



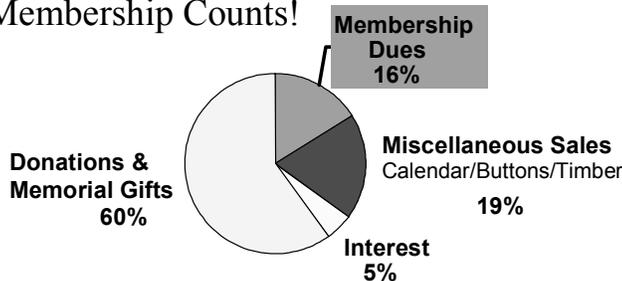
**Dunstable Rural Land Trust**  
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# Dunstable Rural Land Trust

**D.R.L.T. News Issue No. 15 April 2011**

## Call for New Members!

Membership Counts!



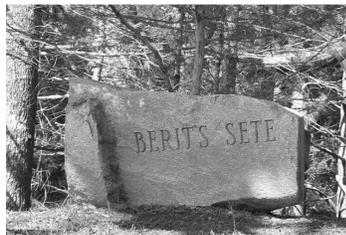
### APRIL 21, 2009 through APRIL 27, 2010

This chart shows the breakdown of the Dunstable Rural Land Trust revenues received during the above period. Approximately 96% of all funding was used to support specific land conservation projects, including acquisitions of conservation easements and maintenance of existing land. If you care about preserving our beautiful lands and the rural character of Dunstable – please join us!

### In Memory of Berit Haugnaess Pepin

July 19, 1933 – August 7, 2010

Born in Drammen, Norway, educated in Norway as a physical therapist and came to the United States in 1959 for advanced training. Reid & Berit Pepin were founding members of the DRLT. Reid served on the Board of Director for many years, retiring in 2004. Berit was a longstanding member and active in the Dunstable Garden Club, the Dunstable Historical Society, and the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. A stone bench in Berit's memory, "Berit's Sete" has been placed under the oak tree on the sledding hill at DRLT Wildlife Preserve.



### In Memory of Rena Frances (Shea) Simmons

*Long-time Member of DRLT and Retired Postmaster of Dunstable*

Rena Frances (Shea) Simmons of Dunstable passed away on October 22, 2010. Rena was married to Gerald W. Simmons of Dunstable on May 6, 1950 whereupon she moved to Dunstable where she raised her family and resided until the time of her death.

She was a loving mother and grandmother to her three sons, two daughters-in law and one grandson, Gerald W. Jr. and his wife Linda (Paavola) Simmons of Chelmsford, Harold K. and his wife Joan (Roshelli) Simmons and their son Benjamin "Ben" Simmons of Dunstable, and David F. Simmons of Dunstable.

Rena was the first Town Accountant for the Town of Dunstable having been first appointed in 1956. She continued in that capacity until her appointment in 1968 as Postmaster of Dunstable, a position she held until her retirement in 1989. She also served for over 25 years as a dispatcher for the Dunstable Fire Department.



**I had a little garden,  
But my love for it is dead,  
Since I found a bachelor's button  
In my black-eyed Susan's bed!**

*By Julia Austin, 1935, Wife of Calvin Austen who owned Eastern Steamship Lines & made CALMORE their summer home.*

**Membership Forms on the last page**

**Town Wide  
Earth Day Celebration  
“Clean Sweep Campaign”  
April 15<sup>th</sup> –May 1<sup>st</sup>**



Earth Day Packets – Trash bags, gloves and Earth Day Stickers will be available at the Town Hall and the Library from April 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup> and at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Filled bags may be left along the road for the Highway Dept. to pick-up. You may also deliver them to the Transfer Station. **Please note that the bags must display the Earth Day Sticker in order to be picked up or accepted at the Transfer Station.**

Volunteers are needed to clean up on Rt. 113 from the Tyngsboro line to Dunstable Center (adults only). If you would like to organize a specific area in town to clean-up, there is a sign-up board at the library or contact: Danice 978-649-4514, ext. 224 or Sue 978-649-6750.

**2011 Calendar sales topped \$2,500**

Thanks to our Dunstable amateur photographers for our great calendar this year. There are still a few left – Call Elaine if you’d like one: 649-9236. Jeff & Justin Pallis of DS Graphics in Lowell printed the calendar. Many thanks to Jeff & Justin!!



**DRLT Board of Directors**

- Robert E. Kennedy, President
- David E. Tully, Treasurer
- Alan E. Chaney, Secretary
- Elaine Basbanes
- Frank G. Cover
- Anne L. Davis
- Lisa R. Dingle
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**Winterfest Button**  
*The sale of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest Button was designed by Graphic Artist Beth Ricardelli. Many thanks!*

*Don't forget to get yours next year! They have become a Dunstable Collector's item.*



We had a great day this year – there sure was plenty of snow! We had a good crowd; many snowshoers, cross country skiers and sleigh rides. Thank you, Sue Tully for your enchanting story telling. We also appreciate the efforts of the Boy Scouts for providing our bonfire and serving refreshments. Catherine Irzyk joined Mabel Tully & Elaine Basbanes in making soup this year.

**Dunstable Boy Scout Troop Number 28 – Eagle Scout Projects**

Thank you to Zachery Shea who led a project to enlarge and enhance the parking lot area at the Fletcher Street entrance of the DRLT Wildlife Preserve. The troop moved the present gate back, cleared brush, leveled and packed the area with gravel. This should make parking far more accessible at this entrance.



Also, many thanks to Benedict Walsh who constructed and installed bat boxes along the edges of the fields in the DRLT Wildlife Preserve.



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[www.drllt.org](http://www.drllt.org)**

## PINE FOREST CONCERN PINE CANKER

Pine canker *Caliciopsis pinea*, a little known, little researched fungus has reared its' ugly head in our area. Pine canker *Caliciopsis pinea* was first reported in New Hampshire in 1997, although we at Beaver Brook Association in Hollis think it has been around since the mid 1970s.

The infected trees exhibit profuse pitching in the upper portion of the stem; however, unlike blister rust which tends to pitch around the whorles, pine canker attacks the tree between the whorles. Other obvious symptoms of an infected tree are dieback and yellowing of the crown, working from the bottom up and lichens and mosses covering the dead or dying branches (the presence of the lichens and mosses are not contributing to the decline of the tree but evidently they like the same conditions as the fungus). Up to 70% of trees in stands of pine may be infected resulting in little or no growth due to stress leading to decline up to and including death.



**Caliciopsis Canker (pine canker)  
*Caliciopsis pinea***

**Identifying symptoms:** Profuse pitching from small, round or elongated cankers in the mid to upper bole of eastern white pine. The cankers are found between the whorls which distinguishes it from blister rust which is associated with branch intersections. (Arrow indicates canker location in crown stem.)

Reference: NH Division of Forests and Lands

We would all like to know how to control this new pest. The answer is that until more research is done and information becomes available; the best bet seems to be widely spaced crop tree thinning. This is based on the theory that increased exposure to sunlight and increased air circulation will arrest the fungus and the remaining crop trees will respond with new growth and increased vigor; the understory will remain healthy. .

*Pete Smith*  
*Natural Resource Manager*  
*Beaver Brook Association*



**Mark your  
Calendars!**



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**Monday Morning Walks**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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.

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**Summer Solstice Celebration**  
Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8p.m.  
*More info. to follow*

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**Events at the DRLT Wildlife Preserve**  
1076 Main Street

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**Septemberfest**  
Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Fishing, guided hiking & more. Mark & Marcia Wilson will give a presentation on owls.

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**Winterfest 2012**  
Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

## **Join us at the Dunstable Rural Land Trust Dinner on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

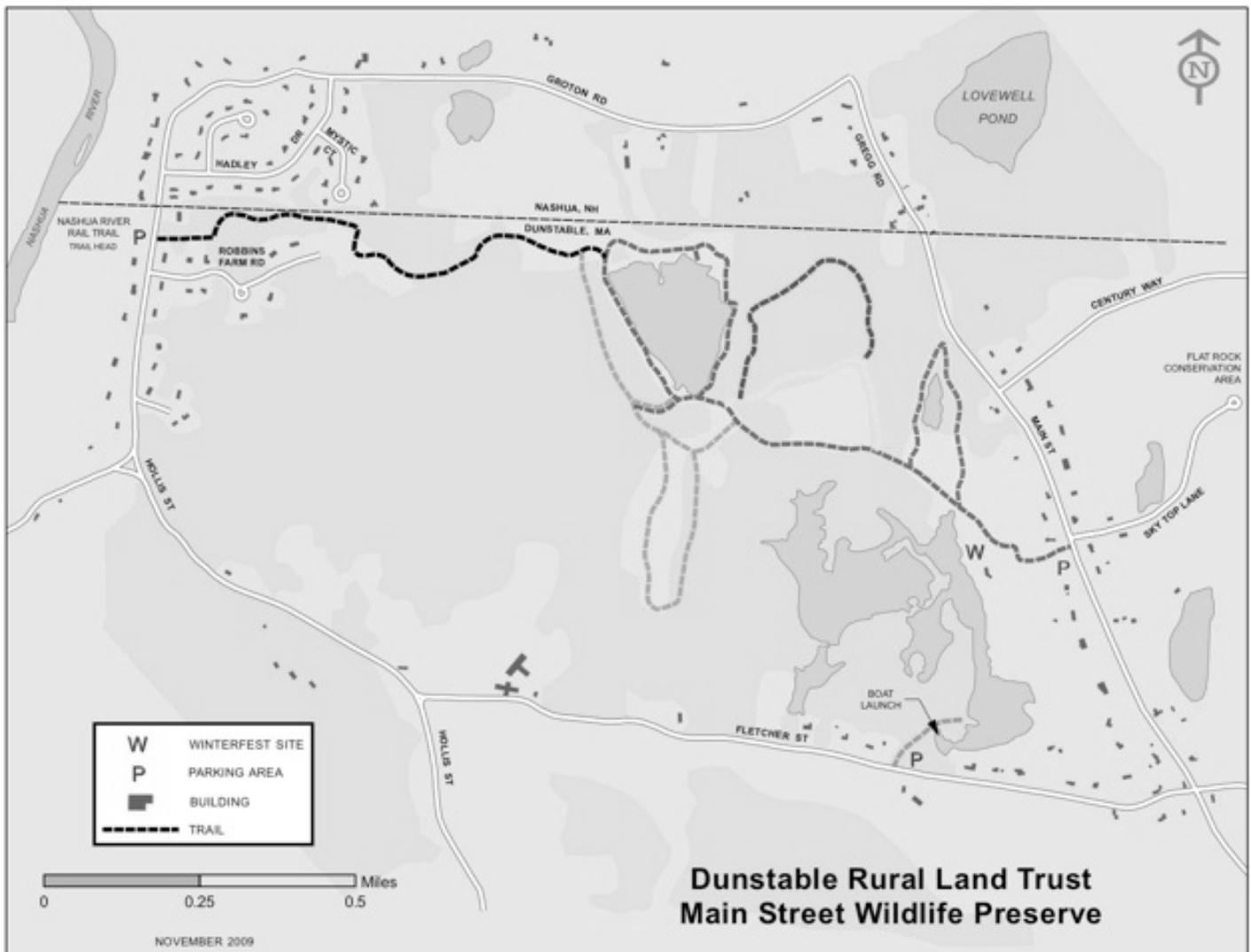
### **“Animal Tracking: Way more than Footprints!”**

*Come find out how you can determine who has been living in your own backyard! Stacey Billings Chilcoat, a resident of Groton, MA, has served as Nashua River Watershed Association’s River Classroom Director since 2001. Stacey began her interest in the natural world at a very early age...exploring backyard nature and rescuing injured wildlife for as long as she can remember.*

*Always interested in animal tracks and other wildlife signs, Stacey participated in a 4-day workshop in 2006 on animal tracking and began leading winter tracking programs each winter season. The art of tracking wildlife incorporates many aspects of animal behavior and the seasoned tracker puts together a story from the various clues left behind. Her presentation will include an introduction to animal tracking methods and will focus on some of our most common and curious inhabitants of the forest, field and river environments.*

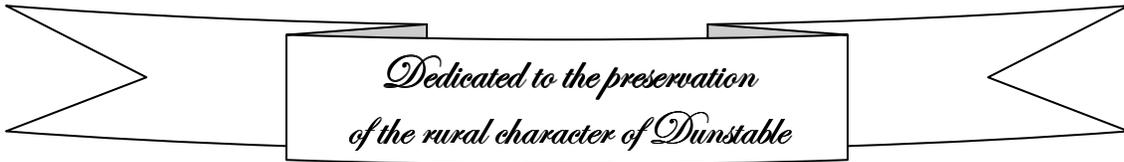


**Coyote**



### **DRLT Wildlife Preserve Trail Map now available online at [www.drlt.org](http://www.drlt.org)!**

*This 350 acre preserve is accessible from several marked entry points in Dunstable: 1076 Main Street, Fletcher Street and on Hollis Street, directly across from the Nashua River Rail Trail head (there is an available parking area there). All of the trails shown in the map are marked. For a color map and more information about the protected parcels, almost 600 acres, currently held by the DRLT, please visit [www.drlt.org](http://www.drlt.org).*



**This meeting is open to ALL Members & Friends!**

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**Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Nashua Country Club

25 Fairway Street Nashua, NH

6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. Business Meeting

**Speaker – Stacey Billings Chilcoat, Nashua River Watershed Association**



**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.

**Filet Mignon** – Served over crostini with demi-glace

**Nantucket Casserole** – With Haddock, Scallops and Shrimp

Both Entrees are served with Risotto and mini-veggies. Dinner includes soup, salad and dessert.

Please return your reservation no later than April 22<sup>nd</sup> to:

**David E. Tully, DRLT**

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**2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**



**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: David E. Tully, DRLT

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**PLEASE RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**



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