



THE HINGHAM LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

## 2020 Annual Report & Newsletter

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### HLCT LAUNCHES DEMONSTRATION POLLINATOR GARDEN

As a follow up to our spring 2019 annual meeting program regarding the impact of climate change on our natural world, the HLCT board was eager to undertake one or more local projects that might demonstrate ways we could all help some stressed species. We brainstormed with Loni Fournier, Senior Planner, Hingham Conservation Commission who joined us for a board meeting last summer. For our 2020 inaugural project, we decided to focus on pollinator populations.

Pollinators support more than 180,000 different plant species and 1,200 crops. In this context, it is alarming to consider that many pollinator populations are in decline, a trend attributed most severely to a loss in feeding and nesting habitats. Pollution, the misuse of chemicals, disease, and changes in climatic patterns are all contributing to shrinking and shifting pollinator populations.


Our primary initiative to aid pollinators this year was the creation of a demonstration pollinator garden. Under the leadership of Art Collins, a subcommittee of the board spent the fall seeking out local experts and other collaborators and considering potential locations for such a demonstration project. In January, HLCT vice chair Art Collins, supported by Loni Fournier and an enthusiastic audience of HLCT board members, made our pitch to the Bare Cove Park Committee. We asked for permission to establish a demonstration native wildflower pollinator-friendly garden in a highly visible area of the park known as the Triangle Garden. Our detailed proposal received an enthusiastic endorsement.

In spite of the challenge imposed early-on by the arrival of a global pandemic, we persevered, aided by some important collaborators: the Bare Cove Park Committee, led by Chair Ted Matthews; the South Shore chapter of the native plant educational organization known as "Wild Ones," led by Britt Drews of Hingham; and Hingham High Botany teacher Katie Roberts. Under Katie's supervision, Hingham High School Botany Club members planted seeds for the project this winter in the school greenhouse. (Katie took the seedlings to her home for continued care when school closed due to the public health emergency.) We also ordered seedlings of native pollinator plants to supplement those being grown from seed.

In April, garden preparation began. Our masked, socially distanced work crew was aided by Bare Cove Park Ranger Scott McMillan who hauled away non-native invasive plants and weeds removed from the site. In the months that followed, volunteers from our collaborating groups joined our "hands-on" board members in getting seedlings established, doing necessary watering through this summer's drought to get the plants established, and keeping weeds under control.

In September at our annual meeting, Art Collins reported on the success of this first phase of the Pollinator Garden project and discussed what comes next, including clearing of the outer garden area (begun as a September community service work project

by the Hingham High Boys Soccer Team) and seeding of that section later in the fall. A recording of our HLCT 2020 Annual Meeting, and a slide show of the garden project posted by the *Hingham Anchor* are now available for viewing at [www.hinghamlandtrust.org](http://www.hinghamlandtrust.org).

As additional education for the Hingham community about the importance of pollinators, we invited Sean Kent, a biologist from Mass Audubon to present a program about native bees and other pollinators at our September Annual Meeting. A few insights from Sean's presentation are provided elsewhere in this newsletter (See "Did You Know?" on page 3) and we also invite you to see Sean's entire presentation as part of our posted annual meeting recording. 



*SPRING-Markers for first round of plantings in place*



*Art Collins planting seedlings in Phase 1 of Triangle Garden project*



## 2020: TESTING OUR RESILIENCY

This continues to be a challenging year for everyone in our community, and on our planet. Some also may have found the months of pandemic-related restrictions to be a time for renewed appreciation of the cycles of nature and the opportunities we have close to home on the South Shore to experience the natural world.

As an organization, the HLCT began making necessary adjustments to our seasonal activities in March, when we went “virtual” with our monthly board meetings, and quickly decided to cancel our Spring Walk and postpone our Annual Meeting, normally held in April, until September. Later we moved the annual meeting program to ZOOM (see story on page 3), but found it necessary, with social distance restrictions remaining in place, to cancel our Fall Walk. We will look forward to returning to our schedule of seasonal guided walks



Jacobs Meadow

in 2021. Meanwhile, we have stayed on top of conditions at our HLCT properties, making sure paths are maintained and adding clean ups after multiple storms with damaging winds.



## Trustee News

### WELCOME TO SUSAN KAINS

**Susan Kains** brings to the HLCT board her expertise and perspective based on advanced studies and work in environmental education, natural resources management, and spiritual well-being. As a retiree living on the South Shore, Susan has been a Ranger at Bare Cove Park (2001-2004), a member of the Bare Cove Park Committee (2014-2017), and an adjunct environmental educator for programs offered at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. By serving on the HLCT, Susan looks forward to helping to protect wild places in Hingham so that others may stay connected to nature and experience physical, emotional, and spiritual health. 🌿

### BOARD MOVES TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS



Board on ZOOM in September (L to R): Top – Eileen McIntyre, Helmut Fick-enwirth, Art Collins; Middle–Tom Bright, Don Kidston, Susan Kains; Bottom–Martha Falvey, Rick Rohleder, Zak Mertz; Joining by phone–Daniel Wells.

Importantly, in spite of new challenges, we moved forward enthusiastically, masked and socially distanced, with our 2020 initiative--the launch of a Demonstration Native Pollinator Garden at Bare Cove Park, which you can read about on page 1. This initiative would not have been successful without our enthusiastic collaborators and volunteers and we are quite grateful. The constant buzz of pollinators in the garden through the growing season was a wonderful payoff for all the work and we expect to expand on the garden initiative in 2021.

At our September annual meeting we said thank you to outgoing HLCT board member Nick Sowles for his five years of service—during which he was always ready to pitch in with his chain saw on seasonal property clean ups. Thank you, Nick. We also officially welcomed board member Susan Kains who joined us this summer (Board News, page 2.)

The HLCT board, and all who knew her, are saddened by the passing this summer of founding board member Sally Goodrich, a true force-of-nature, who led the way in the early days of the Hingham Land Conservation Trust. You can read more about Sally and her legacy on page 3. This year we also lost former board member and Treasurer, Tony Kiernan, who shared so much of himself with town organizations and volunteer government committees. Sally and Tony’s lives remind us of the importance of each individual contributing to help our community as a whole stay resilient.

Thanks to our board, our collaborators, and volunteers for your energetic support this year. 🌿



## Philip O. Swanson Scholarship



**C**ongratulations to Colin Hannon, our 2020 Philip O. Swanson Scholarship recipient. Colin was a multi-year member of the Green Team at Hingham High School, where he was consistently an honor roll student and a 4-year member of the boys’ ice hockey team. Colin has now begun his studies at Miami University of Ohio, where he plans to major in Biology. 🌿



## Remembering Sally Goodrich, Founder, Hingham Land Conservation Trust

Sally Goodrich, who died this summer after a long and wonderful life, was the inspirational leader of the team of founding trustees who together launched the Hingham Land Conservation Trust in 1972—almost 50 years ago. Sally was one of those determined visionaries who make things happen. She cared about the environment for watershed and wildlife protection, and about the importance of land conservation for the health and well-being of neighborhoods. By bringing together a team of individuals who shared her passion for the environment, she spearheaded the work that inspired several gifts of land as well as conservation restrictions to protect open space. We are so grateful for Sally's initiative and for the example she set. We share these memories from some of those who knew Sally well.

The late PHIL SWANSON (who joined Sally as a founding board member of HLCT,) was quoted in this newsletter in 1994, the year of Sally's retirement from the Trust after 23 years of service on the board:

*"Never during my fairly lengthy experience in this fair town have I had the pleasure of collaborating with a more cheerful person than Sally Goodrich. We historians recognize that the Hingham Land Conservation Trust idea was born in her mind and that she nurtured it over the years with great energy and optimism and all the while she made sure that her cohorts in the endeavor received full recognition for anything positive they may have done along the way."*



**Celebrating Sally in 1994 after her 23 years of service to HLCT** (L to R): Monique Lehner, Sally Goodrich, Martha Horn, Ginger Winslow, and Kathy Reardon. Sally is holding a bronze property marker traditionally given to departing HLCT board members (HLCT archive photo)

**KATHY REARDON** of Hingham, former long-time Chair, Hingham Land Conservation Trust, today remembers Sally as a mentor and inspirational powerhouse:

*"I first met Sally around 1990 when I was working on a land conservation project for my Radcliffe Landscape Design Certificate. She invited me to her house, gave me tea and talked with me for over an hour about land conservation in Hingham, the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, and how and why it*

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Many Varieties of Bees are Antisocial

By Sean Kent, Mass Audubon

Globally, there are more than 20,000 species of bees. More than 4,000 species are found in the United States and Canada, with 1,000 species in the eastern United States, and at least 367 species in Massachusetts.

Although most people are familiar with honeybees and bumble bees which are social insects, most native bees live a solitary existence and do not form colonies. Most solitary bees nest in the ground, typically in sandy soil, while other solitary bees nest in pre-existing cavities, including plant stems and insect tunnels in trees.

When you are walking next March and see a seemingly lifeless meadow full of brown plant stems, picture the myriad of cavity nesting baby bees (larvae or pupae). These bees are waiting for spring rains and warmer temperatures to cue their emergence from their natal home in the hollow cavities of plant stems. Leafcutting bees (*Megachile*) and mason bees (*Osmia*) are the two major groups of **stem nesting bees** that you will find in Massachusetts.

Then, when spring arrives, look down and try to find little mounds of earth. A good spot to look is bare patches in your lawn or in sandy soil near pine trees. A **mining bee** excavated each mound. The major groups of mining bees in Massachusetts are *Andrena*, *Colletes*, and *Lasioglossum*. Most bees in the group known as *Andrena* are harbingers of spring because they emerge at the same time trees bloom.

Wild bees are particularly important as pollinators. To learn more, you can watch my presentation at the 2020 HLCT annual meeting, now available to view at [www.hinghamlandtrust.org](http://www.hinghamlandtrust.org)



Sean Kent discussed bee varieties at HLCT annual meeting on ZOOM

## Why Support the Hingham Land Conservation Trust?

The HLCT works to acquire, hold, and preserve open space in Hingham for the benefit and enjoyment of our town. Presently we own 65 acres and hold conservation restrictions on 118 acres in the town of Hingham.

We conserve land to protect our water supply, wildlife habitat, and freshwater ponds and streams. We collaborate with other civic organizations on educational programming and events.

Your gifts fund trail blazing and seasonal mowing to provide access while protecting forest, wetlands and open meadow habitats, surveys to define property boundaries, the printing of our beloved "Parklands for the Public" map, and other organizational needs. For more about the HLCT, go to [hinghamlandtrust.org](http://hinghamlandtrust.org).

All contributions to HLCT are tax-deductible, including land and conservation easements. Your gifts contribute to the quality of life in Hingham now, and for generations to come. To contribute, use the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Contact us at [info@hinghamlandtrust.org](mailto:info@hinghamlandtrust.org) or by mail at the following address:

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### 2019 Financial Summary

Income .....	\$ 21,070
Expenses .....	\$ 12,787
Cash Assets .....	\$ 198,684

## Remembering Sally Goodrich, continued

was formed. Her dedication to the HLCT mission was powerful but respectful. When I later joined the HLCT board I could see how she inspired others with her positive hopes for Hingham's future through the preservation of beautiful landscapes and natural resources. As Board Chair, she treated the board like family – inviting us to dinner with the Annual Meeting speaker before we all gathered for the evening's meeting. With cheer, energy and determination she made her mark on Hingham forever."

**MARTHA HORN, Member, Board of Trustees, Hingham Land Conservation Trust in the early to mid-1990s, sent this tribute from her home in Brunswick, Maine:**

"What I most remember about Sally is her cheerful attitude toward everyone and everything and her unflagging optimism, qualities so rare these days. Sally had a vision and plans to accomplish it, and she kept moving forward. The challenges may have necessitated detours, but she always worked hard to resolve issues while communicating her optimism and maintaining those goals. As a result, Sally accomplished a substantial number of land acquisition and enhancement projects while making many friends for the HLCT. Sally was an excellent leader, and it was a privilege to work with her."

**JOHN GOODRICH, one of Sally's sons, of Charlottesville, VA, told us of his mother's love of nature:**

"My mom, Sally Goodrich always treasured this planet and her time on it. We walked throughout our childhood on World's End, sailed the New England coast and cross-country skied behind the properties on Main Street in Hingham. She consistently befriended like-minded individuals that enjoyed nature and open spaces, like Helen Burns, Suvia Whittemore and Mary Niles, which led to some of the cornerstone properties of HLCT today. She enjoyed watching birds—and feeding them—everywhere she went, recognizing them as kindred spirits, too! Her memory will live on through her work for the HLCT forever." 🍷



Sally pictured enjoying the 1994 Hingham 4th of July Parade (Goodrich family photo)



## HLCT Walks

### Discover Hingham History while Walking along the Inner Harbor Walkways this Fall or Winter.

The Hingham harbor history sign initiative, which has now produced 6 installed signs on topics including mackerel fishing, ship building and lumber trade, was inspired in part by the research done for our HLCT April 2018 annual meeting program about the evolution of land use along the Hingham Harbor near downtown. For more background, go to [www.hingham-ma.gov/hinghamharbor](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/hinghamharbor) 🍷

