



# RESOURCES

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST

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## YEAR ENDS WITH A BANG NOT A WHIMPER!

On December 31<sup>st</sup> BLT attorney Richard Largay recorded three more gifts of land. In 2002, BLT completed seven projects, preserving 13.89 acres.

One project was in Cotuit – a conservation restriction on 2.7 acres. There were two projects totaling 6.99 acres in Barnstable. In Osterville, four projects protected 4.2 acres.

One Barnstable gift – the Chase property – was reported in our summer newsletter. The four Osterville gifts will be the subject of the next newsletter. Herein lie the stories of the gifts of George Warren of Cummaquid and the Lloyd family of Cotuit. Their stories are different but their goals were the same: to preserve something for the future.

### LLOYDS PROTECT 2.7 ACRES IN COTUIT

*It's a small bit of land, yet there are those who love it.*

The land is almost three acres on the south end of the Cotuit peninsula known locally as “Oregon” for its ends-of-the-earth distance from Cotuit Village. “Those who love it” include the extended Lloyd family, who have summered here for over 70 years. Late last year, the widow, children and grandchildren of the late Richard W. Lloyd donated a perpetual conservation restriction on the family’s beach along 900 feet of this magnificent strand. The Barnstable Land Trust will hold the restriction for the family, guaranteeing that no matter who owns the property in the future, in or out of the family, there will never be a home on it.

That the land is likely to stay in the family now seems like a more secure proposition. “We are on the fifth generation of Lloyds who could not imagine a summer without a stay on the Cape,” says Margaret “Miggie” Lloyd Keuler. “All of our children make a special point to include Cotuit on their summer agenda. One daughter flew in from Europe this year and a son visited before touring in Australia.



*The Lloyd conservation restriction – a magnificent strand*

It just wouldn’t be a summer to us without some time on the beach here. And because it is important to the children, it is important to me.”

The restriction will help keep the land in the family because it will dampen the town’s assessed value, enabling the family to handle the property tax burden a little more easily. “We never wanted to build a house on the shore lot, but the town has had to tax us as if we were,” says Miggie. The restriction makes the family’s intent clear in a legal way,

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## LOYD CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

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so the town must revalue the lot as unbuildable (though still valuable) shorefront. The restriction does allow the family to build a small cabana in the woods for family beach use.

“I have been a conservationist since the beginning of time,” says matriarch Margaret Lloyd. “My father was an entomologist and taught me to revere nature.” Margaret remembers coming to Cotuit 60 years ago when there were not many souls living at the south end of Main Street. “We were so much closer to nature then, but we are losing so much of it so quickly now. We had a vast playground of woods as well as the beach. I remember there was a fish shop in the village where they would give us fish heads to use at the crabbing bridge out School Street. There were loads of crabs then.” The thick algae at that bridge today, caused by overloading of nutrients from residential development along the Santuit River, makes the crabbing nearly impossible there.

Miggie remembers Margaret taking her and her siblings for picnics on the old Popponessett Spit, which, until the late 1950s extended north almost to Loop Beach. “We would wade across the channel and swim and go shelling, my favorite. There was always sailing, and fishing from the jetties. Anything could happen on the beach. It is reassuring to know that future generations of Lloyds will be able to walk down the sandy path through the woods to the beach. It means so much to us.” Echoed Margaret, “Thank goodness for the Barnstable Land Trust, walking us patiently through this process, and for all the good that it does throughout the town.”

*--Mark Robinson*

## HORIZON FOUNDATION GRANT ENCOURAGES LAND MANAGEMENT

As Barnstable Land Trust’s land holdings have grown, so too has our need to responsibly manage the lands entrusted to us. Now, thanks to a grant of \$25,000 from the Horizon Foundation, BLT has begun to develop a Land Management Program.



*Mark Robinson and Matthew Boulanger*

For years the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts has been providing technical and administrative assistance to support BLT’s land preservation efforts. In applying for, receiving and administering this grant from the Horizon Foundation, Mark Robinson, Executive Director, has taken the Compact to another level of land trust support.

The Horizon Foundation grant allows for the creation of a new Cape-wide staff position for Land Management. In 2003, the new position will be divided between the Barnstable Land Trust, Orenda Wildlife Trust and the Compact’s other member trusts. Each organization is providing supplemental funding to support the full-time position.

BLT funds of \$6,400 allow for two days a week of full-time energy dedicated to land management. According to BLT Executive Director, Jaci Barton, “Our goal is to create a land management catalogue that identifies the management challenges of each property and to make significant progress this year on some long-standing problems. It is our hope also

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# ARTIST GEORGE WARREN PRESERVES HIS INSPIRATION

Nestled in a natural wooded setting, overlooking a small marsh that feeds Barnstable Harbor, George Warren's home looks out at Sandy Neck in the distance. His sculptures of blue heron and great egret dot the landscape surrounding his house. Inside, there are fish everywhere! His paintings and carvings of fish – on the walls and shelves and even embedded in tables – are a constant reminder of his love of nature.

Warren says that the land has been good to him and so, with a gift of 2.18 acres to Barnstable Land Trust, he is giving something back. According to BLT Executive Director, Jaci Barton, "The Warren property is in a sensitive area and although not easily developable, the property could have supported a home site that would have adversely affected the flora and fauna in the area. The parcel donated to BLT is separated from the remaining Warren land by a small ditch that intermittently carries water and wildlife to a small pond west of Indian Trail."

Indian Trail, the ancient Native American route that traverses the Cape from north to south, is historically and culturally significant. The northern part of the trail ends at Barnstable Harbor not far from the Warren property. Shell middens found on Warren's land offer evidence of prehistoric human presence and an abundance of wildlife. At the turn of the century, much of the Warren land formed part of a farm that stretched all the way to Route 6A.

When asked what got him interested in fish Warren replied that his passion for fishing was ignited at age four when a family friend took him fishing for the first time and he caught a sunfish. And he remembers that at an early age he would accompany his father on golf outings and was never able to get further than a trout pool at the third hole.

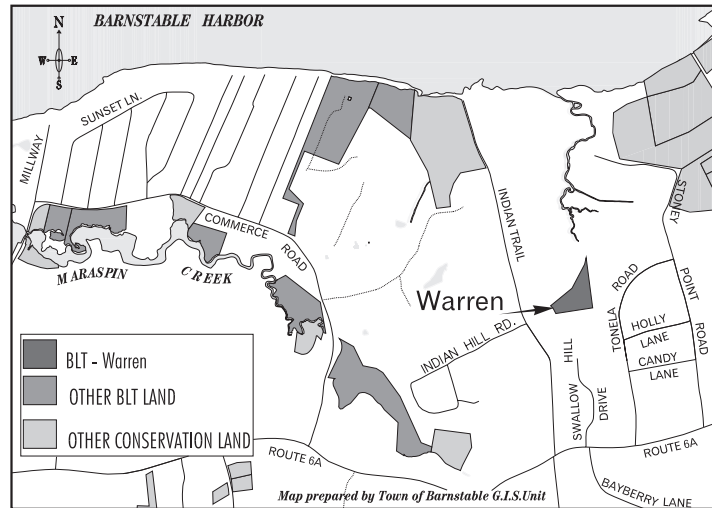
Originally from Greenwich, Connecticut, Warren says that he "Spent the first half of his life working with his mind and the second half working with his hands." He was a childhood friend of former President George Bush, with whom he attended Andover and Yale University. He remembers dangling the younger Bush from his knee at the age of one year. Following Yale, Warren spent 25 years teaching American history and the growth of US liberal democracy, a subject that distanced him from the politics of his childhood friend. Recently, on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, he received a congratulatory letter from the former President. He

glowed as he recalled memories of their youth.

The treed parcel of land donated to the BLT is home to many species of animals including deer, coyote, fox, quail and pheasant. Its proximity to the ocean invites a sea otter that is suspected of cleaning out a small fish pond at the Warren homestead.

In preserving the land much of Warren's artistic inspiration has also been preserved.

*--Mary Blair of Cummaquid contributed to this story.*



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## HORIZON FOUNDATION GRANT

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that this project will lead to an active Stewardship Program that will enable us to recruit BLT members to keep watch over our ever-increasing land holdings."

In January, Matt Boulanger became the Compact's new land management specialist. Matt most recently held the position of Conservation Agent in the Town of Bourne where, when time permitted, he managed several hundred acres of town-owned land, including trails, wetlands and coastal access points. During his tenure there he spearheaded many

wetland restoration projects along with local, state and federal agencies. He knows how to use the Compact's GIS mapping system and has a thorough knowledge of site plan interpretation, basic wetland delineation and soil identification.

One of the direct results of this program will be the increased confidence of landowners that entrusting their parcels to Cape Cod land trusts is accompanied by a serious and perpetual commitment to stewardship and preservation.

## BLT SPRING WALK PROGRAM BEGINS IN MAY

Planning has begun for BLT's 2003 series of spring nature walks and special events.

The season will begin on May 4 with the Annual River Day Celebration in Marstons Mills.

Town of Barnstable Conservation Commissioner Rob Gatewood will lead the first nature walk on Saturday, May 10 with a trek down Long Beach and up the

Centerville River trail. Walks at Eagle Pond, the Skunknet River Audubon Sanctuary and the Great Marsh are on the agenda for May 17 and 31, and June 7.

A complete schedule with all the details will be included in the spring newsletter.

You can also find up-to-date information on our website [www.blt.org](http://www.blt.org).

## BLT REMEMBERS FOUNDER BUS PUTNAM

It seems only yesterday that a small band of dedicated individuals set out to create something special. In the early 1980's, I was serving as the chairman of the Barnstable Conservation Commission. Many of us were alarmed at the rapid pace of development, and were concerned that open space in the town would soon be lost forever. It also did not seem reasonable that the town government could afford to acquire all the sensitive parcels in need of protection. So I called for a meeting of citizens who wished to form a private land trust. One of those who attended was Bus Putnam.

Bus brought to the meeting a special form of leadership which encouraged our small group through the many difficult months that followed. He was an eternal optimist, seeing our problems as challenges, and never losing faith that one day this new organization would be successful in helping to preserve Barnstable's natural heritage.

Bus was always calm, thoughtful, and well-organized. Most importantly, he was inspirational to others. He was a natural choice as the President of the Barnstable Conservation Foundation (the original name of the BLT). I know several others who joined and helped because Bus Putnam was at the helm.

BLT is grateful for gifts in memory of Bus from:

*William & Mary Allen*

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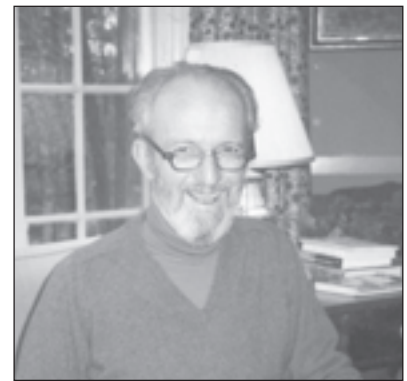
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**Bus Putnam**  
1912 - 2002

*Board of Directors:*  
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I remember when many were skeptical that the group would ever own any land, much less the 500 acres administered today. Bus never had such doubts. He knew that the cause was right, and the need was clear. He also knew that hard work and a positive attitude were values that would lead to success.

Bus Putnam had a vision which he nurtured and developed and today is seen in the success of the Barnstable Land Trust. For those of us who care deeply about the natural environment of our town, we are eternally grateful to him.

*--Gil Newton*

*Gil currently teaches Environmental Studies at Cape Cod Community College and Sandwich High School.*

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# BLT CELEBRATES 500 ACRE LANDMARK YEAR AT GALA ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

All who attended 2002's Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Osterville on November 15 will remember it as one of BLT's most exciting and interesting.

A Powerpoint presentation of the history of BLT's 500+ acres of acquisitions over the past 20 years, narrated by Executive Director Jaci Barton, was among the highlights. It was especially thrilling to long-time members to see large color photos of early acreage supplemented by a progression of photos of new acquisitions – year by year – to the then current 509 acres.

In keeping with a now-annual tradition, two awards were presented. BLT honored Lindsey Counsell with its Founders' Award for his many contributions to the preservation of open spaces and natural resources of the Town of Barnstable. In his present position as Director of 3-Bays Preservation, Inc. Lindsey has increased public awareness about deteriorating water quality and is leading efforts to reverse the trend. Last year Lindsey was instrumental in the effort to save 300 acres – the Cape Club Project – the largest undeveloped tract of land left on Cape Cod.



*Executive Director Jaci Barton (right) presents BLT's 2003 Founders' Award to Lindsey Counsell of Three-Bays Preservation, Inc.*

The new Executive Director's Award for Outstanding Volunteer was given to Red Bansfield for his help with title work and his volunteer efforts to develop a land management catalog. Red was also instrumental in helping Jaci produce the fascinating Powerpoint presentation.

During the business segment of the meeting, BLT members elected three new Directors to the Board: Donna Lawson of Marstons Mills, Hid Welch of Centerville and Sam Keavy of Barnstable. Re-elected were Mark Wirtanen of West Barnstable, Jim Ingram of Osterville and Richard Largay of Cummaquid. President Alex Frazee announced the slate of officers for 2003. In addition to herself, Richard Largay will



*Members and guests listen attentively to the qualifications of the proposed slate of Board members.*

continue to serve as Vice President, George Manning, Treasurer and Lynn Richards, Clerk. Board members and officers who are stepping down this year were honored for their service: Art Cook of Osterville, Marilyn Fuller of Barnstable and Stacy Reinhart of West Barnstable.



*Newly elected Board member Sam Keavy with his wife Jean (left) and Board President Alex Frazee (right).*

Adding to the festive atmosphere were beautiful floral arrangements and centerpieces donated by Donna Lawson, Simply Beautiful Flowers and Vintage Flowers. BLT is very grateful to new board member Donna Lawson for organizing the meeting, and to the following for their help in greeting, tending bar, setting up (and taking down): Red Bansfield, Pam Boden, Art Cook, Ellen Culver, Anne Gould, Lynn Richards and Alex Frazee.

Delectable hors d'oeuvres, sweets, wines and beverages were enjoyed by all thanks to the generous donations of: Carol Williams Catering, Cape Cod Package Store, Craigville Package Store, Earthly Delights, Lambert's Rainbow Fruit, Stop & Shop of Hyannis, Stop & Shop of Marstons Mills, Cici Cook, Ellen Culver, Marilyn Fuller, Pat Garry, Anne Gould, Cynthia Hayden, Donna Lawson, Lynn Richards and Jessica Trimble. Thank you to all. We couldn't do it without you!

# MARJORIE B. CUMMINGS LEAVES LEGACY

In the late summer of 2001, Barnstable Land Trust received an unexpected surprise. Osterville attorney, John Conathan, notified BLT that Marjorie B. Cummings had made a significant bequest to BLT.

According to Mr. Conathan, Ms. Cummings contributed to a variety of charities during her lifetime, including ones for land preservation, animal welfare, public health and children's causes. Her will reflected her interests.

From our records, we determined that Ms. Cummings had become a member of BLT in 1988, and like many of our members, had made a modest contribution every year thereafter. That took us on a quest to learn more about the quiet benefactor.

Marjorie B. Cummings lived for 20 years at her home on Holly Road in Centerville. An avid reader, she was often seen at the Centerville Library, which may explain why the Centerville Public Library Association was one of three Cape organizations and five off-Cape non-profits that were named as a residuary beneficiary to her estate.

Before moving to Cape Cod, Ms. Cummings had lived



*Marjorie Cummings loved the water.*

and worked in New Jersey. According to her friend Mary Hall Hamblin, "Marjorie was a good, good woman who had a big heart. She was a social worker who advocated for children's interests, who loved animals and the water. Local residents might remember Marjorie as the lady who had the animal table at the St. Mary's Fair. She made clever, thoughtful crafts that people loved and her table sold out every time!"

Ms. Cummings never married, and apparently had little close family at the time of her death. Except for a few prized possessions left to family and friends, Ms. Cummings left her entire estate to charities. About 95% of the

estate was bequeathed in equal shares to eight charities (including BLT), and the remaining 5% was bequeathed in smaller amounts to another 15 charities.

Mrs. Cummings gift to BLT was unrestricted. When the funds were received in late 2002 the Barnstable Land Trust Board of Directors dedicated the \$55,000 gift to BLT's Green Fund for land acquisition. What better way to acknowledge Ms. Cummings' love of the natural world.

*--Rick Walters of Cummaquid contributed to this story.*

## LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

### BEQUESTS TO BLT

As a friend and supporter of BLT, you have already made a commitment to the future. But have you given thought to how you might be able to continue to protect open space and natural resources beyond your lifetime?

One very simple way of doing this would be to make a bequest to BLT in your will. Your bequest will not only help ensure BLT's continued leadership in protecting Barnstable's precious open spaces, but will also serve to remind your friends and relatives of what you have valued so much during your lifetime.

A bequest can take several forms. Perhaps the simplest is to give BLT a specific dollar amount or specific assets such as securities or real estate. Gifts of real estate do not have to be in the form of undeveloped land. BLT can benefit from land that has been built on by trading it for undeveloped land, selling it to buy other property, or in some cases, by

"undeveloping" it and returning it to open space.

You may also give BLT a percentage, or remainder, of your estate after the payment of any specific bequests and all estate related expenses. You may make BLT a beneficiary of the remainder of your IRA, Keogh, or qualified pension plan. Your bequest to BLT may also be contingent upon the death of other beneficiaries.

A bequest to BLT may be either unrestricted or for a specific endowed purpose. An unrestricted gift is often most useful to BLT because it allows the money to be used where it is most needed.

You have many options. We welcome you or your legal advisor to call BLT's Executive Director Jaci Barton, (508) 771-2585, to discuss the choices that are most suitable for you and your family.

## Tributes and Memorial Gifts

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# BLT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE RETURN OF SOME RARE SUMMER RESIDENTS



Photo by Dave Rickel

*BLT member Dave Rickel was quite lucky to get a shot of this rare sight – “our” pair of red-shouldered hawks in the act of mating.*

Something amazing happened on Barnstable Land Trust property last spring. Dave Rickel, a steward for the BLT-owned six-acre tract on Santuit-Newtown Road in Cotuit, spotted a pair of red-shouldered hawks – a sight rarely seen in this area. These hawks are large, beautiful birds, 17 – 24 inches long with a wingspan of up to 50 inches. They have rust-barred underparts, reddish shoulders and a narrowly banded tail. Nesting in a beech tree, this pair raised a family.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the population of red-shouldered hawks declined drastically in the Northeast nesting range. In fact, in 1979 they were put on the threatened species list. Pesticides in the prey of hawks, ospreys and various other species resulted in eggs with shells so thin they broke before hatching. The use of DDT and other similar pesticides has since been banned.

Red-shouldered hawks form a strong attachment to a nesting territory. In one case the same pair and succeeding generations occupied the same tract for 45 consecutive years. And they build their nests to last for years: 20 – 60 feet up filling the crotch of hardwoods or conifers with sticks, twigs, and lichen, and frequently decorating them with strips of evergreen.

BLT hopes that these red-shouldered hawks like their new home on BLT property so well that they’ll keep coming back year after year.



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