



# The Warren Conservator

Fall 2018

**WARREN  
LAND TRUST**



## Save the Date! **2019** WLT Events

### Town Clean Up:

Saturday, April 20, 2019  
*rain date Sunday, April 21, 2019*  
10am-2pm

### Trails Day Hike:

Saturday, June 1, 2019  
10am

### 30th Anniversary Picnic at Hopkins Vineyard:

Sunday, September 15, 2019  
1-3pm

### Housatonic Heritage Walk w/ Warren Historical Society:

Saturday, September 21, 2019  
10am

### Cider Run 5K with Warren Parks & Rec:

TBD (likely 10/5/19, 10am  
or 10/6, noon - stay tuned!)

### WLT Booth at Fall Festival:

Saturday and Sunday,  
October 12 & 13, 2019  
10am-4pm

### Annual Meeting and 30th Anniversary Program:

Saturday, November 16, 2019  
10am

## WLT Launches Trail Map Series

We know: you want to go for a hike in Warren, but where should you go, and what will the trail be like when you get there? Thanks to a grant from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation, and to the talent and skills of architect Nathalie Brodhead and graphic designer Jenna Verhoff, we can tell you! We will be launching a series of maps for trails and points of interest on those of our properties that are open to the public. The first of these, for the Dorothy Maier Preserve on Sackett Hill Road, will be available at our Annual Meeting on November 17th, and afterwards by contacting us at [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org). A map of the Coords Preserve, with its beaver pond, grape arbor, and cellar holes, will follow, as will maps for the Strong and Tanner Preserves. The next stage in this project will be interactive maps, which allow for more photographic images of the preserves' natural and historic features, as well as more detailed information about those features. We look forward to helping you get out into the woods!

## WLT Turns 30 in 2019!

Founded in 1989, the Warren Land Trust will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year! We are looking back with pride and ahead with excitement, and we want to celebrate this milestone with the community. Mark your calendars now for our 30th Anniversary Picnic at the Hopkins Winery on Sunday, September 15th, from 1-3pm. This family-friendly event will feature a delicious lunch, live music, games, prizes, and of course local libations – all in Warren's great outdoors. We have lots of other celebratory plans in the works; stay tuned for further details coming soon on our website, via email, and in our Spring Newsletter!



## WLT and WHS Find History Hidden in the Woods

Did you know that the birthplace of one of the 19th century's best known, and one of its fieriest, evangelical preachers is hidden in the woods off an old town road? Or that in the 1920s, a group of



Oberlin students built a stone monument to that famous man, who was also the second president of their college, known during his tenure for its abolitionist activism? If you joined us in September for this year's Housatonic Heritage Hike, co-sponsored with the Warren Historical Society, you do...and you saw the home-site and the monument for yourself! What's more, you would have learned the secrets of ferns and mushrooms (including some exotic specimens) along the trail, thanks to the expertise of WLT board member Roberta "BK" Stafford. Many thanks to BK, and to WHS Curator Ellen Paul, both of whom helped educate and entertain this year's Heritage Hikers!

## Notice of Annual Meeting

### *WLT Annual Meeting Features Presentation and Nature Walk*

The Annual Meeting of the Warren Land Trust will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10 AM at the Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road. All land trust members are encouraged to attend and participate. Non-members are also welcome to attend – this is an excellent opportunity to learn about our conservation work! The business portion of the meeting should last approximately one hour. We will summarize the year's undertakings and our plans for 2019.

This year's annual meeting will provide added attractions. Following the business meeting, we will enjoy seasonal refreshments including cider and delicious cider donuts as we present interesting information about the Dorothy Maier Preserve. We will then host a nature walk on the preserve, named in honor of Dorothy Maier, in gratitude for her years of service to the Warren Land Trust as our first president, serving for fifteen years from 1989 until 2005. Questions? Contact us at [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org)

## Are you WLT's neighbor?

Do you live near one of the Warren Land Trust's fee properties or easements? Check out the interactive map on our website, [www.warrenlandtrust.org](http://www.warrenlandtrust.org), and see. If you are, we'd like to make a "conservation connection!" Our aim is to maintain these properties in a largely natural state, and we could use your help. If you're interested in helping us oversee or otherwise steward a Warren Land Trust property near you, please let us know: contact Tim Angevine at [timothyangevine@hotmail.com](mailto:timothyangevine@hotmail.com)

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## Warren Land Trust Mission Statement

The Warren Land Trust is a conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the rural character of Warren. Its mission is to preserve farmland, open space, natural and endangered resources such as wetlands, forests and wildlife habitats, to encourage outright gifting of land for permanent protection and the use of conservation easements to preserve open space.

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## Cider Run 5K Marks its 10th Year

The 10th anniversary outing of the Cider Run 5K, co-sponsored by the Warren Land Trust and Warren Parks & Rec, occurred on a spectacularly beautiful Fall day on the last Saturday of September. The race brought out runners and walkers of all ages, with more than one parent-child pair out on the course. Warren resident Justin Manley was first across the finish line, with friends and neighbors from Warren and beyond hot on his heels. Cider, fresh apples, and doughnuts were enjoyed by runners and spectators alike, and pumpkin-painting amused children (who had earlier participated in a fun run around Warren Woods) while their parents tackled the 5K. Taking it all in, one first-time road racer declared, "I'm hooked!" We will look to see her out on the course next Fall!



## WLT Enjoys Another Fall Festival

Fall Festival 2018 was a good one for the WLT! As in years past, we had maps and information about our preserves, logo merchandise, a prize drawing (with two winners from Warren!), and trail cookies. We had engaged and informed board members present to answer questions and provide information – as well as a couple of fantastic volunteers. We welcomed and chatted with supporters, and friends old and new. But



for some years now, the unsung hero of WLT's Fall Festival is actually an inanimate object: our booth! If you've ever taken a step back to have a look, the land trust's Fall Festival booth is unique. Built years ago by former Land Acquisition & Stewardship Committee Chair Jack Baker, it's made of rough-hewn wood, corrugated metal, and canvas – a rustic look befitting an organization seeking to conserve land and honor outdoor traditions. And it is solid and enduring, a good image for an organization that protects and stewards land in perpetuity. This is no pop-up tent! Of course, that means that assembling and disassembling the booth every year is no small feat. It takes a village: of available board members, their spouses, and any volunteers we can co-opt for a good cause and the offer of a couple of cold ones once the work is done. So, a big thank you to all who help us with the booth - WLT's presence at the Fall Festival wouldn't be the same without it!

## Seeking New Volunteers

Volunteers are very important to the Warren Land Trust (WLT). There are numerous opportunities throughout the year to help WLT. Whether you have a few hours or a full day to volunteer; whether you could attend a meeting or event, or would prefer to do something from home; whether you have a special skill or just enthusiasm, please consider donating your time to help protect Warren's unique resources and open space.

Here are some ways in which we could use your help:

- Maintain trails, lead a nature walk
- Join a shift at the Warren Fall Festival booth
- Participate in the Town Clean up
- Write for our newsletter
- Help with mailings
- Provide tech support
- Plan events

We are also looking for new volunteers who can bring experience to Warren Land Trust in areas such as working with nonprofits, fundraising, finance, law (particularly CT bar), land trust operations, surveying and property inspection.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca Neary at ([info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org) / 860-868-7939).

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The WLT currently holds over 750 acres under permanent protection.

**IF YOU AREN'T A MEMBER OF THE WARREN LAND TRUST, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN NOW!!**

Becoming a Member of The Warren Land Trust is easy. Simply cut off this page and send it to our mailing address below, along with your check. We will send you a receipt along with our thanks for your generous, 100% tax deductible contribution. Please include your name, address and email so that we may include you in our email updates. Choose the type of membership you would like:

___ Land Guardian	\$5,000	___ Land Caretaker	\$ 300
___ Land Grantor	\$2,500	___ Land Protector	\$ 100
___ Land Steward	\$1,000	___ Family Membership	\$ 25
___ Land Conservator	\$ 500	___ Other	\$ ___

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: The Warren Land Trust, Inc.

MAIL THIS FORM AND CHECK TO: The Warren Land Trust, Inc.  
50 Cemetery Road, Warren, CT 06754

To join or donate online, visit [www.warrenlandtrust.org](http://www.warrenlandtrust.org)

Please make any necessary corrections to your name and address on the mailing panel and submit to the WLT.

**Nature Profile: What's Out There In Warren's Fields and Forests? MUSHROOMS!**

horse...  
crocodile...  
chicken...  
monkey...  
fawn...

What do these animals have in common? They all have a mushroom variety named after them. (*Agaricus arvensis*; *Agaricus crocodilinus*; *Laetiporus Polyporaceae* ; *Hericium erinaceus*; *Pluteus cervinus*)



Warren, like most areas of Connecticut has a great diversity of fungi, both edible and poisonous species. They are a member of the yeast and mold botanicals; the study of which is known as mycology, a branch of botany, despite their genetics more closely resembling animals than plants.



And guess what, Warren? This has been a banner year for mushrooms! 2018's wet weather has provided the damp soil, decaying tree matter, and overall conditions that fungi thrive in. Their size and color can vary, as can the shape, manner and location in which they grow. Consider a bland shelf or bracket mushroom (*Polypore*) on the north side of a tree trunk, the storybook red-and-white spotted *Amanita* toadstool along the edge of a dense forest, or the scaly schoolbus-yellow "witches' butter" *Tremella Aurantia* and *Tremella mesenterica* growing on the decaying bark of a downed branch in your woods. Or have a look at the chanterelles in the photo below. These gourmet treats would fetch a pretty penny at any city greenmarket! For more information (and you should always research before eating foraged mushrooms) check one of WLT's favorite websites for all things wild in Connecticut at [www.connecticutwilderness.com/species/edible-fungi/](http://www.connecticutwilderness.com/species/edible-fungi/)

**Meet Our Directors: Laura Moore Brown**

Laura Moore Brown is an attorney and was formerly an Assistant District Attorney in New York City prosecuting organized crime and corruption. She was also an environmental insurance coverage litigator prior to becoming a criminal prosecutor. In addition to practicing law, Laura worked for several years as a legal commentator for various television networks and, most recently, was a strategic advisor and development director for The Fulton J. Sheen Center for Thought & Culture, a performing arts center in NYC. Laura, her husband Paul, and their teenage children, Ella and Emery, have been residents of Warren since April 2007. The entire family loves to go on walks, spend time on the lake, garden (both vegetables and flowers!) and cook, especially using meat and produce from local farms.



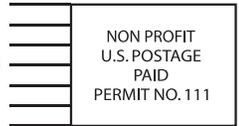
She is proud to be a part of the Warren Land Trust and to use her advocacy skills and legal experience to help further the mission of the Land Trust to protect the beauty and rural character of Warren. She particularly enjoys spending time with neighbors, both on the board and at our many community outreach events. Laura serves on the WLT's Outreach & Development and Governance & Nominating committees.



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**For up to date information:  
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## President's Letter Fall 2018



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I hung my plastic name badge around my neck and tucked the program booklet into my bag at the 31st annual Land Trust Alliance Rally in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago, I didn't really know what to expect - but I was looking forward to finding out!

What, you may ask, is Rally? It's the name for the annual conference of the Land Trust Alliance, which is a nationwide land conservation organization representing over 1000 member land trusts. How big is Rally? It's big! Over 2000 attendees attended 130 educational sessions over the course of three days. And that doesn't even include the receptions, the field trips to local nature preserves, or the morning group runs or yoga sessions!

At Rally, a fellow WLT board member and I attended workshops and presentations with staff and board members from land trusts around the country. Some were from large operations protecting many thousands of acres with the help of multiple full-time staff and million-dollar budgets. Many others were from small, all-volunteer organizations like ours. But we shared a common mission: to protect land - fields, forests, farmland, watersheds and waterways - to enhance our communities' quality of life.

The workshops and presentations I attended turned out to be both practical and inspiring - often at the same time! There were concrete tips on drafting conservation easements and updating website design, and there were big-picture reflections on how land conservation and a shared love for the outdoors might serve to bridge some of our country's current political, social, and cultural divides (with some thought-provoking hard data to back those ideas up). As inspiring as the educational programming, however, was the passion and dedication of my fellow attendees. It was great to see familiar faces from the Connecticut conservation community (which, by the way, was out in force!), but also rewarding and fun to meet people from all over the country who share the same concerns, successes, and challenges - to learn from their experiences and to discuss ours.

By the time that I filed away my name tag and Rally program, I'd picked up more than a few suggestions and ideas to bring back home and put into practice at the WLT. Even more valuable - and energizing and exciting - was a greater sense of the scale of the land conservation community and its commitment to protecting the landscapes and outdoor traditions we all love. So you can bet that I'll be looking forward to donning my nametag and picking up my program at Rally 2019!

Sincerely,

*Rebecca*

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*Members of the CT land conservation  
community at Rally in Pittsburgh.*

