

The Great Meadows Conservation Trust
In Glastonbury, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, Connecticut

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SPRING EVENTS

**JOIN HARTFORD AUDUBON SOCIETY
FOR A BIRD WALK LED BY LARRY
LUNDEN**

**7:00 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2004
Quarry Park and Connecticut River Flood
Plain**

Meet at the north gravel parking area at Ferry
Park, Rocky Hill. (East end of Route 160)
If the weather is questionable, call Larry: 232-
2416

We are looking for Bobolinks, sparrows, shorebirds, nesting songbirds and other surprises on this morning trip exploring Quarry Park and the Connecticut River flood plain in the Rocky Hill area. Wear sturdy walking shoes. If the spring has been wet, bring waterproof boots. Meet at the north gravel parking area at Ferry Park at 7:00 A.M. The park is at the east end of Route 160 which runs off the Silas Deane Highway (Route 99). Follow the signs for the ferry. Leader: Larry Lunden.



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ON THE
CONNECTICUT RIVER**

Lead by Paul Woodworth and Ken Etheridge
Meet at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own canoe or
kayak, paddles and lifejackets.
Plans are subject to change or cancellation due
to weather conditions.
For further details call Paul Woodworth (529-
7654) or Jim Woodworth (529-0997)

1. Wed., May 12 - Keeney Cove. Meet at the Point Road causeway (off Naubuc Avenue, just south of Glastonbury Avenue) at 6:00pm. Alternate A (less strenuous): Launch north of the Point Road causeway, paddle under Route 3 to explore the abandoned river bed, observe wading birds and osprey and check out the Dickau parcel (G-13) south of the Route 3 and the Dickau (G-10) and Bidwel (G-4) parcels on the west bank of Keeney Cove north of Route 3. Alternate B: Launch on the south side of the Point Road causeway, paddle out to the CT River, south to Crow Point Cove inlet, explore Crow Point Cove, and return. The Preissner Parcel (G-6) is slightly downstream of the Crow Point Inlet. (sunset 8:00pm)

2. Wed., May 19 - Wethersfield Cove
Meet there at 6:00pm. We'll paddle across the cove to explore Folly Brook, view the Eleanor Buck Wolf parcel (W-9) from the water. From there we'll skirt the North side of the cove, and then paddle out across the river to Wethersfield "East," the triangle of Wethersfield that lies south of East Hartford, North of Glastonbury, marooned on the east side of the river by the meandering course of the river. We will beach our boats and explore Trust parcels Wilson-Carvalho (W-5) and Lot 14 Hockanum Meadow (W-14), both narrow lots that stretch inland from the river. (sunset 8:08pm)

3. Wed., May 26 - Rocky Hill Ferry Landing at 6:00pm. Rendezvous at the Ferry Landing Boat Launch at 6:00pm. Paddle upstream, passing the old coal dock protected by the Walker Parcel easement (G-3), passing the fishermen at the mouth of Roaring Brook, passing the mouth of Meadow Drain, marker #120, the Austin Parcel (G-2), with the ultimate goal of marker #122, located on the Matava parcel (G-14), opposite the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill border. Drift downstream, exploring the Roaring Brook "estuary," returning to Ferry Landing as the last rays of the sun disappear behind the "rocky hill." (sunset 8:15pm)

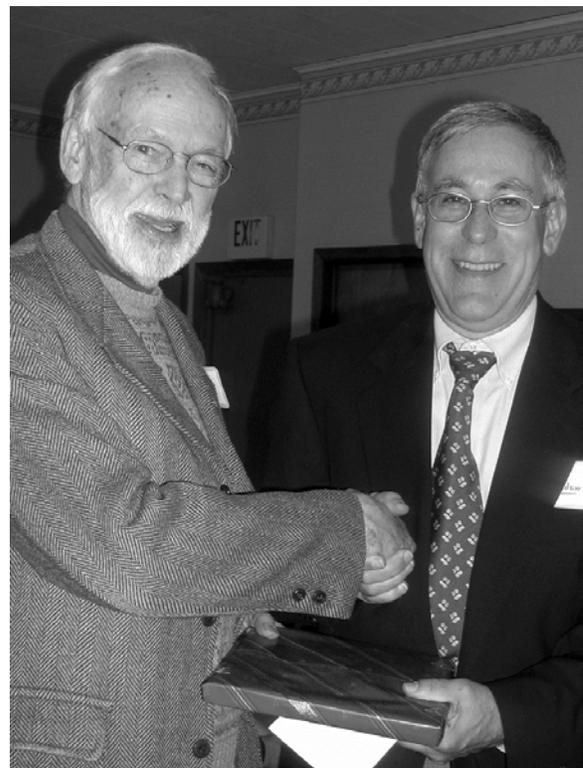


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HOPE E. SCATTERGOOD BEQUEST BOLSTERS TRUST'S UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The GMCT received a bequest of \$5000 from the estate of Hope E. Scattergood which will be used to support land stewardship and educational missions of the Trust. Hope Scattergood, who passed away October 14, 2003, and her husband Tom, were long term residents of Wethersfield. Hope moved to Rocky Hill when Tom passed away some years ago. The couple came to the area from Rhode Island where they met as students at Brown University and Pembroke College. According to dear friend Regis Charpentier, Hope had a long and abiding interest in nature and the environment. Hope's mantle was adorned with a seascape that had survived the destruction of a family cottage at Narragansett by the '38 hurricane. Long summer vacations were spent at Watch Hill, RI, cooled by the sea breezes. Neighbor Carole Durie of Rocky Hill remembers Hope as a dignified, quiet, sweet lady, always dressed to perfection, who loved pets, birds and children, bestowing kind words and treats on all. Although she had no children of her own, Hope shared her love of nature with her friends' children, passing on calendars and notices of educational opportunities. The Trust is pleased at the opportunity to strengthen our education efforts, including future displays at the E. B. Wolf Nature Center, with the generous bequest from the Hope E. Scattergood estate.

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER



Clyde Brooks (left) was honored as Volunteer of the Year at our Annual Meeting for his long service to Great Meadows Trust and other environmental organizations. Our president, Jim Woodworth presented him with a certificate and copy of *Reading the Forested Landscape*, by Tom Wessels. (photo by Duffy)

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