

HAMILTON-WENHAM OPEN LAND TRUST

Winter 1998



Whipple Reservation on Candlewood Island

1998 IN REVIEW

As in 1997, almost 100 percent of our efforts in 1998 were focussed on the Gordon Woods project. Thanks to the generosity of more than 500 contributors to our Gordon Woods Fund, the land trust was able to raise \$150,000 in private donations and the land was bought by the towns of Hamilton and Manchester. We are eternally grateful to everyone who supported us, not only with dollars, but also with many letters and phone calls of support.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who did an outstanding job in raising money by direct solicitation and fundraising events. To CG Rice, Brion O'Connor, Tim and Carter Everitt, Bunny Sears, David Finocchio (and his parents, Don and Jackie), Eric Kronenberg (and his mother, Gail), Chris and Carol Davis, Moose and Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld, Peter Dana, Andrzej and Maria Bortkiewicz, Stuart Thorne, Bob Shaw, Dan Tieger, Lisa Press, Bob Cronin, Dona Pfunder, Jack Peirce, Pat Skibbee, Heather Ensworth, Sarah Fraser Robbins, and many others, all I can say is that we could not have done it without you.

To help continue our land acquisition program and maintain our properties, we invite you to join the Hamilton-Wenham Open Land Trust. A regular annual members fee is only \$10.00, and larger amounts are welcome. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

Our best wishes to you in 1999.

Margaret H. Bonney, *President*



Riverside Reservation, Along the Miles River



Nickerson Knoll Reservation, Wenham

APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to land trust clerk/treasurer, Dana Hansen, who was elected chairman of the Gordon Woods Land Management Committee, and also to director, Lisa Press, who was appointed to the committee. The land management committee's mandate is to develop and implement a management plan which will ensure that the property's values for conservation and passive recreation are protected.

MAINTENANCE

Pondview Reservation: Thanks to Paul Perkins for his help in felling several large dead pines and also general cleanup of storm-related damage. Pondview is a pleasant little piece of forested land halfway down Boardman Lane in Hamilton. Stop and enjoy this reservation, which is open to all.

Other: Maintenance activities also included sign repair, plus bridge work and trail clearing as required. Thanks to our maintenance manager, Bob Shaw, for all his efforts.

RESIGNATION

We announce with regret that Dorothy Hayes has resigned from the board of directors and moved from Wenham. We will miss her thoughtful advice and insight as an attorney for the State Department of Environmental Protection.

RESERVATION WALKS

Beginning in January, we will be having weekend walks of land trust properties, at least once a month. Please watch the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle and the Evening News for the schedule.

