

The NRT Report

Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield Newsletter

NRT Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors invites you and your friends to attend our annual meeting at the Village at Willow Crossing Community Building, off of Cobb Street, on Thursday, May 29th at 7:30 P.M.

This year we are honored to have Peter Alden, author of many nature books, as our guest speaker (see opposite page).

AGENDA

- ♣ Call to order 7:30 P. M.
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Nominating Committee's Report
Election of Officers and Board
- ♣ Status of Conservation Projects (L. Flynn)
- ♣ Upcoming Projects and Events:
Downtown Sidewalk Event , NRT Table , July 16, 6 – 9 P.M.
Fall Nature Walk
- ♣ Old Business
- ♣ New Business
- ♣ Guest Speaker, Peter Alden. Topic: "The Birds & the Bees, the Flowers & the Trees". (See opposite page)
- ♣ Adjourn

Nominating Committee's Report

Nominating Committee:

Colin Cauldwell
Marydee Flynn
Jane Sheehan.

Officers for 2003-2004:

President, Louis F. Andrews
Immediate Past President, Leonard F. Flynn
Vice President, Colin Cauldwell
Secretary, Christine Flass
Treasurer, Cindy Ostrowski

Directors for 2003-2004:

Virginia Bellamy
Margaret Flannery
Leonard Flynn
Marydee Flynn
Meredith Holdford
Janice Meszoely
Charles Meszoely
Cindy Ostrowski
Elizabeth Roche
Jane Sheehan



Downtown Sidewalk Event

The NRT will have a table at the annual Downtown Sidewalk Event on July 16th, from 6 to 9:00 P.M.

Please help man the tables or, drop by and say hello. Look for our table opposite The House of Pizza.

Please pay your 2003 Dues

Dues are \$25.00 per year (Individual and family).

Send your dues to:
Natural Resources Trust, Inc.
255 Fruit Street
Mansfield, MA 02048

Thank you.

Canoe River Awareness Day

The 16th annual Canoe River Awareness Day, sponsored by the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee, will be held at the Mansfield Fish and Game Club, Route 106 (park at the highway garage). On Saturday, May 24th 8:30 A.M to noon.

Please join us for refreshments and canoeing.

- 8:30 to 9:00 – Refreshments
- 9:00 to 9:15 – Welcome and announcements
- 9:15 to 10:00 – Presentations by Jay Brolin from the Environmental Protection Agency on Storm Water Management and by Taryn LaScola from the Department of Food and Agriculture on Water Well-Being.
- 10:00 to Noon – Canoeing.

Canoes provided by the Easton Water Department





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The Birds & the Bees, the Flowers & the Trees

Our guest speaker will give us a colorful overview of the mammals, birds, herbs, invertebrates, woody and herbaceous plants, and fungi of the Mansfield area. Audience interaction is encouraged on selected key species and issues. A special focus will be on invasive alien plants and animals, and impact of massive bird feeding. Mr. Alden will also update us on events on the statewide Biodiversity Days, May 30 - June 8.

Peter Alden, of Concord, is co-author with Foxborough's Brian Cassie, of the popular National Audubon Society Field Guide to New England. The book, with over 1000 color photographs, will be available at a discount, after the

talk. Peter has written 15 books (see Bookends on North Main Street, amazon.com or google.com), and has led birding and wildlife tours, cruises, and safaris to over 100 countries.

He initiated the world's first Biodiversity Day in 1998, where he organized (with Harvard's E. O. Wilson) a Noah's Ark of 100 field biologists. 1,905 species within 5 miles of Walden Pond, were identified. For the past four years he has overseen the world's first government-sponsored statewide Biodiversity Days for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. It has now involved an estimated 100,000 students and adults in thousands of June nature walks, in 300 towns.



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Contributions

The NRT welcomes donations to our land acquisition fund. These funds are dedicated to acquire and protect conservation land in Mansfield. Please send your tax - deductible contribution to: NRT, 255 Fruit Street, Mansfield, MA 02048.