



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

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Our Spring Event Lineup

Please Join Us!

A mostly mild and gentle winter has allowed more opportunity to tend to the land and get ready for a full lineup of spring events. We welcome your participation.

Town Cleanup

We will hold a much needed **roadside cleanup** on Saturday, April 22nd. Many thanks to HRRA for their partnership and JBM Carting for donating their time and equipment. Again this year, we will be "littering" prizes on roadsides to be redeemed by those who are lucky enough to find them. The success of this cleanup relies heavily on volunteers. Lend a hand if you can.

Help keep our town CLEAN and GREEN!

BRIDGEWATER TOWN CLEANUP

Green Bridgewater Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd (rain date is April 23). Stop by the town green between 10 AM-2 PM to pick up supplies to cleanup litter along the roads of Bridgewater. The Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) in partnership with the Bridgewater Land Trust will provide, bags, gloves and safety vest for volunteers.

There's more - In an effort to make clean up more fun we are "littering" the town with prizes. While cleaning up your street you might be a lucky winner. More details will be shared when you pick up your supplies on the Green.

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
10 AM to 2 PM



Questions?

Email: Jennifer@HRRRA.org or julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org
More information about the event is available at www.HRRRA.org

Give Local Campaign

Our annual Give Local campaign will be on April 25th and 26th. Thanks to the Connecticut Community Foundation for hosting this **exciting 36-hour online give-a-thon**. This is the best time to join the BWLT or renew your membership, as any support of \$10 or more, is boosted by the Connecticut Community Foundation. In addition, we have an exciting opportunity thanks to the generosity of Bridgewater resident Chris Amorossi! See article below. The giving spirit of our community is impressive. Please consider a donation to all of the participating Bridgewater non-profits!

Green Drinks

Thanks to NCLC (Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy) we are co-sponsoring this gathering on Thursday evening May 11th at Woodbury Brewing in Woodbury, CT. Green Drinks is a casual **happy hour** for friends and neighbors interested in the environment, all are welcome. Details to follow.

Plant Exploration Hike

Thanks to Bridgewater resident and volunteer Alison Birks, we are offering our first Plant Exploration Hike at our new Tappen Brook trail network on May 27th. See details below.



Learn about the edible and medicinal uses of common weeds, trees and native plants of Bridgewater with seasoned forager and expert herbalist Alison Birks, MS, RH (AHG), CNS. We will nibble, touch, smell and engage our senses in the plant world around us as we wander. Topics to be covered include: sustainable foraging, plant identification, folklore and more!



Join Us!
Plant Exploration
HIKE

All are welcome to this free event.

Sat., May 27th
10 AM - 12 Noon
Hike begins at 10 AM
Bridgewater Town Park
221 Tappen Road

Heavy rain cancels. Space is limited RSVP is required:
julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

CT Trails Day Hike

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission and the BWLT will host a CT Trails Day Hike on Saturday, June 3rd. The hike will start and end at Clatter Valley Park in New Milford. Hikers will walk up Wolf Pit Mountain on moderately difficult terrain. This event is free and all are welcome. More details to follow.

Thank You Chris Amorossi

Give Local Campaign Match In Memory of Butch Thompson

Thank you to Chris Amorossi for funding our Give Local match! Chris grew up in nearby Brookfield, CT and spent much time riding horses on Bridgewater trails and lending a hand in the hay fields. Her late husband Butch grew up in Bridgewater and appreciated every aspect of our rural community. He was a great storyteller of the "good old days", he could fix any tractor new and old, and was a "character" for all who were lucky enough to know him. Chris has requested that her donation support local farming and with two large farm preserves in our care, this will be a welcome and needed source of funds.



Pictured above: Butch Thompson and Chris Amorossi

BWLT Sponsors "Follow The Forest" Art Contest

Burnham School Students Participate

On the heels of our recent "Follow The Forest" Program for adults, we will also be teaching our younger residents that Bridgewater is part of an important wildlife corridor.

Burnham Students in grades 3-5 are participating in the contest. Their art teacher, Jane Manley will inform students about the concepts first and then students will paint an image which they feel depicts what they have learned. Wood slices will serve as the "canvas" for their work.

Thank you to the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) for funding the Follow The Forest initiative and providing materials to share with the students. Also thanks in advance to our

three judges: local artists Elizabeth MacDonald and Julia Wachtel along with BWLT Board Member Russell Marcus.



Julia Rogers of HVA shares their "Follow The Forest" initiative with residents at the Burnham Library.

Spotlight on Bridgewater Barns

Shallow Brook Farm on Christian Street has been operating since 1926. The original owner Henry Stuart made a living by buying and selling horses suited for Western riding. He also fed his family of 12 children with chickens, eggs and milk from a small herd of dairy cows. The farm is now operated by Henry's son, William Stuart, and is focused on English style riding. Additional barns have been added and old barns restored to include box stalls, two tack rooms, an indoor riding arena and a wash room.



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