane Sender
president@newtonconservators.org

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The Newton Conservators appreciate the generous contributions of our sponsors and friends on the occasion of our annual dinner. We are indebted for their contributions, which will help to defray land acquisition and other costs.



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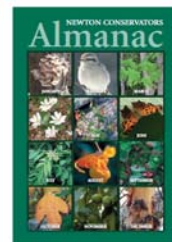
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Did you know that you can Join the Newton Conservators online. And consider a gift membership for a conservation-minded friend (new members get a trail guide as well)! Visit <http://www.newtonconservators.org/membership.htm> for details on membership options. Did you know that you can register and pay for membership, events, buy a copy of our Almanac or newly revised Trail Guide, or make a donation to the Newton Conservators online?



Mission: The Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests and streams, which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters. A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.

The Newton Conservators organization was formed as a not-for-profit 50 years ago in June 1961.

- E-Bulletin Editor Ted Kuklinski, Newton Conservators (dolanpond@aol.com)



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