

Spring 2013



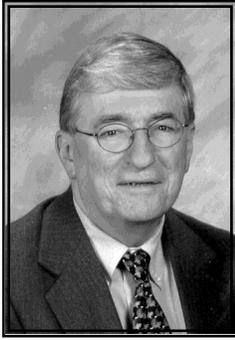
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MLCT activities through the seasons....



Photos left to right top to bottom:
Doug MacGillvary and volunteers by the ramp on the Cheney Rail trail, 40th anniversary hike participants, 40th anniversary cake at the annual meeting in 2012, Bavarian curling on Risley Pond in February 2013, Cheney Rail Trail ramp from the top, Eagle Scout Greg Cowles (Troop 25) next to the bike rack he built for the Cheney Rail Trail, Hikers on a Charcoal mound at Case Mountain during the "Charcoal in the Hills" hike in 2012.



Malcolm Barlow
MLCT President

Update from the President

Dear Land Trust Members:

We completed our 41st fiscal year April 30. Looking back to 1972 lets us know how far the Land Trust has come.

In 1972 Terry Parla was a young mother who found the time to devote to the fledgling new entity, the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, Inc. She was its first treasurer, soon to become its second president and serve for 27 years as such. She remains a director on the Land Trust board and is membership chair. I am only the third president – Douglas Smith the first.

The Trust in 1972 had no lands and a near empty checking account. Today we have a long list of big and small parks in five towns – Andover, Bolton, East Hartford, Manchester, and Vernon. The Trust holds full title to all but one of the parks – The Purdy Nature Park along the Bigelow Brook in Manchester, over which we hold an easement.

Our treasury cup may not runneth over. The trustees work hard raising funds to ensure we can meet our obligations towards the Trust parks, and to fulfill our mission of land conservation for years to come. To that end, the trust is proposing a permanent endowment fund to be approved by members at our Annual Meeting to be held at the Manchester Country Club on Thursday May 16. Please consider the fund. If it wins membership approval, please consider making legacy gifts to give the fund the power to perform for the Trust.

Please look at our growing list of parks in this issue of the Terra Firma. There must be at least one near your home. All our parks are open to the public for passive recreation. All our parks serve as green sanctuaries on our troubled planet.

I enjoy recounting our achievements each year. But this Terra Firma helps you see them better. I leave you to look through this issue.

As wonderful as our new achievements are, I believe our greatest achievement each year is holding onto the parks we have. Once the Trust has saved them, they should remain green forever.

I look forward to another good year for the Trust. Thank you everyone for being land conservationists.

Sincerely,

Malcolm F. Barlow

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Special thanks go out to volunteer Jack Bowden, our technology consultant and to Susan Barlow, public relations guru and most energetic hike leader.

The Land Trust Invites you to Go Hiking with Us

Bring Your Friends, Family, & Neighbors

By Susan Barlow

Come hiking on May 25, June 1, 2 and June 29! Your Land Trust leads free hikes and history walks on our properties throughout the year. We have encountered snow, ice, light rain, and low or high temperatures, depending on the season. But our hikers are a hardy bunch, coming along in 2012 on five railroad walks and two Case Mountain walks. So far in 2013, we have braved the snow on the Cheney rail trail and at Case Mountain— (see photo).

We have a special walk on **Saturday, May 25**, at 1:00 p.m., a free two-mile hike to learn about the geology at Case Mountain in the Highland Park section of Manchester. Geologist and UConn professor Gary Robbins is leading this walk in conjunction with his geology talk at the annual dinner earlier in May (see separate article about the dinner in this newsletter). Hikers will encounter a steep climb and rocky terrain. Meet at the parking lot on Birch Mountain Road, a few feet south of its intersection with Camp Meeting Road. The metamorphic rock formations lend themselves to “photo ops,” so bring a camera if you want. Co-sponsored by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust and Connecticut Forest & Park Association's family hike program, but open to all, including singles. The hiking site is within the Case Brothers National Historic District.

Come for a Risley Park hike on Connecticut Trails Day/Weekend. Join us **Sunday, June 2**, at 1:00 p.m. for a challenging hike, starting at Risley Pond. This 3.3-mile hike will go over rough and steep terrain, with some wet spots, to a ridge with scenic views and interesting wildflowers along the way. Hikers

should wear sturdy shoes or boots, bring water and a snack, and expect to be on the trail for about two hours. Park in the Lake Street lot across from Amy Drive on the north side of Risley Pond; additional parking is available along Amy Drive. Questions may be directed to hike leaders Susan and Cynthia Barlow, 860-643-9776. Risley Park is the Trust's largest parcel of protected land. We're also leading a Trails Day history walk on **Saturday, June 1**, at Center Springs Park, 1:00 p.m., at 39 Lodge Drive. This hike will touch on the Cheney Railroad, although most of it isn't on Land Trust property. Traffic alert: Edgerton Street is closed from Center Street, so cars must enter from Main Street at Bigelow Street.

Our next Cheney railroad walk and commentary is on **Saturday, June 29**, 1:00 p.m.: Hikers will have an easy, but bumpy, walk along the former railroad, built in 1869 to connect the Cheney silk mills to the main rail line in the North End. At 2.5 miles, it was the shortest private freight-and-passenger railroad in the United States. We will hike along the one-mile portion owned by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust and, depending on the weather, on to Center Springs Park, which will take about two hours round trip. Meet at the North End of Main Street in Manchester, on the north (right) side of Farr's Sporting Goods, 2 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06042. Park at the nearby shopping plaza or Eighth Utilities District office building (please do not park in Farr's parking lot). A special favor will be given to children who attend the hike. Extreme weather cancels. No dogs, please.



Many hearty hikers showed up for a hike New Years weekend, December 29, 2012. The group posed at the snowy summit of Case Mountain, photo by hiker Kathy Payne

Maintenance Update—April 2013

by Doug MacGillvary

This past year the Land Trust volunteers worked hundreds of hours maintaining and improving our various properties. The severe storms that we have encountered the past two years left several properties with major tree damage.

Marsh Pond, at the corner of Porter and Adelaide Streets was choked with damaged trees. One huge fallen oak actually laid across the width of the pond. With a tremendous amount of help from our Marsh Pond neighbor, Ralph Buckwold, and help that he hired, plus Land Trust volunteers, the pond area is now looking better than it has in many years. A special thank you also goes to the Manchester Public Works Department for removing all the brush from the site. Also thanks go out to the North Central Conservation District for donating several bushes and trees that were planted around the area of the pond.

Want to help?

If you have some free time and would like to come and work, just give a call to Doug MacGillvary at (860) 649-0477. He is always happy to have additional volunteers join his group.

2012 was a year of major improvements on the Land Trust's portion of the South Manchester Railroad (The Cheney Rail Trail). The trust owns the former railroad property from Middle Turnpike West to the railhead behind Farr's Sporting Goods store in the north end of Manchester. Using grant money received from the H. Louise Ruddell Charitable Trust and from the Rails to Trails Conservancy, more than 3000 feet of dirt trail was upgraded to an eight-foot-wide processed-stone multi-use path. A drainage improvement project by the Town of Manchester resulted in an additional 900 feet of processed stone trail. This was an area that was frequently more of a water course than a trail.

A small neglected Land Trust property on Alpine Street, near Manchester Memorial Hospital, received an "extreme makeover" this past fall. No more invasive weeds, piles of used blacktop, concrete and brush. If you visit the Alpine Parklet you will find a well-maintained grass area with flowers, shrubs, a split rail fence and a nice old, fully restored park bench. The Trust volunteers who worked at this site were quite proud of the results and the fact that the total cost of the project was \$200. They did an excellent job and made a "silk purse out of a sow's ear". (see page 7 for photos)



New bench installed at Risley Park in memory of Bruce Law. (1958-2011)

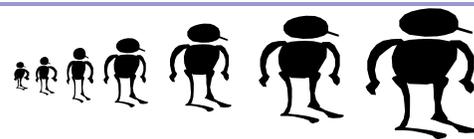
Photo by Doug MacGillvary

Over at Risley Pond Park, on the Vernon, Bolton, Manchester town line, a very special memorial bench and plaque were installed in memory of life member, Bruce R. Law. A new information kiosk, provided by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, was installed in the main parking area. A map showing the entire trail system at the park is now posted at the kiosk. All of the trail markings have also been recently refreshed to make sure we don't lose any of our hikers!

As you can see, there are many things being done to make the Trust's various properties more open to passive recreation. Our involvement with the Boy Scouts and the environmental program at Manchester Community College draws in many people, young and not so young, who were previously unfamiliar with the Manchester Land Trust. The more awareness there is of the Trust and the ongoing stewardship of our properties, the more the public will understand and embrace our mission.

Membership Report

by Terry Parla—Membership chair



Once again I write of membership and its importance. Through generous donations from our members we have made great strides and with your continued support, we can go forward and do more and more work. Every day we have opportunities that come up and through you as members we are able to accept some of these to make MLCT grow and prosper.

Membership in the trust is a great gift you can give your children and grandchildren. It is an everlasting gift that grows with them. Please consider raising your own donation perhaps or even becoming a life member.

The membership for this year is 327 family memberships and 165 Life members. We are pleased to welcome our newest life members listed here.

Members should take pride in all our properties that you have helped preserve.

Please join me in welcoming our newest LIFE members

Debra Gemme

Mr. & Mrs. Thadd Gnocci

June V. Lashay

Karen Laski

George & Mary Males

Jeffrey & Kathleen Purdy

Robina Rines

Selwin & Virginia Smith

Frank & Diane Strano

Two Grants in 2012 Help Improve the Cheney Rail Trail

With a \$5,000 grant from the H. Louise Ruddell Charitable Trust, another \$5,000 gift from an anonymous donor through the Rails to Trails Conservancy, along with financial assistance from our neighbors at the Woodland Gardens Condominium and some additional MLCT funds, we were able to achieve everything we had hoped to do in 2012 on the Cheney Rail Trail.

Nearly 3500' of dirt trail was upgraded to an 8' wide process stone, multi-purpose path. We were also able to clear tree damage from the severe fall snowstorm of 2011, partially fund an Eagle scout project which included a bike rack, install a pet waste station, erect nearly 200' of rail fencing along property lines and also do some limited landscaping.



Doug MacGillvary and Roger Chadwick next to our new "Whistle Post" on the Cheney railroad. Doug and Roger reclaimed and installed this interesting artifact.
Photo by Susan Barlow



Photo by Doug MacGillvary

If you haven't visited this hidden gem recently, please take the time to go for a walk, hike or bike ride in the north end of Manchester. There is even a small parking area at 48 Hilliard Street where you can start your adventure. You could also join us on June 29th for a guided hike and learn about the trail and some of its fascinating history with our expert, Susan Barlow (details on page 3). Please let us know what you think of all the work we have done to make the trail a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

MLCT Property List

The Land Trust currently owns over 339 acres of protected open space land in Andover, Bolton, East Hartford, Manchester and Vernon

Stewards Needed

Please call
Doug MacGillvary at
(860)649-0477
or send an e-mail to
info@manchesterlandtrust.org
and let us know what
property you would
like to help protect.

Location	Address	Approx. Acres	Steward
Manchester			
Gould Parklet	149 Lakewood Circle	0.3	Len Parla
Marsh Pond	Corner of Porter & Adelaide	2.2	Mike Desautels
Griswold Park	75 Hills Street	3.0	
Spring St.	599 Spring Street, rear	1.0	Mal & Susan Barlow
Spring St., rear 637	637 Spring Street, rear	1.0	Mal & Susan Barlow
Spring St.	Spring Street, opp Tam Rd	1.0	Mal Barlow
Case Parklet, trailhead	670 Spring Street	1.0	Susan & Ron Beach
Upper Case Pond	Birch Mountain Road	7.6	James Boutot
Salter's Pond	Lydall Street	9.0	Michael Westfall
Lydall Woods	Lydall Street	30.0	Joann Haddock
Fairway Park	111 Gerald Drive	4.8	Russ & Dawn Beers
Yules Park, Birch Mt. Rd.	389 Birch Mountain Road	2.0	Bill Graver
Buckland Hills	88, 271, 427 and 429 Buckland Hills Drive	27.3	
Manning-Ferris	130 Bush Hill Road, rear	13.0	
House Park	175 Greenwood Drive	6.0	
Alpine Parklet	26 Alpine Street	0.5	
Cheney rail trail	Between W. Middle Tpke. & Hilliard Street	5.7	Mark Connors
Miller Pond	Bush Hill Road	3.0	Bob Buckland
Buckland Pond	Corner of Bush Hill Road & Hillstown Road	9.0	Bob Buckland
Barlow Park	970 Hillstown, rear	5.0	Susan McLain & Bruce Miller
Jarvis Parklet	897 Center Street, rear	0.5	Nancy Webb & Stephen Wentz
Chambers Parklet	93 Westland Street	0.2	Doug MacGillvary
Harry James Park	Access from Torpey Rd, EH	0.7	Craig Johnson
Purdy Nature Park (easement)			
Ansaldi Park	Spring Street	2.0	Mark Kravontka
Other Towns			
Risley Park	Lake Street, Vernon & Bolton	130.0	Cliff & Susan Pierce
Mary Jane Williams Park	272 Long Hill Street, EH	40.0	Jim Powell
Riverpoint Park	235-237 East River Drive	1.0	Prescille Yamamoto
Reed Park	Long Hill Road, Andover	32	Michael Einseidel
Total acres		339	

THE MANCHESTER LAND CONSERVATION TRUST BEGAN IN 1972 TO: "ENGAGE IN AND OTHERWISE PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES...INCLUDING WATER RESOURCES, SWAMPS, WOODLAND, AND OPEN SPACES, AND THE PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE THEREIN, AND UNIQUE SCENIC, NATURAL SITES, AND HISTORIC SITES..."

What a transformation!!

Alpine Parklet Before - During - and After



← **Before** -picture taken at 8:30 am
August 21, 2012

The invasive brush and weeds had really taken over this tiny parcel on Alpine Street in Manchester. You couldn't even tell there was a Land Trust property hiding behind it all.

During - picture taken at 11:45am →
August 21, 2012

Doug MacGillvary and his merry band of five volunteers spent most of a sunny morning in August 2012 cutting brush, trimming branches, digging out roots, picking up rubbish and spreading loads of fill that had been dumped on the property, that we call Alpine Parklet. The feeling among the volunteers is that we have put this much work into making it look decent, why not make it look great. A small truck load of top soil, a few shrubs, some grass seed and even a park bench. We really have a parklet, a spot near the hospital that people can actually sit and relax.

So the group continued its efforts in the following days and weeks, and created a small peaceful open space in the middle of Manchester.



← **After** -picture taken
in September 2012

What an amazing transformation!!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers who put in the time and effort to make this place beautiful again and stop it from being a dumping ground in the future.

Take a drive by this parcel and see it for yourself. It is just down the street from Manchester Memorial Hospital at 26 Alpine Street, Manchester.

Duck, Duck, Doak

by Bill Doak

Meet Jim Powell of East Hartford, the man whose woodwork you may have seen along the backwaters of the Hockanum River, alongside Salter's or Risley Pond or elsewhere wherever good habitat exists for *Aix sponsa*, or the wood duck. In his basement woodshop Powell, 79, uses his drill to unscrew the front cover, a simple hinge allowing him to clean out the debris. Powell then returns the boxes before the nesting wood duck pairs search for just the right hollow spot for the female wood duck to lay her clutch of a dozen or so eggs. This is the time of year the ducks migrate back to their northern nesting areas.

"It's a little late in the season to get these up, but not too late," Powell offers. The Hockanum River Linear Park Committee gives Powell the money for the wood; \$40 will buy three pine boards, enough to make two wood duck boxes which are approximately 2 feet tall by one foot square.

He started out following plans. But he modified them over the years with the eye to simplicity. "I've made changes with the design. Always simplifying it. And not only are they easier to make, they are just as good – or better." Powell files off the edges of the 4-inch oval entrance just under the slated top, but leaves the boxes unpainted. Two holes drilled into the back allow for bolts to attach the box to a post.

"They weather to a nice gray in about a year," says Powell, who made a living putting up fences for Atlas Fence before he retired. No stranger to the outdoors, for 25 years he has been part of a volunteer crew cleaning up trails along the Hockanum River three mornings a week, a group led by Doug Smith. The Hockanum River volunteers then sit down at Chez Ben for a coffee. "That's how it came to my attention, and that is what got me started," Powell relates.

The wood ducks are skittish, and

avoid human contact. But they have many natural and man-made predators. Wood ducks – nearly driven to extinction in the late 19th century, owing to the beauty of their feathers coveted in women's hats – were protected by a 1916 Canadian-American treaty. Since then their numbers have recovered; a success the conservationist movement takes credit for.

"They are still hunted. But they were once almost extinct," Powell related. The wood duck was saved thanks to the help of people building the boxes. Today along the trails plenty of raccoons, snapping turtles, snakes and other animals now pose threats to the wood duck. The sheltering boxes are promoted on the CT DEEP website as well as by groups such as Ducks Unlimited.

The wood duck is a popular game bird, and is second only to the Mallard in numbers shot each year in the United States. Ducks take well to the boxes during their brief nesting season – and so do many other wild animals and insects. Powell maintains over 20 boxes,

opening them up and cleaning out the detritus. He has removed squirrel nests, mice, beehives and wasp nests. Earlier this year he opened up a box and was face to face with a possum. "That was a first," he says.

Inside, the box appears to be overly deep. But wood ducks, the only duck species equipped with strong claws that can grip bark and perch on branches, have been known to enter a hollow tree and build a nest 15 feet down inside the trunk. As particular as they are about having a clean nesting area, wood ducks are also a species known for "egg-dumping" or "intraspecific brood parasitism." It is common for wood duck females to visit other wood duck cavities, lay eggs in them, and leave them to be raised by another mother.

After brooding, as soon as the female hears movement in the eggs she leaves and takes up a position outside on

the ground, calling out to the chicks. The hatchlings instinctively know to climb up the small strip of netting stapled to the side of the box below the hole, then leap down from the box to the ground. Some wood duck chicks have made an initial leap of 290 feet unhurt.

"They are light as a feather so they don't get hurt," says Powell. Although he has been building the wood duck boxes for 25 years, he has never witnessed the moment when the tiny ducklings leap – except in a film he saw on public television.

Jim is a Manchester Land Conservation Trust steward of the MJ Williams preserve on the East Hartford/Manchester town line. Jim Powell's roots go back to his grandfather's pharmacy on Burnside Avenue, Burnside Drug, then Powell's Rexall. His father, Van Powell was renowned for his athleticism as a three-sport athlete, playing for the All Burnsidés. He earned the name the Jim Thorpe of East Hartford. Later he owned and operated Desci's Restaurant on Center Street in Manchester, located across from where the Burger King is today.

Deci's became a prototype for another legendary dining spot in East Hartford. One day two East Hartford police officer brothers, Ray and Augie Hutt, sat with Van Powell in his Tolland Street kitchen. They were eager to find out all there was to know about the hot dog business. Today Augie & Ray's is well-known in Connecticut and beyond as one of those best places to go for a good hot dog.



MLCT Treasurer—Glenn Law



This is a good time to spotlight the work of Glenn R. Law. The Trustees of our Land Trust work all year on one aspect of the Trust or another. Most of our work is done out of the spotlight. A spotlight ought to be put on Glenn R. Law, Trust treasurer since 1990.

Since the Trust's creation in 1972, there have been four treasurers: Fred Spaulding, Terry Parla, Roger Lemelin, and Glenn. Roger died too soon in 1990. The Trust board of directors elected Glenn to be our fourth treasurer and he assumed the role September 1, 1990. He had retired in 1987 from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft after 40 years of service. (I have long suspected that the best workers in nonprofits are people who have recently retired. They bring a work ethic and energy.)

Glenn's other credentials included his long service for the North United Methodist Church where he has been a church trustee and treasurer. Also, he had been married to our Trust secretary, Elaine S. Law, since September 1955. She recommended him highly.

If a treasurer does his job right, his work is taken for granted. Glenn has done the job right. We have taken him for granted. Glenn has provided complete fund reports to the Trust directors for every meeting since 1990. He treats the Trust's funds more carefully than his own. He balances every statement.

During intense financial moments in the Trust's life, Glenn has handled large sums of money moving in and out of our treasury. He handled funds for the \$416,000 Risley Dam project. Other examples include the Trust's fund raisings and purchases of the Upper Case Pond, the first part of the Cheney Rail Trail, the Brian Daigle portion of that Trail (now the Tru-

Ansaldo Park

The Land Trust directors voted July 22, 2012 to accept the gift of two acres of woodlands from Andrew Ansaldo, president of the Andrew Ansaldo Company of Manchester, home-builders for three generations. The land is bordered by I-384 to the north, KinderCare to the east, Spring Street homeowners to the south and a Gardner Street homeowner to the west.

Andrew's firm had taken over the land in October 1964. He built the one house at 141 Gardner Street now owned by Barbara Roy. When I-384 went through, he was left without direct road frontage for any more houses on this parcel. The issue of access by trustees of the Land Trust has been solved by the generosity of the owners of the KinderCare site at 481 Spring Street. The owners have provided the Trust with a license to enter the KinderCare parcel when the child care facility is closed, park near our land, and walk into it.

In turn, the Trust has offered full access to the Ansaldo



man Cowles Park), Riverpoint Park in East Hartford (one acre appraised at over \$1 million), the meadow facing Risley Park, and the Risley Apple Orchard. He managed the note and mortgage resulting from the Trust's sale of a commercial parcel on Spencer Street.

Glenn's devotion to the Trust as our treasurer came to an end with his resignation to the directors on January 17. The directors elected Helen Robbins as our fifth treasurer. Glenn and Helen have been working to transfer responsibilities. Helen's work in setting up a Quick Books system has made the Trust's work of filing its annual IRS Form 990 much easier. That 990 filing assures our donors that we are running a tight ship, that their gifts will count.

Glenn has agreed to continue service as a director on the Trust board. He remains a signatory with the president on Trust accounts, and will continue working with new Treasurer Helen. He will also be on the audit committee with Bill Doak and Richard Griffiths.

Glenn and Elaine will be away during our annual meeting May 16. Despite his absence, I will propose a toast at the meeting. When you see Glenn back from Europe, please thank him. He deserves the spotlight for all that he has done for the Trust.

Park to the staff, parents, and children of KinderCare to walk through the woodlands. Also, all of the neighbors in the homes along Gardner and Spring Streets have full access to the woodlands for passive recreation.

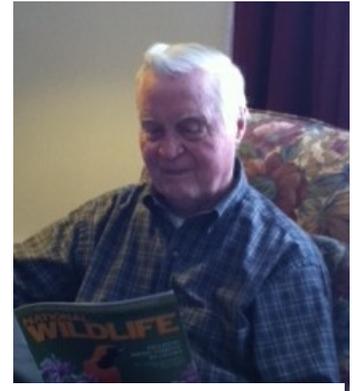
Mark and Janet Kravontka live at 469 Spring Street. Mark, a retired Manchester fire fighter, has agreed to be the Trust's steward for this parcel. His duties include walking the land and keeping an eye on it.

The Town of Manchester staff have reviewed the land for us. Assessor John Rainaldi has accepted our application for tax exempt status for the Ansaldo Park given our use of it for open space and passive recreation.

Since Andrew Ansaldo gave us this park, he has contracted with the Town of Manchester to transfer much of his land at the entry point of Case Mountain Park including the stone bridge and Case waterfall. With the Land Trust's parcels in the neighborhood, and this additional land, much of the woodlands in this part of Manchester are being protected from further development.

We thank Andrew for the generous gift!

by Malcolm Barlow



*Outgoing Treasurer Glenn Law
photo by Richard Griffiths*

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
 41st ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
 OF THE
 MANCHESTER LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
 THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013**

At the **Manchester Country Club**, 305 South Main Street, Manchester

Social Hour at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting and Program at 7:30 p.m.

Menu: Starting with fresh fruit cup and Tossed garden salad.

Choice of Entrée: Chicken Française - Provençal vegetables - London broil - flounder Florentine

Served with: Vegetable medley - parslid potatoes - rolls - coffee and tea - chocolate mousse - and Land Trust Cake!

Guest Speaker:

Professor Gary Robbins will present:

“The Rocks Beneath Your Feet: A Tour of Connecticut’s

Geologic Evolution” describing the forces and events that made Connecticut’s geology what it is today. Dr. Robbins is a professor of geology at the University of Connecticut, and lives in Manchester. He holds a B.S. from Brooklyn College, M.S. from Brown University, and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.



Geologist and Professor Gary Robbins

He says, “From the depths of an ancient ocean filled with strange creatures, to the tops of mountains long reduced to dust, to stream valleys where dinosaurs took a sip and left their footprints in the mud, to the foot of mile-high glaciers of sparkling blue ice – take a trip through geologic time with me.”

RESERVATION – Please respond no later than May 9, 2013

Please send your reservation with dinner choice(s) listed and a check for \$28.00 per person, made out to “MLCT”, to MLCT, c/o Barlow & Murphy, 172 East Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040. Please writer DINNER on the outside of the envelope.

*** Please put a big “X” in the entrée choice next to each guest’s name ***

Name of guest, please print and select entrée	Chicken	Vegetarian	London broil	Flounder

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Member? Y/N

Don't Miss the Annual Dinner Meeting

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16! Come to the Manchester Land Conservation Trust annual meeting and dinner at the Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street.

Dinner's at 6:00 p.m., but come at 5:30 for socializing and a cash bar. After dinner, we'll hear annual reports and elect officers.

Then geologist and professor Gary Robbins will present "The Rocks Beneath Your Feet: A Tour of Connecticut's Geologic Evolution," describing the forces and events that made Connecticut's geology what it is

today. Dr. Robbins is a professor of geology at the University of Connecticut, and lives in Manchester.

Cost for the dinner is \$28.00 per person, with four entrées to choose from. Please complete the coupon on the previous page and send along with your check and dinner choices before May 9th. If you can't come to the dinner, you are still welcome to come to the meeting and illustrated talk, starting at 7:30 p.m

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for committees, website maintenance and for future board openings.

We are especially interested in increasing the diversity of our board to better serve the Greater Manchester area.

Please consider volunteering your time to help improve the Land Trust.

Call us at 860-646-4081

Or e-mail us at

info@manchesterlandtrust.org

Consider Giving a Gift Membership To a Friend! 2013



Renew Today

If you forgot to renew your membership last year, please do so today. Or if you received a tax refund from the IRS recently, please consider donating a portion of it to MLCT to help preserve the few open spaces we have left in the area. Remember, all donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.

If you have questions on membership and donations, please call Terry Parla, the membership chair, at (860) 643-1823

MLCT Membership Categories

Membership year is Oct 1 to Sept 30	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER	\$ 200
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Corporate	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Sustaining	\$ 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Regular (Individual/Family)	\$ 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation Amount	\$ _____

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to: MLCT and mail to the address listed below.

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smart phone to go to our website

Planning for the Future

by Malcolm Barlow

A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE LAND TRUST

The Board of Directors have been considering the creation by the membership of the Trust of a permanent endowment fund. The purpose would be to help maintain the Trust's parks and its mission well into the future. The fund's income could be tapped each year to meet budget needs.

People could make gifts to the fund in any manner including by a bequest in a will, by designation as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or annuity, and by designation in a charitable remainder trust. Outright gifts of cash, appreciated stock, etc. to the fund would be welcome.

A donation to the endowment fund would be in addition to annual dues payments. The Directors may also hold special fund drives to raise funds for a land purchase, and the gifts for such drives would be outside the endowment fund.

The directors are planning to present a resolution to the membership of the Trust at our Annual Meeting May 16 at the Manchester Country Club. The directors hope that members will pass the resolution thereby adding another block in the structure that is our Land Trust.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the proposal or if you are interested in learning more about planned giving and including MLCT in your planning.

Upcoming Hikes

Saturday May 25 1pm

Case Mountain

Sunday June 2 1pm

National Trails Day at
Risley Park

Details on the website
manchesterlandtrust.org