

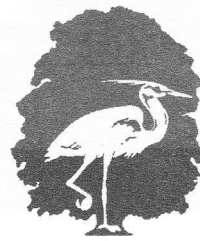
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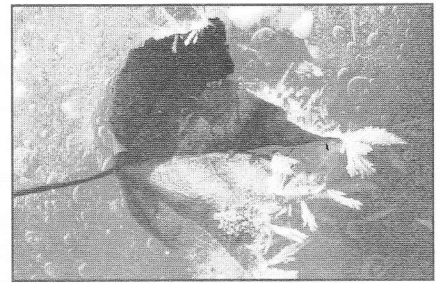
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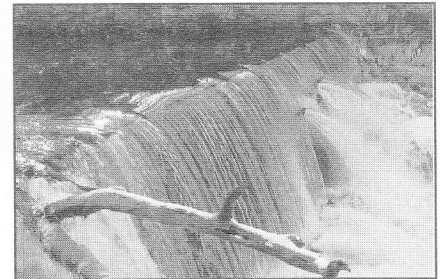
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*Charles Larson, Old Lyme*



*Stephanie Clayton, Old Lyme*



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# Bulletin

## The Lyme Land Trust Celebrates 40 Years of Service

This year marks the 40-year anniversary of the Lyme Land Conservation Trust. The Lyme Land Trust was founded in 1966 by citizens interested in conserving Lyme's natural, scenic and historic land and water resources. Since its inception, the Trust has been a volunteer organization, relying on dedicated individuals to serve in all capacities, from board directors to trail stewards. The Land Trust is fortunate to have strong support from the residents of Lyme; as one of the smallest towns in Connecticut, Lyme has proportionally one of the largest land trust memberships in the United States.

This year our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the gardens of Land Trust Director Andy Baxter, at 195 Joshuatown Road. The event will be a Garden Party to celebrate and recall 40 years of the work of the Lyme Land Trust. Along with fulfilling the obligation of electing a new slate of directors, we would like to honor some of the many individuals who have served as a board member or other volunteers over the years. If anyone has information about these volunteers, especially about those who served as board members early in the life of the Land Trust, please contact Mary Guitar at 434-7285 or [maryguitar@comcast.net](mailto:maryguitar@comcast.net). As well, if anyone has memorabilia or old publications of the Land Trust, especially pre-1990, please contact Mary. We hope that you can join us to celebrate 40 years of conservation!

## Funds Approved to Support Acquisition of Litsky Land

At the February board meeting of the Land Trust, directors voted to provide \$25,000 toward the acquisition of 100 acres of undeveloped natural forest that drains to the Eightmile River. The land, on the Lyme town line, is one parcel away from Hartman Park in Lyme, and is adjacent to two parcels of over 500 acres of undeveloped woodland protected by The Nature Conservancy.

The Salem Land Trust has obtained an option to buy the parcel from the Litsky family for \$400,000. The SLT is providing some of the funding, and has also obtained a matching grant from the Open Space grant program from the State of Connecticut; they are now in the process of raising the remaining \$180,000. As our charter permits such acquisition support for properties contiguous with Lyme's border, Lyme Land Trust Board members felt that this project was espe-





cially important both because it borders high priority conservation land in Lyme, and because it serves to protect the Eightmile River watershed

### Film and Food Social

Young and old gathered—26 in all—to watch the family-friendly movie *Fly Away*, at the Hadlyme Public Hall on Saturday, January 13th. It wasn't like going to the multiplex cinema...and that was the point. The snacks were much better, with offerings from local farms and businesses: Maple Kettle Korn popcorn from Bureau's Sugarhouse, coffee from Ashlawn Farms, bread from Howard Kaplan, apples from Scott's Orchard and a selection of cheeses from Sankow's Beaver Brook Farm. The film and food were enjoyed by all, and the company couldn't have been better.



### Tree Walk in Hartman Park

On a warm day in early November, Dr. Glenn Dreyer, Director of the Connecticut College Arboretum, gave walkers some good tips on how to identify trees in the winter, by looking at their overall shape, bark, fruits, and leaf buds (and finding some leaves on the ground nearby never hurts!). The group was able to identify several different types of oaks, as well as red and sugar maples, black birch, sassafras, tulip poplar trees, spicebush, sweet pepperbush, witch-hazel and blueberry bushes.

### Historic Grassy Hill Field Preserved

In an unusual collaboration, two organizations, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust and the Friends of Grassy Hill, raised funds to purchase a beautiful field on the summit of Grassy Hill, adjacent to the Grassy Hill Congregational Church. Many individuals in town contributed generously toward a campaign to preserve the land from development; the final closing took place December 14, 2006. The Friends of Grassy Hill, which formed to save the field, is working with the Land Trust to develop a plan for maintenance. The Land Trust will own the field, and be responsible for its maintenance over time, but the local residents will do volunteer work and watch over the field. There will be a dedication of the property in the spring.



*"Church on the Hill, 1910-1912" by Guy Wiggins from the Lyman Allyn Art Museum collection. Reproduced by permission of the Museum.*



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

SPRING 2007

## SECOND SATURDAY WALK SERIES

Our Second Saturday Series continues this spring with walks led by directors and former directors of the LLCT board on their favorite trails in Lyme. All walks are held rain or shine. For further information about location of properties, see Trails and Properties page on our website at [www.lymelandtrust.org](http://www.lymelandtrust.org).

**Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am**

*Extended Ravine Trail Walk with Rod Duxbury. Exploring Stone Walls.* Meet at Rod Duxbury's house: 17 Ferry Rd, Hadlyme.

**Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am**

*Moulson Pond Fish Ladder with Linda Bireley.* Located on Mt. Archer Rd. near Rt. 156. Please park at 8-Mile River Cemetery on Mt. Archer Road. Bring polarized sunglasses if you can; they allow for better fish viewing.

**Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am**

*Honey Hill Preserve with Tony Irving. Identification of trees and shrubs.* On Clark Road, approximately 200 yards from Rt. 82.

**Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am**

*Pleasant Valley with Mike Richardson. History and Ecology.* Meet at trail entrance on Macintosh Road, off Rt. 156.

**Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am**

*Pickwick's Preserve to Mt. Archer, with George Moore. An easy hike designed for walkers who would like to take it slow.* Park approximately 1/2 mile down the dirt road at #183 Joshuatown Road. 1/2 mile walk through the Preserve connects with the Mt. Archer Woods Red trail.

**Saturday, August 11, 10:00 am**

*Kayak in Lord's Cove with Susan Ballek.* There is a limit of 15 participants for this event. Please contact Susan Ballek at 434-9336 to pre-register, and for further information.

**Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am**

*A Cross-Country Hike from Pickwick's Preserve through Mt. Archer Woods, the Jewett Property, and ending at the Pleasant Valley Preserve with Marta Cone.* This is a long, through hike; we will have a van pick-up at one end. Further details in future Bulletins.

### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: LYME LAND TRUST 40TH ANNUAL MEETING

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