



Orenda Wildlife Land Trust

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Photo: Linda Bound

Witch Pond - A New Sanctuary?

Orenda continues the behind the scenes work for this property watch for updates in future newsletters.

With your help a new Sanctuary.

The most exciting time at the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust is when we're close to acquiring another parcel of land. And with your help, another open-space wildlife sanctuary may, in deed, become a reality.

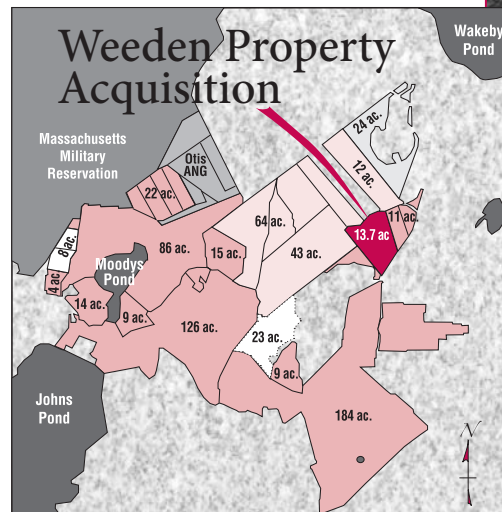
Our target is a 14-acre woodland in Mashpee. The Weeden property abuts other Orenda land holdings and though it's privately held, it does lie within the boundary of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge.

It's a terrific opportunity for Orenda, but the original price tag was way out of our reach, even though \$365,675 for 14 acres is a really good price for developable land on Cape Cod. Thankfully, a number of Massachusetts state agencies wanted to see this land protected as well. And too, the promise of a grant payment to Orenda has almost closed this deal for us. Out of the total price of \$365,675 we only need to yet raise \$22,525 to close the deal.

Our new administrator, Elizabeth Lewis, has been charged with the task of securing the final funds. And she, in turn, is mobilizing Orenda's dedicated development team to get the job done and see that the Weeden property becomes protected open space on Cape Cod, forever!



Photo: Linda Bound



13.7 acres in the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, Mashpee MA
Protected Open Space in Vicinity

- Orenda Wildlife Land Trust
- Town of Mashpee
- MADFW
- Friends of MNWR
- Subdivision Open Space

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Who is new at Orenda!



Debbie Richmond our newest board member has a Master of Science Degree in Resource Interpretation. Her life-long love of nature and animals has led to a commitment to land

and wildlife conservation. Her work in Rhode Island included 10 years at Roger Williams Park Zoo in education, public relations, volunteer management and visitor services. Upon her move to Cape Cod in 2005, Ms. Richmond worked at the Cape Wildlife Center as Community Involvement Coordinator, which included informal afterschool clubs, scouts and homeschool workshops, classroom programs, and special events for children of all ages. She began Creative Connections to design and deliver informal nature programs to connect people of all ages with nature, the outdoors, and conservation. She also serves on the board of Meetinghouse

Farm, a community garden initiative in West Barnstable.

Orenda Wildlife Land Trust and the Cape Cod Community College award the first annual Environmental Technology scholarship to **Carol Eastman** of Orleans.



Carol Eastman the recipient of the **Orenda Wildlife Land Trust Scholarship** at the **Cape Cod Community College**.

Carol is a native Cape Codder, born and raised in the town of Barnstable and currently residing in Brewster. She came to a crossroads in her life and felt that some sort of training in technology seemed a good place to start and Cape Cod Community College was her solution. Carol initially enrolled in a 1 year Medical Administration certificate program “all the while I was looking into the Environmental Technology

program.” Carol has graduated from the college with an Environmental Tech Associate’s Degree as well as certificates in water supply, coastal ecology, environmental site assessment and GIS. This spring, Carol hopes to find employment as a field/laboratory technician in natural resource protection or water quality. Orenda is pleased to award Carol the first annual scholarship for her hard work and determination to improve the environment on Cape Cod.



Orenda welcomes our newest member to the Nelson House Sanctuary! Welcome Maya!

Maya Grace Servis was born on February 10, 2010 to proud parents Leah and Aaron Servis our longtime stewards of the Nelson House Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing Maya grow up in the lovely environment of the Nelson House sanctuary.

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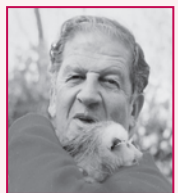
In Their Honor



Orenda Wildlife Land Trust sadly reports the recent passing of two close and very dear friends. **Linda Bound**, Orenda administrator and beloved wife of

Daniel Morast Vice President of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust passed away February 11, 2010. Linda was Orenda's administrator from 2005 till 2009, she was also an avid supporter of habitat protection here on the Cape and beyond. Linda also enjoyed the company of her grandchildren and her Springer Spaniel Ruby.

Linda was always there to photograph something special about Orenda's protected habitats and we will miss her dedication to our mission.



Carlos "Carl" Monge past President of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust passed away January 15, 2010. Carl came to Orenda's aid in 1992 and as president

for seven years he helped Orenda become what it is today, a respected land trust protecting over 800 acres of open space and wildlife habitat. In addition to his life as a distinguished businessman, Carl was very active in Cape Cod's horticultural scene and was an unrelenting champion of Armstrong Kelley Park in his hometown of Osterville. Recognizing his dedication to and accomplishments in conservation on Cape Cod, Carl Monge received the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust Founders Award in 1995.

Orenda Board Officers and members join family and friends in remembering these champions of land conservation and wildlife protection. On June 24th there will be a fashion show fundraiser at the Wianno Club in the memory of Linda Bound, Carl Monge and Sally Pessa.

There will also be Orenda sanctuary dedications this year honoring Linda and Carl.



NATURE NOTES & IMPORTANT DATES

Calendar of upcoming "events" – Seasonal variations, walks and talks.

NATURE NOTES FOR JUNE

- Be careful driving – its baby season in the animal world. Mom's and babies are on the move. Give wildlife a brake
- Butterflies are also winging from flower to flower. Planting butterfly attracting plants and bushes will make your yard a stop on their journey.
- Blueberries season, can you beat the birds to the berries?
- Bunnies are everywhere. Walk your lawn before mowing to check that its bunny (and turtle) free. Cottontail nests are mere depressions in the grass. Look under bushes and overhanging foliage.

JUNE IMPORTANT EVENTS:

5th – **Saturday at 10:00 am** Join Harwich Conservation Trust and Debbie Richmond

of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust at the A. Janet DeFulvio Wildlife Sanctuary Boardwalk to enjoy a peaceful wheelchair accessible walk through woodlands to the salt marsh. For directions and further information visit the Harwich Conservation Trust website.

19th – **Saturday at 1:00 pm** Walk Smith's Dock Sanctuary, Meadow Lane, West Barnstable with Debbie Richmond of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust and members of the Barnstable Land Trust. This peaceful 5-acre spot with impressive views of the Great Salt Marsh is home to the Northern Diamondback Terrapin Turtle.

19th – **Saturday at 7:00 pm** Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Meetinghouse Farm for a evening stroll

21st – **Official start of summer!** Summer solstice begins at 7:28 AM EDT

24th – **Thursday at 2pm** Orenda/Cape Wildlife Center Benefit Fashion Show in memory of Sally Pessa, Linda Bound and Carl Monge, Wianno

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Orenda is protecting over 350 acres for wildlife habitat!

Current Massachusetts Sanctuaries

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| 1 Ashumet Pond, 35 acres, Mashpee 2000 | 10 Nalebuff Sanctuary, 1 acre, Falmouth, 1996 |
| 2 Austin Smith, 9 acres, Orleans & Eastham 1998 | 11 Nelson Sanctuary, 15 acres, Plymouth, 1992 |
| 3 Cedars 10 acres, West Barnstable 1988 | 12 No Bottom Pond, 28 acres, Brewster, 1996 |
| 4 Fowler-Eames, 34 acres, Washington, 2000 | 13 Quashnet River, 4 acres, Mashpee, 2001 |
| 5 French Family Sanctuary, 19 acres, Middlefield 2008 | 14 Red Brook, 1 acre, Falmouth, 2004 |
| 6 Ledges, 4 acres, Southbridge, MA 1986 | 15 Scudder Bay, 2 acres, Centerville, 1992 |
| 7 Makepeace / Mercy Lowe, 86 acres, Mashpee 1991 | 16 Smith's Dock, 5 acres, West Barnstable, 1998 |
| 8 Mary de la Valette, 46 acres, Phillipston, MA 1994 | |
| 9 Mashpee River Woodlands, 2 acres, Mashpee 1998 | |

Pending Sanctuaries

- A** Weeden Property, 14 acres, Mashpee
- B** Witch Pond, 9 acres, New Seabury

Conservation Restrictions

- Frog Pond, 7.8 acres, Mashpee
- Wings Neck Property, 12 acres, Bourne
- Wyman Property 3.4 acres, West Barnstable
- Gottlieb Property, .58 acre, Mashpee
- Tobey Island Property, 19.41 acres, Bourne



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Club, Osterville. Call 508-362-4798 for reservations for the Fashion Show date.

NATURE NOTES FOR JULY

- Look for dragonflies and damselflies – these “sewing needles” are harmless insects that eat mosquitoes
- Moths will be making use of your butterfly plants. Placing solar path lights near your flower beds will draw these amazing nighttime visitors to feeding sites.
- Crickets are thermometers... You can get a very close idea of the temperature from the chirping of a cricket. Count the number of chirps in 15 seconds, add 38 and you have the degrees Fahrenheit.
- If you're lucky you'll get to see fireflies starting this month. Pesticide use on suburban lawns has taken the joy of fireflies away from many neighborhoods. Visit a wild meadow to check out the show.

JULY IMPORTANT EVENTS:

20th – Tuesday at 7:00 pm Hear the Cape Cod Garden Lady, C. L. Fornari, talk about gardening for Birds and Bees and Butterflies at Barnstable Senior Center Rt 28 in Hyannis.

Call 508-362-4798 for reservations for the Members and Friends event (CL Fornari) as seating is limited.



Photo: Linda Board

Save the date for the Garden Lady



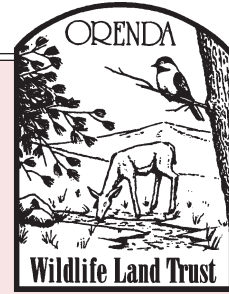
C.L. Fornari

Gardening for Birds, Bees & Butterflies: An Orenda Friends and Members Event.

If you want a beautiful landscape that is also a haven for bees, birds and butterflies, C.L. Fornari will explain how to make your yard and garden such a place. C.L. will explain that wildlife friendly gardens depend both on the right range of plants and practices, and how many of the right plant choices are less work for the gardener as well. Come be inspired by beautiful plants and gardens, and informed about how to create your own backyard sanctuary.

To be held at the Barnstable Senior Center at 825 Falmouth Rd (Rt 28) in Hyannis next to the Barnstable Middle School on Tuesday July 20th at 7pm Light refreshments to be served.

Call 508-362-4798 for reservations as seating will be limited for this special event. Members are admitted free and a \$5.00 donation for non-members will be accepted at the event.



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Orenda's Mission

Orenda Wildlife Land Trust's mission is to protect wildlife and their habitat. By purchase and gift, Orenda acquires land to be held in perpetuity as protected open space wildlife sanctuaries.

All contributions to Orenda Wildlife Land Trust are tax-deductible under federal regulations.