

## A Lesson Learned

Winter 1991

It's been a Fall of lots of sadness as the Sanctuary has lost an orphaned crow, "L.C." and an invaluable educational friend, Henny Penny. Though the Sanctuary sees life and death of animals and plants constantly in the natural cycle of things, it is very difficult to accept the death of those beings that have brought so much joy to many hearts.

"L.C." was brought to the Sanctuary as an "orphan", one of many the Sanctuary receives every Spring. Because there was no way to put her back (as there are several ways, in most cases), Lisa decided to try her luck at raising her and then releasing her when she was old enough. As she grew, she imprinted and socialized with all the children at Nature Day Camp. She would play games with them as well as follow the campers down to the trails. Wild crows would intimidate her and send her flying for the shelter of a person. In the Fall, as she became grumpy toward children, (the very reason not to make a pet of a wild animal), it was decided to cage her, near the other resident birds, the hawks and owl. One day, when she was released for her daily free flight, she was never seen again. As it is highly unlikely that she became "wild" overnight, we assume she made it into the natural food chain, as she was last seen chasing a hawk.

Henny Penny had been brought to the Sanctuary as another "orphan" and had imprinted on people also. Because of this relationship, she never pecked like most chickens. She allowed children to pat her, feed her raisins, and to chase her, even if she didn't seem to like it. She saw thousands of school children as our model bird during in-school programs, field trips, and Sanctuary programs. In her 3 and 1/2 years, Henny Penny became the liason between people and wild animals, taking to the typewriter to answer the most often asked questions about wildlife in the Sanctuary's quarterly newsletter and as a substitute for the Potter

League's "Dear Moose" advice column in the Newport Daily News. She even had her picture taken for the RI Monthly! How does one get so attached to a chicken? All you had to do was to meet her. She'll be greatly missed.



The difference between these two deaths is a lesson to all of us. "L.C." was a wild bird that hadn't learned of her natural enemies, or of her natural allies, other crows. She died as nature intended- being "weaker" because of her shortcomings, she was left defenseless. Henny Penny, on the other hand, was a pet domestic chicken. She was protected from predators by the people who took care of her. She was killed by another pet of people- a dog that had wandered into the Sanctuary. Though it is natural for a dog to chase a bird like Penny, the dog should not have been at the Sanctuary.

Please take both lessons into consideration when deciding to adopt an "orphan" wild animal as a pet, or allowing your dogs or cats to wander and chase wildlife, or other defenseless pets. Both can be cruel.



## Director's Notes

Since it began in the fall of 1989 I have attempted to keep you informed on our progress with the Grey Craig Conservation Project in this column as well as through other correspondence.

As most of you know, the Sanctuary has a pending purchase and sale agreement to permanently protect nearly 50 acres of the 81 acre Grey Craig Estate. At this point, the conservation easements and management plans are being reviewed by the RI Department of Environmental Management, and the Town of Middletown. We expect to have their comments back in a matter of weeks. The town, the state and the City of Newport have each pledged funds to this project.

Foundation support has also been very strong, with grants and pledges from Prince, Champlin, McBean, and the Rhode Island Foundation.

In December, we began to solicit gifts from our membership and the local community. The response has been terrific! Thank you. Additionally, individual gifts to the Nature Conservancy have been earmarked to this campaign.

We expect to reach our goal on the capital campaign very soon, and close on this project within the next few months.

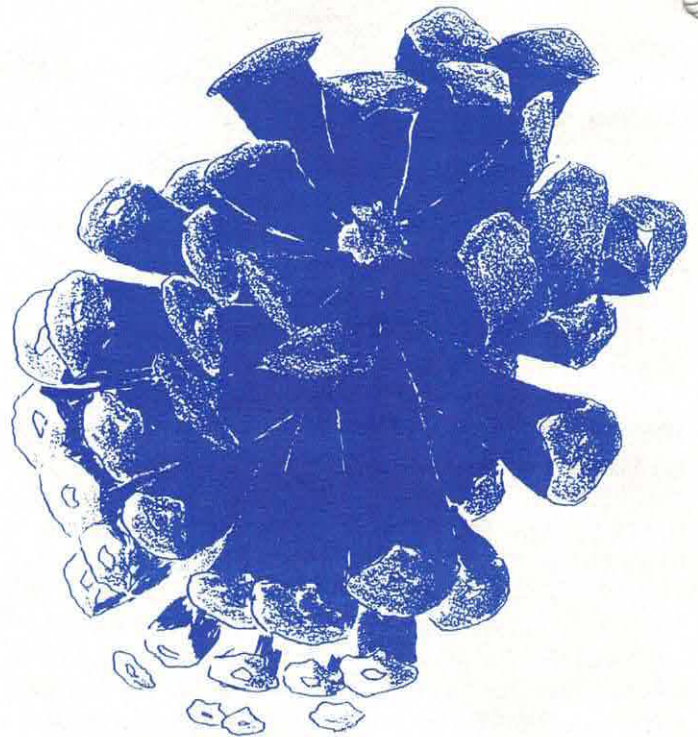
*Lawrence Taft*  
Lawrence Taft

### COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 pm.

The Sanctuary has approximately 35 garden plots in both 200 and 400 square foot sizes. These plots are available to members who wish to have an organic vegetable garden on the refuge. Any active member who is interested in having a garden plot for the 1991 season must attend this meeting to sign up. (Returning gardeners must also attend in order to retain the plots that they used last year.)

During the meeting, the Sanctuary's garden policy will be reviewed and plots will be assigned. A short presentation on organic gardening will follow.



## For The Birds

Manomet Bird Observatory located in Manomet, Massachusetts, is requesting donations for new/old binoculars, tripods, spotting scopes and bird field guides written in Spanish, in hopes of encouraging continued research in Latin and South America on songbird populations. As you may be aware, many of "our" songbirds that nest here in the Spring, travel to these southern areas for the Winter. Field studies have indicated a decline in the populations of these birds due to the destruction of the tropical rainforests. Many efforts are underway to help preserve these fragile areas through careful monitoring and research of these birds. For more information, please contact Tod Highsmith at Manomet, P.O. Box 936, Manomet, MA. 02345 or call (508) 224-6521.

### Position Opening: Part-time Caretaker

Responsibilities include buildings, grounds, and trail maintenance and habitat management projects. Experience using tractor, chainsaw, and other power tools preferred, but not necessary. For more details, contact Lawrence Taft, NBS Director 846-2577.





(Ed.-This is the last written advice from our beloved pet chicken before her death. The Sanctuary hopes that her advice on wildlife and her gentleness toward kids will be remembered always.)

Dear Henny Penny,

My family took a walk at the Sanctuary last week. We didn't see any wild animals. Why?

Dear Kind Child,

There may be several reasons for not having seen any wild animals on the trails. First, consider the time of day of your hike. If it was during the hours when the trails are open to the public, 9 am- 5 pm, many animals as raccoons, skunks, and owls are asleep at this time. You are not likely to see them in their protected sleeping areas.

Second, one must also consider the time of year. In the Fall, many species of birds migrate south. Amphibians and reptiles burrow down into the mud and under the leaves to sleep for the winter (though someone should tell the peepers! They've been peeping right through November!)

Third, think about how you walked when you were here. Were there several of you who may have been talking, running, or shouting? Animals that are awake during the day may have been frightened when they "sensed" you were coming.

And last, one must also consider that the Sanctuary is but an island in the middle of an evergrowing human neighborhood. The Sanctuary is no longer the home of many of the animals that once roamed its land or water, like otter, wolves, or even deer. These larger animals (and often some smaller animals as well), need large tracts of undisturbed areas to call their home. As people encroach on their habitat, they move to other areas.

So you see, there are several reasons for not having seen any animals. A secret for the next time you walk on the trails: instead of looking for the animals, look for any clues they may have left behind, such as tracks, scat, feathers, fur, or pellets. Use your ears and nose carefully also. See how well you can detect those animals that do make their home at the Sanctuary. It can be tricky, but very rewarding.

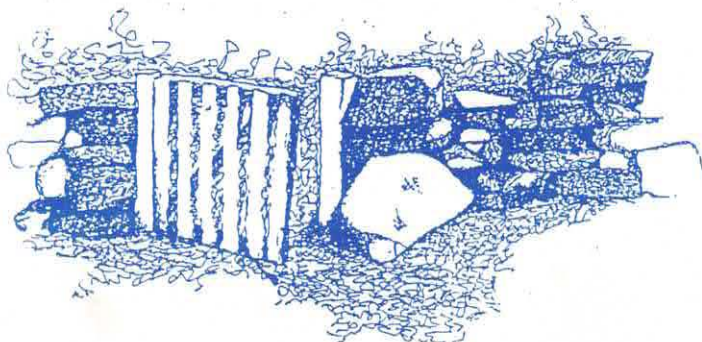
A happy and warm season to you.

Your friend,  
Henny Penny

A memorial service for Henny Penny and other special animals that have died, will be held on **Saturday March 23 at 1pm**. Those interested, including children and their families may bring flowers, seeds to plant, poems, or pictures to decorate Penny's grave under the pine trees.

### Bird feeding tips from your friends at the Sanctuary:

- If you can, fill feeders at night. This will encourage early morning "bird scouts" as they search for food for the flock.
- If pigeons are getting you down, discontinue feeding on the ground or pile some loose branches over the food source. Pigeons are intimidated by "perches" and the branches will encourage those birds that like to perch.
- To attract Cardinals and White Throated Sparrows, use flat ground or near ground feeders and refill in the late afternoon or early morning. This is the time these particular birds like to feed. Have a "Cardinal Cocktail Hour"!
- Don't forget the water! Birds need a shallow pan of water all through the seasons for drinking and bathing. Refill each day and remove ice.
- For more bird feeding tips, call NBS.





# Children's Programs

## Nature Club

Saturday mornings 9:30-12:30

Winter and Spring at the Sanctuary are seasons of subtle changes to be discovered and enjoyed by all. Children in grades K-4 can explore nature through the seasons, learning games, stories and ecological themes. Dressing warmly for these classes is essential. A mid-morning snack will be served.

## Winter Session

1/26 The Red Fox  
2/2 Trees in Winter  
2/9 Helping Wildlife  
2/16 Snow and Ice

## Early Spring Session

3/2 Hiking with a Compass  
3/9 It's Almost Spring!  
3/16 Animals of the Amazon  
3/23 What's a Wetland?

Fee: \$40 (\$36 NBS members)

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required



## Becoming a Winter Detective

Finding tracks, scat, and other signs of wildlife of the season

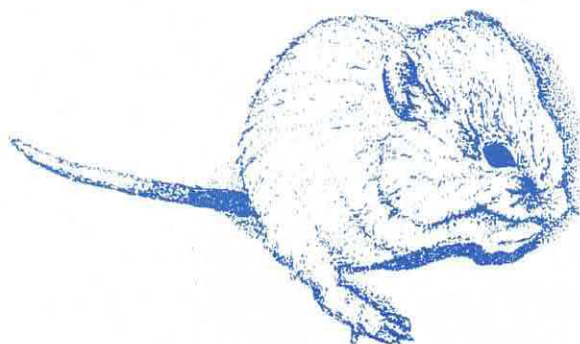
Saturday, February 9 2-4 pm

Got your magnifying glass? How about your nose? Don't forget your hat and mittens! Bring all your senses and whatever else you might need to find the everpresent clues that wildlife leaves behind during this quiet season. Hap, the Sanctuary's answer to Sherlock, will guide you all along the way.

Fee: \$6 (\$4 NBS members)

Limit: 10

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required



## Preschoolers with Parents

### Nature Hour

Wednesday mornings 10-11 am

Wednesday afternoons 2-3 pm (NEW TIME)

Winter is an exciting season to begin to learn about the Sanctuary and its wildlife. These one hour classes offer a chance to share learning experiences with parents and other 3-5 year old friends. Stories, finger plays, short hikes, and games will be shared with participants. One parent may be responsible for two children. Both child and parent should dress for the weather.

### Winter Session

January 23: Owls  
January 30: Tracks left behind  
February 6: Cones and Needles  
February 13: Shapes in Nature

### Early Spring Session

March 6: Wind and Weather  
March 13: Rocks and Rolls  
March 20: Signs of Spring  
March 27: Eggs

Fee: \$12 (\$10 NBS members) per session

Limit: 10 child/parent pairs

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required

## Sweet Dreams Pillow for Valentines Day

Sunday, February 10 1-3 pm

Sew up this simple but heart warming pillow for your favorite friend. Stuff it with soft carded wool and herbs that will invoke sweet dreams to all who lay their heads on it. For children in grades 2-5.

Fee: \$14 (\$12 NBS members)

Limit: 8

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required



## Winter Vacation Week

Mon -Fri February 18-22 9:30-12:30

Spending vacation in Disneyworld? Well, if you aren't, how about the next best thing? We don't have "Mickey" but we've got plenty of natural "Goofy" fun planned for this week at the Sanctuary! We'll go hiking, pretend we're pioneers, learn how to help wildlife, and play cooperative group games. All you have to do is dress warmly. We'll provide a mid-morning snack. If we're quiet, we may even see some friends of "Donald and Daisy" down at the pond!

Fee: \$45 (\$40 NBS members)

Limit: 20

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required

## From Buffleheads to Waxwings:

### Beginning to Bird

### for children in grades 2-5

Saturdays March 9, 16, 23, and April 6 2-4 pm

This brand new program will invite children into the world of Aves, otherwise known as our feathered friends. Participants will learn about bird adaptations using the Sanctuary's museum specimens, how to identify birds at the feeder, ocean, field, and forest, and how to keep a journal of interesting birding lore and sights. All classes will have some indoor and outdoor learning time. Participants should bring binoculars and colored pencils. An easy to follow children's field guide and journal is included with the class materials.

Fee: \$40 (\$36 NBS members)

Limit: 8 children

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required

## Natural Egg Dying

Wednesday March 27 3:30-5:30 pm

Onion skins, red cabbage, and mosses leave beautiful subtle patterns on eggs for Easter. Children will decorate three eggs and a basket to hold them. Bring in a green berry basket and some onion skins if you have them. This program is for children in grades K-4.

Fee: \$8 (\$6 NBS members)

Limit: 8

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required

## Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday March 30 1pm

Celebrate the return of the warmer weather and the arrival of Spring! Venture through the Sanctuary's buildings and trails looking for the delicious treats hidden as part of the search for signs of Spring. Find the special "earth eggs" that contain extra special surprises. Children ages 3- 10 may participate in this Sanctuary event. Bring your own special collecting basket. This program is limited to NBS members only.

Fee: \$5 one child/parent pair  
\$8 family

Don't forget to join us for...

## April Vacation Week

April 15- 19 for grades K-4

## And for the older campers...

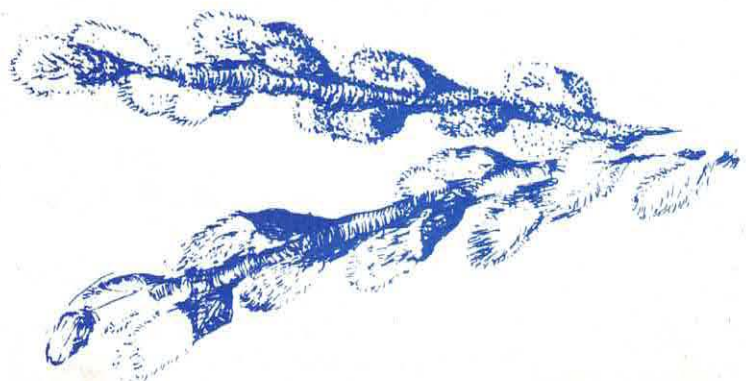
In cooperation with other environmental education centers, the Sanctuary recommends Winter Vacation at Alton Jones, in West Greenwich, R.I. for children ages 8-12

### Participants will:

- \* Explore the beauty of Alton Jones by snowshoe.
- \* Follow wildlife tracks and learn about plants and animals in the winter.
- \* Check frozen ponds to discover life beneath the icy surface.
- \* Visit a 150 year old farm with animals
- \* Stay in heated cabins and enjoy hearty meals.

Fee: \$98

**For registration and information call  
397-3304 before February 4**





## Special Winter Events



For Groundhog Day,  
the Norman Bird Sanctuary presents...

### **Tales from the North Wind**

Comic stories of hibernating bears, waltzing  
uncles, and of course, the North Wind itself!

**By Storyteller Diane Edgecomb  
of Wilderwalks Storytelling**

**Saturday, February 2, 1991 2 pm**

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb does what  
few performers can. With her wonderful  
characterizations and her innate sense of  
the dramatic, she weaves nature tales  
that are full of lore and wisdom of the  
wilderness.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Tickets\*\*\*\*\***

**Children:** In advance \$3.50 (\$2.50 NBS members)  
At the door \$4 (\$3 members)

**Adults:** In advance \$4.50 (\$3.50 NBS members)  
At the door \$5 (\$4 NBS members)

**Call for ticket reservations and information**

## Owl Prowls

Silently stalk the trails listening for the  
mating calls of the Sanctuary's owls and other  
animals that are about. With tapes, we'll try to  
lure them out of the darkness. This year, for  
those who dare, we will try a morning prowling  
for adults (see below) Dress warmly and bring  
a flashlight if you need one. Prowls may be  
cancelled if wind or inclement weather  
prevail

**For families:** Friday, February 1 at 7 pm  
(inclement weather date: Feb. 8)  
Fee: \$4 (\$3 adult NBS members)  
\$3 (\$2 child NBS members)

**For adults:** Thursday, January 24 at 7 pm  
(inclement weather date: Jan. 31)  
or

Saturday, January 26 at 5 am  
(With a pot luck early breakfast to follow,  
coffee, tea, and cocoa provided.)  
Fee: \$4 (\$3 members)  
Pre-registration and pre-payment are  
required

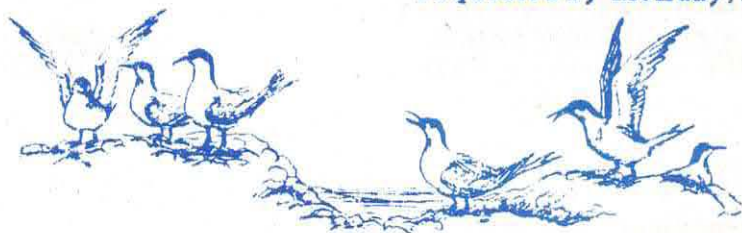
### **Earthwatch: The Birds of the Shetland Islands**

Tuesday evening February 19 7 pm

In 1989, Kathy Ryan, the Children's Librarian  
at the Newport Library became a member of a  
research team during a fascinating study on  
Scotland's Shetland Islands, outside of the  
Arctic Circle. Without any previous birding or  
scientific experience, Kathy took part in a  
study to learn why the birds that live on  
these islands - gulls, puffins, terns, eiders, and  
skuas have had a sharp decline in their  
populations in the last three years, after  
many years of stable and growing population  
studies.

Sponsored by Earthwatch, an organization  
designed to allow the public to help scientists  
on research expeditions worldwide, Kathy  
brought back a wealth of information, hands  
on data, slides, and stories about her  
experiences. Adults and families with older  
children are invited.

Fee: \$3 (\$2 NBS members)  
Pre-registration and pre-payment are  
requested by Monday, February 18 at 5 pm.





## **Public Programs**

### **Heart-Shaped Basket**

#### **Weaving Workshop**

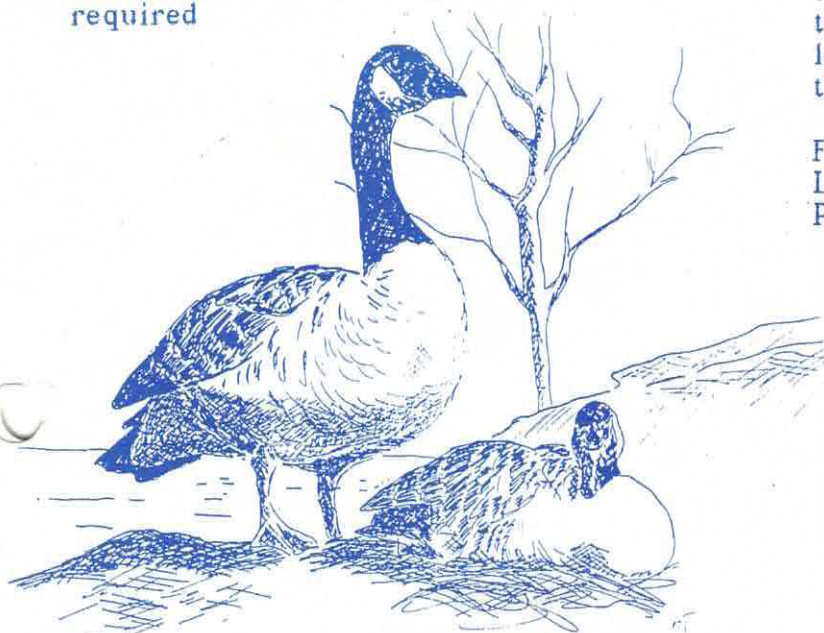
Thursday evenings January 31 and February 7  
6:30-8:30 pm

Learn to weave a rose colored braided basket in time for Valentine's Day. Fill it with love and give it to your favorite friend. Sharon Culberson from Hilltop Gardens will provide her expertise. Bring heavy scissors or clippers.

Fee: \$24 (\$20 NBS members)

Limit: 12

Pre-payment and pre-registration are required



### **Winter Visitors** **to Aquidneck Island**

Wednesday evening Jan. 30 7:30 pm.  
Sunday morning field trip Feb. 3, 7:30 am

Whether you've been a bird watcher for years, or are just a beginner, this 2 part mini-course on birding may be right for you. Sanctuary Director, Lawrence Taft will teach about the identification and behaviors of many of the sea ducks, shore birds and birds of prey that visit Aquidneck Island each winter. The evening session will be a presentation using slides and stuffed specimens. During the field trip, we will explore the coastline and ponds in search of birds. Suggested equipment, field guide and binoculars.

Fee: \$25 (\$15 NBS members)

Limit: 15

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

### **Sunday Morning Birdwalks**

The Sunday morning birdwalks will be discontinued from February 3 to March 31. Please join us again for the Spring season beginning April 7 at 8 am.

### **Puddingstone and other** **Geological Entres**

Saturday, March 2 2-4 pm

This program will focus on the land forms and rockforms of the Sanctuary. With a walking tour followed by a look at a topographical map, participants will learn of the earth forming processes which shaped the landscape through time. Hap Morgan will be the leader. Wear sturdy shoes.

Fee: \$6 (\$4 NBS members)

Limit: 15

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required

**To pre-register, please call  
846-2577**

### **Egg Basket Making Workshop**

Thursday evenings March 21 and 28  
6:30-8:30 pm

A traditional 10" egg basket will be woven during this class under the creative guidance of Sharon Culberson. Bring heavy scissors or clippers if you have them.

Fee: \$28 (\$24 NBS members)

Limit: 12

Pre-payment and pre-registration are required.

### **Woodcock Walk**

Saturday, March 23 5:30 pm

Celebrate the arrival of Spring for the birds—the return of the Woodcock. The male Woodcock performs a whimsical courtship dance for any female that will watch (We can take a peek too!). Please arrive at 5:30 sharp.

Fee: \$4 (\$3 NBS members)

Limit: 15

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.



## Greetings from NBS Staff

Hello! We would like to introduce ourselves for those members who are new to the area. The Sanctuary's staff includes:

**Larry Taft** is the Sanctuary Director who is often tied to the computer, phone, or in land use or fundraising meetings. When he can break away from his office, he is driving the tractor or repairing a boardwalk or trail. He is also the birdwalk leader every Sunday morning, teaches the birding course for adults, and is often needed as a third teacher for school groups that visit. Larry completed his Masters in resource management from Antioch New England last year, received his undergraduate degree from URI in natural resources, and has worked as an environmental educator for RI Audubon, DEM and Alton Jones. On days off, he likes to bird, play the piano, and cross country ski. He has been at the Sanctuary since 1985 and lives in Middletown with his wife, Lou.

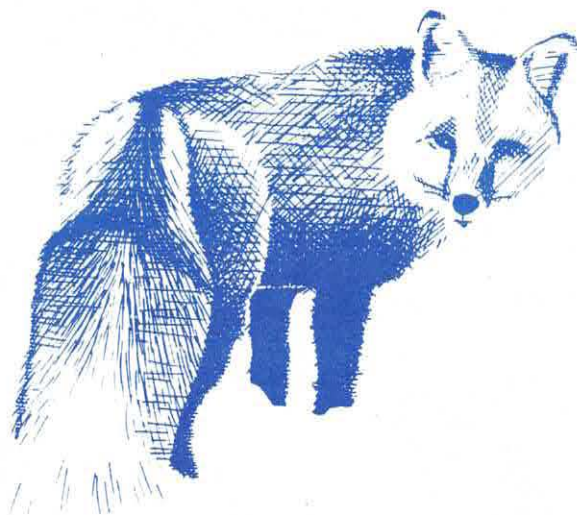
**June Doolittle** is usually the first soul to greet you before hiking on the trails. She is our Receptionist who is also spectacular at typing, answering phone calls, and taking care of newborn bunnies. She is pursuing a degree in music education from URI and is often involved in signing classes and helps interpret for the deaf. When she has a few minutes to spare in her busy schedule, she can be found riding her horse, playing her guitar, or singing in the Channing choir. She lives in Middletown with her husband Jay, and their three children, John, Andrew, and Lauren.

**Hap Morgan** has been involved with the Sanctuary since the days when he used to skip school to hike the trails (shhh, don't tell!), followed by teaching medicinal herb classes every summer since the 70's. Hap is the Sanctuary's Naturalist and Caretaker. As a Naturalist, he teaches a variety of programs to both children and adults. His specialties include geology and medicinal herbs. When he switches his cap to become Caretaker, Hap is responsible for mowing fields, and maintenance of trails and buildings. He has worked full time at the Sanctuary since 1986. In his free time, Hap enjoys birding, reading, and hiking with his wife, Jenny and their dog Chelsea. They presently live in Middletown, but will soon be moving to their new home in Jamestown.

**Lisa Pritchard** began teaching at the Sanctuary as a summer camp naturalist in 1981. She is the Sanctuary's Education Coordinator whose job includes creating the NBS FLYER, coordinating school programs and summer camp, and teaching children and

adult programs. A graduate of UVM in environmental studies and SEA semester in Woods Hole, she had worked at Save The Bay before taking a full time job at the Sanctuary in 1985. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree in education in the Fall. Her interests include gardening, taking long walks with her dogs, swimming, birding, and being a leader to a daisy troop. She lives in Middletown with her husband, Ken Dolbashian.

Now that you know a bit about us, please stop in and introduce yourself!



## Sanctuary Recognized Nationwide For Local Efforts

The Norman Bird Sanctuary is one of 25 grant recipients recognized nationwide this year by Successful Communities, a program of World Wildlife Fund and the Conservation Foundation. The \$1,000 grant will assist in the establishment of the **Aquidneck Island Land Trust**. The grant monies will be used to produce informational brochures, and to cover the costs of undertaking a membership campaign. The Sanctuary acted as sponsor until the Land Trust gained its own tax-exempt status.

The Aquidneck Island Land Trust is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural resources on Aquidneck Island for the benefit of the general public. It will be able to acquire and hold parcels of land or development rights through purchase or gift for the purpose of open space conservation. The Land Trust has a board of directors with representatives from Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, and holds its monthly meetings at the Sanctuary.



## Volunteers and Donations

Where to start? The Fall is always the time for the Sanctuary's largest volunteer effort to kick in. Over 2500 hours were devoted to the Sanctuary this season. If minimum wage was paid for each working hour, that's \$10,000 saved for the Sanctuary!

Most of the effort was concentrated at our biggest fundraiser, the Harvest Fair. This annual event drew thousands of people and helped raise needed funds for the Sanctuary. In order to pull this off, however, hundreds of volunteers worked through the entire weekend. We are very grateful to each and every one of you, (especially to those who seem to disappear before we can even say "thanks"!).

To those of you who began to think of October back in May, through monthly meetings and calls to potential as well as "veteran" volunteers, we thank you- the chairpersons for each of the fair's committees. You handled all the pieces that fit together into the final plan.

Fran Babcock (Raffle), Chris Callahan (tickets), Roger Gilman (parking), Cally Gottlieb (Home and Garden), Fran Holmes (Crafts), Peggy Isham Hughes (Signs), C.G. King (Set-up), Nora Madden (Publicity), Carol Maloney (Country Store), Al Marcantonio (Treasury), Moia Martland (Games), Bev Murphy (Gates), Candy Powell (Civic Exhibits), Ginny Purviance (Home and Garden), Dorie Richardson (Beverages), Phil Rondina (Field games and Publicity), Fran Roeder (Children's Games), Greer Silvia (Country Store), Jane and David Steele (Clean up), Garrett Sullivan (Food), and Bonnie Williams (Entertainment).

A special tribute to our two chairwomen, **Sharon Pelletier** and **Kathy Finn** who successfully pulled off another great fair for the third year in a row. Their dedication and perseverance have helped the Sanctuary tremendously and we are truly thankful for their efforts.

Of course the Sanctuary has had many other events and programs taking place throughout the Fall. The successes of all are due to the help of some very special volunteers and businesses:

For donations, Adele's Pet Emporium, Micrographix, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Loretta Simmons, Glenn Johnson, and Mrs. Brugman. A special thank you to Star Market in Middletown. They save and donate their meat for our hawks and owl.

Another special thank you is extended to friends at the Robert Potter League, the Newport Daily News and photographer Pat O'Connor for their donations in memory of Henny Penny.

As volunteers, Paulette Ache, Alex Bogle, Nat Chase, Sharon Culberson, Jason Damas, Betsy Daniel, and Mary deLeiris, Ken Dolbashian, Charles Donald, Jodi Fullerton, Eric Griffith, Sylvia Hampton, Fran and Bob Holmes, Angela Jepson, Courtney Kaplan, Daryl, Elizabeth, Joshua, and Seth Kolator, Michael Kosinski, Becca and Emily Leslie, Alexi Mazuroski, Jenny Morgan, Bill O'Connell, Forster Peabody, Helene Pritchard, Lois and Ray Rogers, Ramsey Scott, Jocelyn Sherman, Peter Staley, Ann Thayer, Lou Taft, and Betty Walsh.

## Animal Care Volunteer "Retires"

Volunteer animal caretaker, Charles Donald, "retired" this fall after 5 years of continuing service. Charles started volunteering at the Sanctuary during the Summer of 1985, coming in on a daily basis to help feed and care for the resident animals as well as rehabilitating injured or orphaned wild animals.

Since the Fall of 1985 Charles continued his volunteer work every Sunday afternoon, rarely missing a day.

Charles is now 19 years old and attends Bristol Community College. His future ambition is to work with animals and wildlife in some capacity.

Asked if he had any remarks upon his departure, he stated that "it has been fun... [and that he] has learned a lot about wildlife" while he worked here.

We wish Charles all the best in his future endeavors. Thank you!



Charles Donald with woolly friend



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**Sanctuary Hours: Daily 9 am- 5 pm**  
Remember The hiking trails are excellent for  
cross country skiing during the winter  
months. Please register first before going out,  
as you would before hiking. Think snow !

### **Tortola Trip Update**

Unfortunately, the Tortola trip planned for  
early spring has been cancelled due to  
technical and scheduling difficulties. More  
trips will be considered in the future.

Do you have comments about our programs or  
newsletter ? Maybe you would like to  
contribute an idea, teach a class, or give a  
suggestion regarding any aspect of the  
Sanctuary. Please contact us with your  
thoughts !

### **Please Join Us Today!**

Your membership supports our conservation and nature educational  
program efforts across Aquidneck Island and our management and  
preservation activities here at the refuge.

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### **NORMAN BIRD SANCTUARY**

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

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In addition to my yearly membership I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I would like to be called for volunteer work.

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Weather Forecasting:

Onion skins very thin  
Mild winter coming in;  
Onion skins very tough,  
Winter's going to be very rough.