



Dunstable Rural Land Trust
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Dunstable, MA 01827

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Gift of Land

On December 10, 2008 the Directors of the Dunstable Rural Land Trust (DRLT) enthusiastically accepted the donation of approximately 112 acres of land from George and June Tully.

50 acres on Hollis Street/Fletcher Street, adjoining the DRLT Wildlife Preserve, brings that area to 400 acres of protected land.

28 acres in Groton on Dan Parker Road.

11.5 acres in Dunstable on River Street and 21.59 acres on East Street in Pepperell; 2 parcels which adjoin the DRLT's Lupien Parcel, now increased to 51 acres.

With this generous donation, the DRLT currently owns 761.88 acres of land. We are immensely grateful to George for this gift and for his continuing stewardship that has helped maintain and preserve Dunstable's open spaces. Because of George's love of Dunstable and his generosity to the DRLT, many generations to come will be able to enjoy the beautiful landscapes that define Dunstable's rural character.



Winterfest Button

The sale of the 4th Annual Winterfest Button was a big success.

Don't forget to get yours next year! They are quickly becoming a Dunstable Collector's item.

Mark Your Calendars

Announcing our
1st Annual Septemberfest
Saturday, September 26, 2009
10am – 2pm
at the DRLT Wildlife Preserve

Featuring “Wolf Talk”, An Educational Program

Live wolf presentation by Michael and Amy LeBlanc.

Visit www.wolftalk.net for more information.

We're planning a fun day of kayaking and a fishing derby. Bring a picnic lunch – light refreshments will be served. No dogs, please.

Monday Morning Walks

April 27th, May 4th, 11th & 18th

Each week we'll explore a different DRLT or Town of Dunstable Conservation Area. There will be opportunities to walk a pre-existing trail or to blaze a new one. We'll leave town hall *promptly* at 9 a.m.

Winterfest 2010

Sunday, January 24, 2009 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

2010 Calendars

We have started planning our DRLT 2010 Calendar which will feature original art work by Dunstable resident, Janice Toth. The calendar will be available in September.

**Town Wide
Earth Day Celebration
“Clean Sweep Campaign”
April 18th -25th**



Earth Day Packets – Trash bags, gloves and Earth Day Stickers will be available at the Town Hall and the Library from April 15th and at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 18th only.

Filled bags may be left along the road for the Highway Dept. to pick-up.

Please note that the bags must display the Earth Day Sticker in order to be picked up.

If you would like to organize a specific area in town to clean-up, contact:
Danice 978-649-4514, ext. 224 or Sue 978-649-6750.



**ATTENTION GARDENERS!
Looking for members**

A newly formed gardening group now meets at the library on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting is on April 23rd at 6:30pm. The topic to be discussed is the maintenance of the seven garden spots around town; how they can be improved, plants to be used and upkeep.

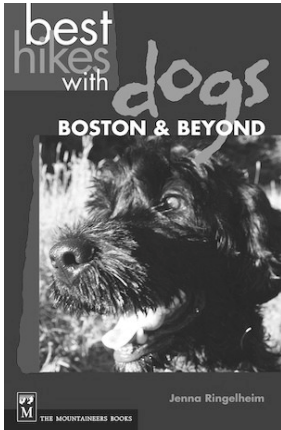
**Please visit
www.drlt.org**



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Dunstable Rural Land Trust Featured in New Book



Best Hikes with Dogs Boston & Beyond, by Jenna Ringelheim, includes our own DRLT Wildlife Preserve, Groton Place and Sabine Woods. Jenna, formerly with *The Trust for Public Land*, helped us in the Town of Dunstable and the DRLT’s acquisition of the Flatrock Hill Conservation Area, formerly the Ferrari Farm.

This guide offers trail-etiquette tips for dog owners, tips on hiking with dogs and their special needs, minimizing negative impacts, what to do when you meet other hikers, dealing with wildlife encounters and unique skills for preparing your dog for the Massachusetts mainland and island terrain.

Available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com

**Annual Plant Swap
May 30th @ the Library**



Plant and shrub donations sought.

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Newsletter Produced by Grace Jeanes

Edited by Elaine Basbanes & Judy Larter

Winterfest 2009

Sunday, January 25th
DRLT Wildlife Preserve



The fantastic igloo was built by John Bois & John Thompson during their *Ice Cutting Demonstration*.



All enjoyed a variety of winter activities



Horse drawn sleigh rides



Sliding!



Fun Wintry Day



DRLT President Bob Kennedy (Left)

A Prayer in Spring by Robert Frost

OH, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
To which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends he will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Male with red throat,
female with white. Female
with white tips to tail
feathers. Female larger.



The only species of hummingbird that breeds in eastern North America, the Ruby-throated Hummingbird is found throughout the eastern deciduous and mixed forests. It flies nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico to winter in Central America.

Feeder Recipe

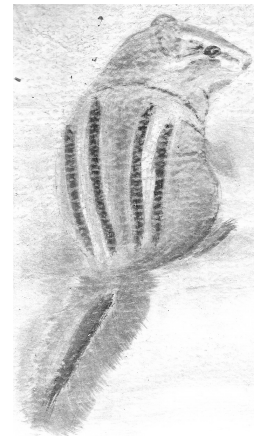
4 cups water

1 cup sugar

Bring water to a boil and remove from heat. Add sugar and stir. Let cool to room temperature, then fill feeder.

Eastern Chipmunk *Tamias striatus*, is a ground -dwelling squirrel. They spend most of their time at or below the surface, although they will also climb trees. Their extensive burrows are up to 12 feet long and may include a storage chamber, sleeping room, dump and latrine, along with several concealed entrances. The pantry holds up to half a bushel of nuts and other food, all carried in the chipmunk's outsized cheek pouches. Eastern Chipmunks partially hibernate in the winter (frequently waking to feed). The females give birth in spring or midsummer, producing litters of 2 to 8 young. Like other members of the squirrel family, chipmunks are naked, blind and helpless at birth.

Reader's Digest, North American Wildlife



Chipmunk
Watercolor
Leah Basbanes
DRLT Member

Si Balch, New England Forestry Foundation, to Speak at Annual Meeting – Wednesday, April 22nd at the Nashua Country Club



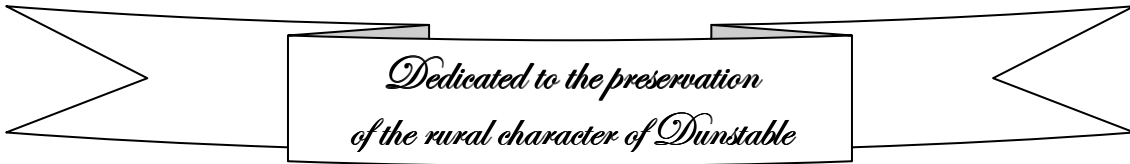
**NEW ENGLAND
FORESTRY FOUNDATION**

*Conserving New England's
Forests Since 1944*

“Forest Conservation and Management in New England – Myths and Opportunities”

Si Balch, Director of Community Forest Stewardship for the *New England Forestry Foundation* since 2004. Mr. Balch is responsible for stewardship and planning on 23,000 acres of fee ownership, and overseeing on 1.1 million acres of conservation easements in New England. He has a degree in forestry from the New York State College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry.

The annual meeting is an open meeting – Friends and members are invited. Please join us at 6pm for a social hour followed by dinner at 7pm – Reservations required, \$45 per person. A short business meeting and our speaker follow dinner at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the after dinner program – free of charge.



This meeting is open to ALL Members & Friends!

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Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Nashua Country Club

25 Fairway Street Nashua, NH

6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. Business Meeting

“Forest Conservation and Management in Southern New England – Myths and Opportunities”

Presentation by Si Balch, Director of Community Forest Stewardship for the *New England Forestry Foundation*.

Everyone is welcome to attend the after dinner program free of charge.

Reservations must be made in advance for dinner.



Dinner Reservations (Please write number in box): \$ _____ enclosed for _____ dinners at \$45 each.

Fillet of Beef – Oscar with lobster & asparagus

Grilled Salmon – With shrimp & asparagus

Please return your reservation no later than April 17th to:

**George Tully, DRLT
401 Hollis Street
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2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Membership
makes a
difference!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Individual/Family Membership \$25

I would like to make an additional contribution of \$ _____ to support land preservation in Dunstable.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

*The Dunstable Rural Land Trust is a 501 (c) (3) public charity. Gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
Thank you for your support.*

Remember, you will not save the Dunstable woods and wetlands, broad vistas and country roads for your children and grandchildren by doing NOTHING. Instead, please join us and become a member today!

Please return FORM with check made payable to: DRLT

Please Send to: George Tully, DRLT
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**PLEASE RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



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