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NBS Named Community Champion by Citizens Bank of Rhode Island and NBC 10

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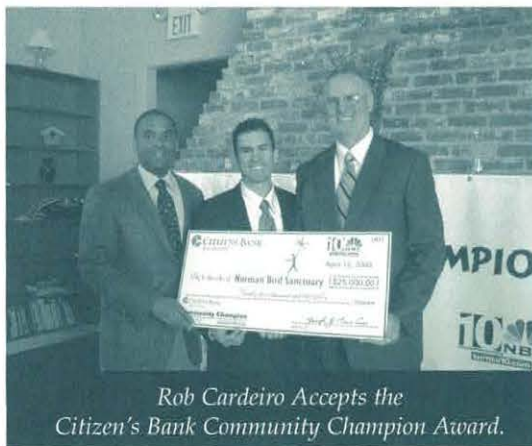
The Norman Bird Sanctuary is happy to announce that Citizens Bank of Rhode Island and NBC 10 has named the organization as its 2005 second quarter Community Champion in the environment category. As part of the award, Norman Bird Sanctuary will receive a \$25,000 grant; extensive media coverage including public service announcements and television profiles; volunteer support from Citizens and NBC 10 employees; extensive public relations support; promotional support, highlighting the "Community Champion" in all Citizens Bank branches and on its ATMs and exposure on both Citizens Bank and NBC 10 Web sites.

The Norman Bird Sanctuary was chosen as Citizens' and NBC 10's eleventh Community Champion for its continuing work in habitat protection, environmental education and the preservation of open space.

"Citizens Bank is pleased to name Norman Bird Sanctuary as the newest



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Rob Cardeiro Accepts the
Citizen's Bank Community Champion Award.

Community Champion in the environment category," said Joseph J. MarcAurele, President and CEO of Citizens Bank. "Norman Bird Sanctuary has become a leader in protecting the diverse ecosystems that we have in Rhode Island through education, interactive classes, and partnerships with other environmental organizations."

Launched in July 2002, the Community Champions program is designed to recognize and support nonprofit organizations for their contributions to Rhode

Island communities. A new champion is selected each quarter from a wide range of social service areas. The Sanctuary is certainly in good company as past Community Champions include: Bayside Family Healthcare in North Kingstown; the House of Hope in Warwick; The Providence Black Repertory Company in Providence; the Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation in Woonsocket; McAuley House in Providence; TechACCESS in Warwick; Sojourner House in Providence; Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation in Pawtucket; Rhode Island Free Clinic in Providence; and The Genesis Center in Providence.

We would like to thank both Citizen's Bank and NBC 10 for awarding the Sanctuary with such an honor. It has truly been so exciting for the organization to receive such wonderful coverage and we look forward to working with them in the coming months.

Birds & Breakfast 2005, a Delicious Success.



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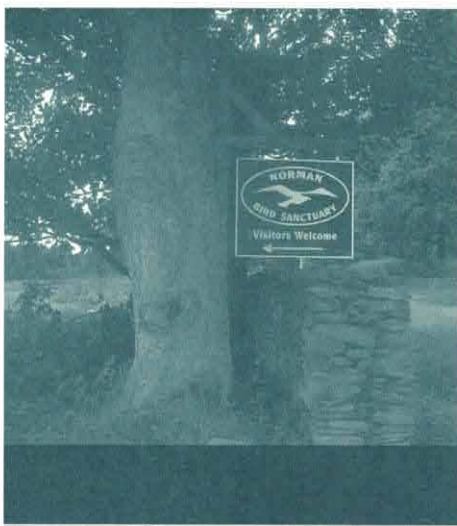
The feature article in this issue of the Flyer addresses the Sanctuary's ongoing efforts to maintain a thriving and diverse refuge. This property that many refer to as "paradise" is exactly that, a place of beauty and happiness. The Norman Bird Sanctuary is an unusual property in that within our 300 acres we are fortunate enough to have representatives of all the different habitat types that can be found on Aquidneck Island (beach, estuary, tidal marsh, freshwater stream, pond, freshwater wetland, meadow, scrubland, and woodland). This diversity makes the Norman Bird Sanctuary very special; it's one of the reasons we have such a rich mix of species living at the Sanctuary.

Over the years the landscape of the Norman Bird Sanctuary has changed significantly. Truly there has been an ebb and flow of forest and field. Over the past century, the wooded habitats have increased while the meadows have declined. This change has occurred at a time when non-native species have become more and more prevalent. The results that we see on the Sanctuary are a loss of diversity within habitats as well as among habitats. Among the Sanctuary's habitats, open fields are decreasing, succeeding into old fields, scrubland, and eventually closed-canopy forests. Within the scrubland and forest habitats we see a loss of plant and animal diversity as non-native species dominate the area. With this loss of meadow habitat came the loss of many of our ground nesting birds.

The grassland project at the Norman Bird Sanctuary seeks to strike a balance with diverse habitats and diverse species. The scope of the project includes the fields just south of Hanging Rock Road, the field just north of Hanging Rock Road, and the field just north of the parking area. To date, we have restored the southernmost field. We converted a scrubland habitat dominated by non-native shrubs and vines into a meadow habitat that will be dominated by native warm-season grasses.

The benefits of the grassland project will be the continuation of a diverse landscape at the Norman Bird Sanctuary, an increase in the number of native species within our habitats, and an improvement to the quality of nesting habitat for grassland birds.

Rob Cardeiro



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Sanctuary Welcomes Kelly Fox to Education Staff

By Jill Pierce

Have you ever seen a fungus that can light up the night? Kelly Fox has! The newest addition to the Education Department, Kelly is a Teacher Naturalist who has traveled far and wide, observing diverse ecosystems throughout forty states and seventeen countries. Once, on a night hike in Illinois, she came across a spore-producing organism that creates a bioluminescent effect commonly called "foxfire." Kelly was thrilled to be able to add this glow-in-the-dark phenomenon to the list of fascinating discoveries she had made during countless family programs, night hikes and traveling programs at nature centers across the country. These centers, along with her grandparent's apple orchard in her native Illinois and family trips to National Parks, set the stage for Kelly's lifelong love of the outdoors.

Here at the Sanctuary, Kelly is lighting up the Education Department with her passion and knowledge. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, she recalls that "going into college, I knew I wanted to work with the public and with environmental education, so I started as a fisheries major." However, she soon came to find that the specialized hard science programs at her university "dealt less with relating to people" than she had hoped, so she chose a track which she found to be more people-oriented. Kelly graduated with a degree in natural resources management with an emphasis on environmental education and interpretation, and she also minored in conservation biology and geology.

Several initiatives she has undertaken highlight Kelly's development as a naturalist. She was a girl scout for twelve years, and she took two trips in high school through a program called "Wider Opportunities" - one to Southwest Montana and another to Michigan. Both focused on careers in the field of natural resources, and they reaffirmed Kelly's long-term goals. While in college, she traveled throughout Iceland, Poland,



*Kelly Fox
NBS New Teacher Naturalist*

Germany, Austria, France, and the Czech Republic on the European Environmental Studies Seminar, and she met up with a friend who was volunteering in Slovakia for the Peace Corps. Inspired by the exciting work this friend was doing, Kelly decided that upon graduating from college, she would pursue the goal of "living in another part of the world and helping people." Her own Peace Corps assignment found her teaching environmental education for more than two years in a school in Kobelyaky, in Central Ukraine. Through her work there, she learned how to "become more aware of emphasizing to people of all ages that they can make a difference in their world."

Since returning from Ukraine, Kelly has channeled this important lesson into programs for the public at a number of environmental organizations. Serving as an educator for Northwest Park in Windsor, Connecticut, an after-school instructor at Rhode Island's Apeiron Institute for Environmental Living, and a naturalist at Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary in Sharon, Massachusetts, she has developed a comprehensive understanding of how to interpret the natural world for the general public and school groups. Her favorite undertaking is family programming, "because that's how I got my start," as she puts it. Kelly plans to use her expertise to expand current programs at the Sanctuary and to craft new ways of "giving parents and children an opportunity to interact with one other."

Kelly's favorite outdoor experiences take the form of night hikes, because she finds that "the majority of people who participate in them have never been outside in the dark without a flashlight." We are thrilled that Kelly is here to illuminate us with her extensive knowledge of the natural world, developing new ways of exploring the Sanctuary. Since she started working here, she reports: "I haven't had the same day yet. There is always something new to teach, and something new to see."





AmeriCorps News

Highlight on Kate Douton, AmeriCorps Program Director

By: Meghann Deslaurier, Colleen Donovan and Bruce Hutchings-NBS AmeriCorps Team

We all know Kate Douton as the AmeriCorps Program Director, but do you truly know who she is? Well, we wanted to figure out who she was personally. Kate was very eager to tell her background and how she became involved in the AmeriCorps program.

After graduating from Roger Williams University, in Bristol, RI, with a degree in marine biology she joined an AmeriCorps program in Cape Cod. This program was centered on land and water conservation as well as environmental education. "It was here that I found out what I wanted to do and that was teaching children about their natural surroundings." She not only wants to be an educator, but she also likes to do the development that leads to the start of new programs.

After the AmeriCorps program, Kate was able to work in the lovely Florida Keys as well as Martha's Vineyard. There, she helped teach kids about the environment. Kate is passionate about kids being able to experience the natural environment that they do not always get a chance to see. With the water right at their fingertips, she believes that children should be able to understand what is truly out there.

Kate feels that the best part of environmental education is taking the kids outside to experience the "outdoor world". When asked about the lows of the environmental education she had to contemplate, her only wish is that people understand that environmental



*Kate Douton,
AmeriCorps Program Director*

education is more than taking children outside to play. She hopes the field gets more recognition and the public accepts it as a "true" subject in schools. Kate is now helping this AmeriCorps team achieve the same goal, teaching environmental education to the children of Rhode Island.

Every Friday Kate comes down to the Norman Bird Sanctuary where she catches up on work. "I love coming down to Norman Bird Sanctuary because it's beautiful and quiet" and she quickly added "and the people here are great!" You can find her on her favorite trail, Hanging Rock, when she is not

behind the desk diligently working.

The Norman Bird Sanctuary/Ocean State Environmental Collaborative AmeriCorps grant is in its second year out of three and Kate is looking towards the future. Kate would like to see this grant be extended past these three years. Further down the line she would like to get back to teaching the environmental education where she would be more involved with children.

One message that Kate would like to share with the general public regarding the conservation status is that everything helps. "The small things help the environment. You don't have to change your life to make a big difference." No truer words were ever spoken. We as a group would like to send a big thank you to Kate for giving the AmeriCorps team this opportunity to help start our environmental careers.



Spring Wetu Construction at the Norman Bird Sanctuary

Fred Hutchings, father of Norman Bird Sanctuary AmeriCorps member Bruce Hutchings, has studied the Native American culture for many years. He, along with NBS Staff and AmeriCorps volunteers constructed the wetu that can now be found at the "Native American encampment" for all the visitors and campers to enjoy.



In southern New England the Native people were called the Wampanoag, (People of the First Light). They called themselves the Poconet (the People). They lived in dome shaped houses called wetus, which are

made from red maple saplings covered with bark in the winter and cattail reeds in the summer. The cattail reeds absorbed moisture, keeping the wetu dry. We used phragmites since it is more plentiful.

The dome shape is used because it offers less wind resistance. The door of the wetu is usually in the southwest, for the warmer dryer wind direction, and the door is made small, roughly 4 feet, to make the wetu easily defendable. With this small entrance, the enemy would bend have to down to enter the wetu.



We believe the wetu will be a great learning tool for campers and visitors during the summer months. A potential project for the summer challenge campers will be constructing a wetu adjacent to the original one. On your next visit come check out the site down the new universal accessible trail and take a right next to the big oak tree.

The Norman Bird Sanctuary would like to thank Fred Hutchings for his time and hard work in planning and building our new wetus.

Natural History: *What's Hopping?*



We are happy to announce two new arrivals into our education animal family. They are American Bullfrog tadpoles named Tic and Toe! When you visit the Sanctuary you will have the chance to witness the ongoing process of their metamorphosis. It can take up to two years for these bullfrog tadpoles to morph into an adult grown frog. Until then these "little guys" will be here to educate local school children and visitors to the Norman Bird Sanctuary about amphibians and life cycles.

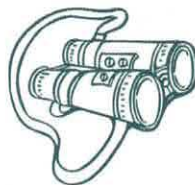
Tic and Toe will be taken to classrooms and camps to teach about metamorphosis, the change from a tadpole into an adult frog. The female Bullfrog can lay up to 20,000 eggs between May and July, in fresh water ponds and vernal pools. They are found in shallow water in clumps which resemble tiny dark spots in clear jelly. After only four days, the eggs hatch into tadpoles. At this point the tadpoles are struggling to stay alive, avoiding predators such as other bullfrogs, fish, turtles and birds. Within two years, the tadpole begins its "awkward" stage. It will start to grow hind legs, the tail begins to shorten and it will be able to start breathing using its lungs rather than the gills it was born with.

The prime habitats of the American Bullfrog are next to water regions such as ponds, lakes, slow moving rivers and bogs. Adult Bullfrogs can grow up to be three and a half to six inches in length, the largest of all frogs in North America. The average bullfrog lives 7-9 years in the wild and their range is from eastern to central part of the United States. In the west where they were introduced, they are creating some havoc with the native species because they are a voracious predator.

A species that is easily confused with the bullfrog is the Green frog, which also is found in Rhode Island. The way to distinguish between the two is the bullfrog lacks the dark ridges along the side of the body; they start behind each eye and around the eardrums. Don't be surprised if you find other species of frogs and toads. Other species that are found in the area are Spring Peepers, Gray Tree Frogs, Wood Frogs and the American Toad.

The best area to spot the American Bullfrog, or any other frog for that matter, on the Norman Bird Sanctuary property would be at the Red Maple Pond, along Pond Trail. Listen for the bull frog's bellowing "jug-o-rum" around this pond and near the vernal pool at the junction of Valley Trail and Nelson Pond Trail. To get to Valley Trail, aim towards Nelson Pond and then pass Valley; the vernal pool will be on the right hand side. These are not the only areas to find these "giants" of the amphibian world, go on your own adventure to search for these creatures and let the Norman Bird Sanctuary staff know where you found them. Remember though, bring back only memories!





Educational Programs

Sunday Morning Birdwatching

*Every other Sunday at 8:00 AM
June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 21
Free to the public.*

Summer is here! The birds are singing, nesting, and feeding their young. Meet us in the Sanctuary parking lot for a guided bird walk around the local area. Bring binoculars, and dress appropriately for the weather and for hiking on rough terrain.

Tai Chi in Nature

*Tuesdays & Fridays,
June 14 - July 22
7:30 - 8:30 AM*

*Adults \$8 per class for Members, \$10 per class for Non-members.
Elders over 60 years are welcome at \$5 per session. Children 8 years and older with a parent or guardian are also welcome at half price.*

(You are welcome to pay for a series of classes if you prefer.)

Join us for an introductory Tai Chi class with Ty Romijn in a beautiful natural setting overlooking the water. In observing the way nature grows and interacts, the ancient Tai Chi practitioners strived to emulate what they saw. Beginners and more experienced participants are welcome to share in this healthy, integrative and peaceful activity.

Evening Herb Walk

*Thursday, June 23
6:00 - 8:00 PM
\$6 Members, \$8 Non-members
Adult Guided Walk
Minimum 7*

In summer, the fields and forest are rich and abundant with healing plants. Join herbalists Hap and Clara Morgan as we explore the habitats of the NBS and identify the various wild herbs used for medicines. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

Gentle Yoga

*Mondays, June 13 - August 22
(no class on July 4)*

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*\$80 for 10 classes for Members, \$100 for Non-members, \$50 for elders over 65.
Minimum 4, Maximum 12*

Certified yoga instructor and community herbalist, Clara Morgan, is offering a very gentle, relaxing yoga class that will benefit people of any age. Many of the postures can even be adapted for sitting on a chair rather than on a mat. Participants are invited to bring their yoga mat and a blanket. Loose, comfortable exercise clothing is recommended. A few extra mats are available if you are just starting out.

Young Children's Story Time

*Thursdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18*

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Free to young children and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers.

Join us for stories, puppets, live animals and nature exploration. Different stories will be read each week. Come once or every week! Children must be accompanied by an adult. In nice weather, this will take place in the orchard, so you may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on.

Create Your Own Herbal First Aid Kit

*Thursday, July 7
6:00 - 8:00 PM
\$6 Members, \$8 Non-members
Adult Program
Minimum 7*

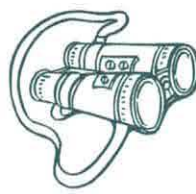
Join community herbalists, Hap and Clara Morgan, in this workshop to create an effective herbal first aid kit for your home and outdoor adventures! You will learn about several medicinal plants and herbal products to use for minor ailments, including poison ivy and insect bites. During the workshop you will also prepare some herbal remedies to take home to enrich your herbal first aid kit.

Invasive Counterattack

*Thursday, July 28
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Free for Members,
\$5 for Non-members
Registration required*

This title may seem more appropriate for the Naval War College, but we are referring to exotic plants that have invaded our landscapes, both natural and cultivated. You will learn why they are a problem, which ones are common on Aquidneck Island, and how to deal with them on your property. Join naturalist Garry Plunkett on stroll around the property to identify these culprits and observe how they have altered local habitats.





Educational Programs

The Norman Bird Sanctuary's 2nd Annual Bird Ball

Saturday, August 20 • 7:00 PM
\$125, Sponsorships from \$500

Join our flamingo flock for an enchanting evening at Paradise Farm. Enjoy spectacular water views, sumptuous fare by Blackstone Caterers and music from Bellevue Cadillac that is sure to get us all flapping our wings! Feathery attire encouraged. www.birdball.org

Preschoolers with Parents

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Session A September 7, 14, 21, 28
Session B October 5, 12, 19, 26
Ages 3 - 5 years
\$30 Members, \$35 Non-members
Maximum 10

This series of four one-hour programs is an engaging and interactive way to introduce your pre-school age child to the wonders of nature. We'll explore the outdoors using our five senses, sing songs, create crafts and seek out the plants and animals of the Sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE Moose Rut Weekend

Friday - Sunday, September 23 - 25
\$250 Members, \$270 Non-members
Adult Program
Minimum 6, Maximum 10

We are expanding our adult excursions to include large mammal adventures! Join us for a trip to Claybrook Mountain Lodge located in Maine's beautiful western mountain region. Professional guides will introduce us to the landscape and wildlife of the region, including up close observations of bull moose. Fee includes transportation, home cooked meals, and guides. Departure noon on Sept. 23, return evening of Sept. 25.

Mushroom Walk

Saturday, September 24 • 1:30 - 3:30 PM
\$3 for Members, \$5 for Non-members
Registration required
Family Program
Maximum 20

Join Dr. Roger Goos, URI mycologist and long time Mushroom Walk guide, to learn how to identify the many different types of mushrooms and fungi found at the Sanctuary.

Harvest Fair

Saturday and Sunday, October 1 & 2
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Celebrate the season with our 31st annual Harvest Fair event.

RI Environmental Education Alliance Annual Conference

Saturday, October 29
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
The Norman Bird Sanctuary
\$40 Standard \$30 Students

An excellent way for teachers, youth leaders, or parents to delve into environmental education. Registration includes workshops, a membership to RIEEA, lunch and a raffle.

Birding the DelMarVa Peninsula

Veteran's Day Weekend
Friday - Sunday, November 11 - 13
Fee to be announced
Adult Program

This is a trip for those who love birds! We are taking a road trip in the Bird Van to one of the best regions in the east for late fall birding. We will visit Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland, Chincoteague in Virginia and sites in Delaware and New Jersey. Ducks, geese, shorebirds, raptors and more!

Registration & Cancellation Policies

- Please come by the Sanctuary or call 401-846-2577 to register for programs that require a fee and/or have a maximum number of participants. Payment is required at the time of registration via cash, check, or Visa/MC.
- Free programs that have no maximum number of participants such as the Sunday Morning Birdwalk do not require prior registration.
- If you must cancel your registration, please call and let us know. Refunds will only be provided if you call at least 7 days in advance of the event. A check will be mailed to you within two weeks of cancellation.
- Programs that do not have a minimum number of registrants will be cancelled five working days before the event. (The minimum number is determined by Sanctuary staff and is usually based on the program's expenses.) In the case of program cancellation, your fee will be returned in full. In some cases, we will offer you the option of another date or a program credit.
- The Norman Bird Sanctuary Summer Camp has different registration and cancellation policies. Please refer to the Summer Camp brochure for that information.





Feature Article

A Reversal of Fortune: *Reclaiming Grassland at Norman Bird Sanctuary*

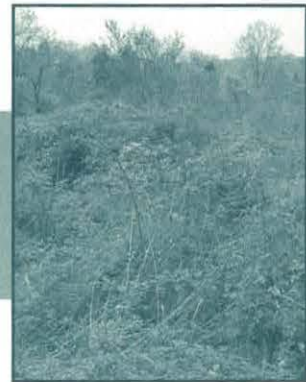
By Gary Plunkett

The National Audubon Society's most recent "State of the Birds" report states that 70 percent of grassland birds are in significant decline. The cause of the decline has been apparent for decades: the continuing loss of grassland habitats. Grasslands and open savannas (what wildlife managers call early successional habitats) are home to a large natural community of ground nesting birds, butterflies and many other invertebrates, all of which are threatened. Before European settlement of America these habitats were widespread in southern New England, sustained by natural fires and the fire management practices of the

The history of the Sanctuary is prototypical of the regional grassland experience, from Woodland Indian culture, to farming, and the arrival of invasive plants. Birds that Mabel Norman Cerio recorded, such as Eastern Meadowlark and Bobwhite Quail, no longer nest here. Former property manager Veronica Hinds recognized the potential for reversing this trend and worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to get funding and develop a plan for grassland restoration. It began last year with the removal of woody and invasive plants in the field south of Hanging Rock Road, then seeding it with native grasses.



Overgrown Grassland at the Sanctuary



Woodland Indian culture. An oft-quoted entry in Verrazano's log that recorded his 1524 cruise through Narragansett Bay described fields that "extend for 25 to 30 leagues; they are open and free of any obstacles or trees...." Following European settlement open habitats expanded exponentially as the forested landscape was cleared and converted to plowland, hay meadow or pasture.

Sometime around 1840, when New England was about 75 percent open land, several factors that sustained successional habitats began to change. American agriculture started to move westward and New England's economy shifted toward industrialization. Around the turn of the century the successful suppression of natural fires accelerated the trend. In the following years the loss of grasslands has been continuous. They have either reverted to forest or been developed. An additional complication has been the arrival of aggressive alien invasive plants that readily populate unforested areas and quickly degrade natural habitats. Today, it is critically important that the remaining links in the migratory chain of open bird habitats be proactively managed, or grassland-nesting birds along with the larger association of plants and animals will continue to slide toward extinction. Norman Bird Sanctuary is one of those crucial links.

The next phase of the plan will be more visible as it involves the wooded area north of the parking lot adjacent to Third Beach Road. That area has been overtaken with non-native trees (Norway Maple and Sycamore Maple) which are detrimental to native habitat development due to their suppression of understory plants. This stand of trees, therefore, was an excellent candidate for reclaiming some of the Sanctuary's preexisting grassland and expanding the total open area to one that is more attractive for nesting birds. Late in the summer those trees will come down and the soil prepared for spring planting of more native grasses.

The critical shortage of grassland habitat is an environmental problem that has been 165 years in the making and will not be solved quickly. Norman Bird Sanctuary, however, has a significant opportunity to help reverse the past ill fortune of a beautiful natural community, and someday, perhaps, once again see an Eastern Meadowlark bobbing on the end of a grass stem, and hear its plaintive call across the meadow, tee-you tee-yair.





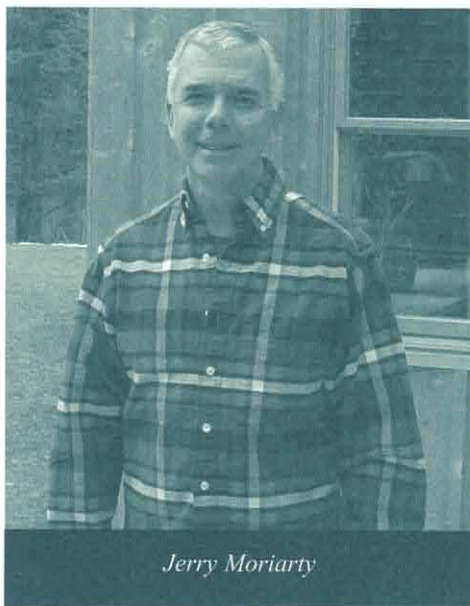
Trails and Tails

Staff Highlight: Jerry Moriarty

By: Megan Bradley

Over 9,000 visitors come to the Norman Bird Sanctuary each year. Most of them are here to walk on our trails and to enjoy the beauty of Sanctuary's landscape. While here, however, most of our visitors make use of at least one of our buildings. Many of them stop to browse in our gift shop or visit the education animals in the barn. Others, including students who come on a field trip or those attending a family program enjoy the comfort of our new ed shed or classroom. Jerry Moriarty is the staff member at the Sanctuary who has the enormous job of doing day to day maintenance on these buildings. Jerry does it all, from fixing the screen door on the classroom, to shoveling the walkway to the welcome center many, many times this winter. Due to his early morning hours, many of our members and visitors never get the opportunity to meet Jerry, but he is the one that makes each building look perfectly inviting to guests of the Norman Bird Sanctuary.

A resident of Newport, Jerry began working at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in the fall of 2002. Each staff member at the Norman Bird Sanctuary benefits from his wonderful work. The education staff is thankful for their clean classrooms, the studio looks wonderful for events and meetings, and the gift shop is bright and



Jerry Moriarty

shiny thanks to Jerry's hard work. In addition, Jerry is the first staff member to arrive at the Sanctuary on most mornings. As the rest of the staff arrives, he greets each one of us with a warm smile and hello. It is a great way to start the work day!

Jerry is appreciated not only by the Sanctuary staff, but also by the many animals, both wild and domestic, which live at the Sanctuary. Jerry carefully monitors the fish in the Sanctuary's small pond near the welcome center, and last winter, he cared for a young squirrel that was too small to make it through the winter on his own. Jerry has also rushed to the aid of several small birds that have flown into the windows that he

so carefully cleans. He also befriended the Sanctuary's beloved pet duck, making repairs to her cage and letting her tag along after him while he was hard at work.

Jerry is an important part of the Norman Bird Sanctuary for many reasons. Thanks to Jerry, our facilities are clean and safe for the hikers, birders, campers, and schoolchildren who come to the Sanctuary throughout the year. Jerry enjoys the behind the scenes nature of his work here at the Sanctuary, but we are happy to take this opportunity to shine the spotlight on Jerry. We don't know what we would do without him!

ADOPT A TRAIL VOLUNTEER DAY

JUNE 25, 2005

9 am - 12 pm

Lunch Following

BRING YOUR GLOVES, LOPPERS AND PRUNING SAWS

Call to Register

401-846-2577 ext. 12





Special Event

BIRDS & BREAKFAST 2005

Despite the early morning thunder and threatening skies, the Sanctuary's traditional May breakfast went off without a hitch on Sunday, May 16th. Spring showers did not deter our guests, as well as the fifty-one species of birds seen and heard during guided bird walks conducted all morning long. The fabulous music of Peter Piltz brightened the morning and added a festive atmosphere as guests sat down to enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet with all the fixings! Best of all, everyone left with full tummies!

Although the education staff had to quickly move things indoors, children still had the opportunity to meet our red-tail hawk, dig in the worm bin, make seed art and plant seeds of their own to take home. Special thanks to Joan Simmons, the URI Master Gardeners and the Worm Ladies of Charlestown for their donations to our programs.

We would like to thank our many volunteers, from bird walk leaders to our grill workers and breakfast servers, who work so hard each year to make this community tradition such a success! We'd also like to extend out sincere thanks to our local supporters: businesses, caterers, restaurants and bakeries who donated the delicious food for the event. Please join us in thanking them for their generosity and continued support:

Bagel Boys
Café Zelda
Caterering Concepts
The Cookie Jar
Fatulli's Gourmet
Bakery & Deli
Frasch Confectioner Inc.
Harvest Natural Foods
IHOP
Katrina's Bakery

La Forge
The Marriott Hotel
The Mooring
Ocean Breeze Café
Ocean Coffee Roaster
Sardella's
Shaws Supermarket
Stop n' Shop
Tommy's Diner



Checklist Results for 16 May 2005

Birder: Birds & Breakfast

Hailing From:

Middletown, Rhode Island

Seen and or Heard Were:

Double-crested Cormorant, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Red-tailed Hawk, Herring Gull, Mourning Dove, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Empidonax sp., Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Wren, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Scarlet Tanager, Eastern Towhee, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow
(Total species seen: 51)





Please Join Us for the 2nd Annual Norman Bird Sanctuary Bird Ball

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2005 • 7 PM

Tickets \$125 • Sponsorships from \$500

Reservations Available June 1st!

Experience the Norman Bird Sanctuary Like Never Before!

Join our flock for an enchanting evening at the Norman Bird Sanctuary.

Enjoy spectacular water views from our Paradise Farm lawn, sumptuous fare by Blackstone Caterers and music from Bellevue Cadillac that is sure to get us all flapping our wings!

YES! I will join the Norman Bird Sanctuary flock and sponsor the Bird Ball Benefit at the following level:

_____ \$5,000 Swingin' Sandpiper

(tax-deductible portion: \$4,300)

Top recognition of sponsorship (corporate logo included) on event program and website; Premier table for 10 with reserved parking and valet service for 5 cars; prominent listing in all media coverage prior to and following event

_____ \$2,500 Rockin' Robin

(tax-deductible portion: \$1,940)

Special listing on website and event program; reserved table for 8 with parking and valet service for 4 cars; listing in media coverage prior and following event

_____ \$1,500 Fantastic Flamingo

(tax-deductible portion: \$1,080)

Prominent listing on website, and event program; reservations for 6 with valet service for 3 cars; listing in media coverage prior and following event

_____ \$1,000 Cha Cha Chickadee

(tax-deductible portion: \$720)

Prominent listing on website and event program; reservations for 4 and valet service for 2 cars

_____ \$500 Groovin' Gull

(tax-deductible portion: \$360)

Prominent listing on website and event program; reservations for 2 and valet service for 1 car

_____ \$125 Feathered Friend

(tax-deductible portion: \$55)

1 Bird Ball Reservation

Please indicate how you or your company would like to be listed on all printed materials:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

FORM OF PAYMENT: _____ Check _____ Visa _____ Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____



Please Make Checks Payable to: Norman Bird Sanctuary

Return completed form with payment to

NBS; 583 Third Beach Road; Middletown, RI 02842 or FAX to: 401-846-2772

For More Information, Call Stacy Couto, Director of Development at 401-846-2577



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Please Join Us for the Annual Meeting of

The Norman Bird Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

6:30 pm

Spotlight on the Sanctuary

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

Striving for Our Goals

Light Refreshments

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