

# Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.



WINTER NEWSLETTER

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## Lively Concert Crowd Raises \$3,000 For Trust

**N**o one has ever had more fun supporting a good cause than did the audience for Daisy Mayhem's November concert at Ashford's Memorial Hall.

The band, which features Mansfield native Scott Kessel on drums, lit the hearts of listeners. The energy and musicality of the band was so infectious that the audience sang along and clapped the beat. Some were prompted to dance.

Organized by Isabelle Atwood, the event attracted over 130 and netted over \$3,000 for stewardship of Joshua's Trust properties.

"The success of this event

can't be measured just by monetary contributions," said Trust President Warren Church. The publicity surrounding the event, including two radio interviews and a feature article in the Chronicle, spread the word about what Joshua's Trust is doing for the area.

Our thanks to the Town of Ashford for use of the hall, Ashford Spirit Shop, Hockanum Industries, Suzanne Zack for publicity, all who helped with hospitality, including Corine Norgaard, Greg and Mona Anderson, John and Nancy Silander, Carole Enright, Jane Seeber, Warren and Peggy Church, John and Madge Manfred.



### *This Improvement Supplies Grist For Children's Minds*

This is a working model of the Gurleyville Gristmill, obtained with a grant from the 1772 Foundation. It allows visitors to see how the mechanism of the mill used to operate.

The model greatly increases the educational impact of the mill tour, especially for children, who love to turn the crank and watch all the parts move.



At left, Crayton Walker, Bonnie Ryan, Harriet Walker and Jane Seeber enjoy refreshments at the performance.

**Joshua's Trust Caps and T-Shirts, Available At the JT Office, Make Fun Holiday Gifts**



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**Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust** was formed in 1966 to receive gifts of money and land, or to buy land of historic, aesthetic, or scientific value, for the benefit of future generations.

It is designed to supplement the open space efforts of federal, state and local governments. The Trust protects over 3,000 acres in the region, maintains trails which are open to the public, and publishes *The Joshua's Tract Walk Book*.

The office is located in the historic Eagleville Schoolhouse, South Eagleville Rd., in Mansfield. Office hours: Thurs. 1:30-3:30 pm.  
Phone: 860-429-9023

# Despite The Economy's Downturn The Trust Pursues Its Important Work

Our whole nation has been riveted by the sudden downturn in the stock market and the economy, followed by a historic presidential election. We are easily captivated by these historic events, but must always come back to our own realities.

At the Trust that means moving ahead in these troubled times. We continue to be very active in the business of preserving important open space within the Quiet Corner.

We are currently processing a 29-acre easement in Tolland, which will be given to the Trust, along with a donation to the easement protection fund.

As an organization with very limited financial resources, the Trust rarely purchases land or easements. Yet we have

committed \$15,000 toward the purchase of a significant easement in Lebanon, \$15,000 toward the purchase of open space in Willington, and are completing purchase of an easement on 12 acres in Chaplin.

In addition, the Trust is negotiating purchase of a 6-acre parcel on Mulberry Road, which will provide a gateway to several Trust properties including Proposal Rock and Coney Rock.

The Trust has been able to respond to conservation opportunities when they arise because of our members' generosity in the past. If we are to continue in this role, the Trust needs your support now. As the end of the year approaches, please keep the Trust in mind.

## Warren's Word

By Warren Church  
Joshua's Trust President



## Give Local Conservation As A Lasting Holiday Gift

*Your membership in JT expires at the end of the calendar year, and you can save our mailing costs if you use the form on the back of the newsletter to renew. Membership dues, still very modest, are the major source of funds for our work. We depend on a broad membership and value each member. Please help us extend the membership base by giving a gift membership to a neighbor, friend, or relative.*



**This crowd at the Gristmill was for a recent walk led by State Archeologist Nick Bellantoni. The building was erected about 1835, but the site first operated as a saw mill starting in 1723. The Trust has owned and protected the historic structure since 1979.**

## Stewards Complete 213 Volunteer Hours Of Monitoring, Clean-Up, And Other Work

Under the leadership of Joan Hill, the Stewardship Committee has completed 213 volunteer hours on various preserves this fall.

Students from E.O. Smith High School and Eastern Connecticut State University have helped to clean up properties.

Five new stewards will be assigned duties and receive training this winter, joining the crew that cares for 55 separate properties in 14 towns.

Responsibility for updating the Walkbook was assumed by Dan Mullins after Sam Dodd moved from the area.

A workshop on Black Bears, held September 27 at the Schoolhouse, was attended by 20 stewards and Trust members.

Basic management plans have been completed for almost all properties, and the remainder will be finished this winter. Thanks to a grant from the Norcross Foun-



**This group of students from Eastern Connecticut State University spent time rounding up old tires and other trash at the Trust's White Cedar Bog in Windham.**

ation, a new GPS unit has been purchased, enabling the committee to proceed with work on mapping trails.

A grant application has been submitted to Northeast Utilities for trailhead kiosks.



### Don't Take Any Wooden... Wait, Yes, Do Take The Wooden Nickels

An innovative program at the UConn Co-op on the Storrs Campus is benefiting Joshua's Trust.

In an effort to encourage customers to forego plastic bags, the Co-op distributes wooden nickels which can then be donated a non-profit group. JT is one of the four groups currently identified by the Co-op.

Please show your appreciation for the Coop's support by doing some of your holiday shopping at the Co-op and bringing your own shopping bag.

The Co-op carries copies of the Joshua's Trust Walkbook, which makes a great holiday gift.

**At left, A UConn student supporter puts a wooden nickel in the Joshua's Trust donation box.**

# 2009 Membership Dues Form

Membership in Joshua's Trust expires at the end of the calendar year. Sending your renewal now will save us the cost of mailing a reminder later. Thank you for your support.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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