

# Quabbin Voices

The Friends of Quabbin Newsletter



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*We must hear and listen to all of Quabbin's many Voices. Voices of the Past, as well as Voices of the Present and of the Future. Voices of the Trees, the Sky, the Rain that falls, and all the Wild Things; Voices of the People who depend on this valuable resource for their daily needs of clean water, and Voices of those who draw upon it for deeper needs of the Soul.*

—Les Campbell

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## How Do They Mow that Slope?

*Edited by Paul Godfrey from an article in "Downstream," a DCR biannual newsletter, by Scott Campbell, DCR Regional Engineer at Quabbin Reservoir supplemented by additional information from Nancy Huntington, DCR Visitor Services Supervisors*

Winsor Dam and the Goodnough Dike, constructed between 1933 and 1939, are two earthen dam structures that together impound about 412 billion gallons of water from the Swift River Valley and Ware River Diversion. Winsor Dam, the larger of the two structures, spans 2,640 feet in length and rises 170 feet above the original bed of the Swift River. Goodnough Dike is only slightly smaller, spanning 2,140 feet and rising 135 feet above the original bed of Beaver Brook. Combined, the two structures contain more than 55 acres of grassed landscape areas, roughly eight acres of riprap stone embankment, and more than two miles of drainage ditches and subsurface piping. The varied landscapes and positions present unique challenges for maintaining stable and vegetated conditions that support the function and performance of the dams.

Labor crews stationed at the Quabbin Administration Building in Belchertown are charged with caring for the grounds and landscapes associated with the dam and dike. Regular maintenance duties include brush cutting, ditch and catch basin cleaning, leaf collection and removal, clearing of snow from driveways and general lawn maintenance. One of the more daunting tasks is the regular mowing of the predominately grassed landscape that covers much of the embankment slopes and toe areas of the dam.

A healthy, dense cover of low growing grass is the preferred vegetative cover for earthen dams because it offers a maintainable, stable vegetative cover that is easily inspected and resistant to erosion. Uncontrolled vegetation in these areas is unwanted because it obscures

visual inspections of slope and ground conditions. It may also provide habitat and sheltering for burrowing animals. If left unchecked and uncontrolled, deep penetrations from roots of woody vegetation or burrowing animals could penetrate and structurally compromise components of the dam. Mowing and other vegetation management efforts are critical components of the dam maintenance and inspection programs that DCR implements to ensure the safety and long-term dependability of the infrastructure holding back billions of gallons of drinking water.



Mowing equipment in 1948

As many homeowners could personally attest, the challenges of maintaining a healthy turf cover are many, including competing weeds, soil drought, and nutrient deficiencies. These conditions are only made worse on steeply sloping grounds such as those that occupy the downstream embankments of the two structures where grades approach 50% (i.e., 1 on 2 - rise to run). It is a daunting task to operate equipment that can traverse these steep slopes.

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## President's Message

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It was a very special Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery this year because it was also the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

Gene Theroux

A large contingent of Civil War veterans is buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery. The ceremony on Memorial Day observes the sacrifices of veterans of all United States wars and conflicts and the sacrifices of the people from the lost towns, who gave up their homes, their community and way of life so that so



L.A. Tift 15 Camp Commander Edward Knight briefing members and Auxiliary 10 during a muster.

many others would benefit from clean natural and untreated water. To me, a veteran involved with veteran's groups in the Westfield area and also having ancestors from the Swift River Valley who fought in the Civil War, it was special to have guests from the L.A. Tift Camp 15 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and Auxiliary 10 as participants in the Memorial Day Services. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, they are the legal successor to the Grand Army of the Republic. Further information on the mission and organization of the SUVCW can be found at their national website: <http://www.suvcw.org/>.

In the spring newsletter, I mentioned that there are a total of 147 Civil War veterans buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery. Due to the efforts of one of the town of Ware Cemetery Commissioners, Bill Cote, much more is now known. That information is incorporated in Bill's unique veteran's search program. Bill Cote is also the Senior Vice Commander of the L.A. Tift Camp 15 of the SUVCW. I have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration for this group and the work they do.



Memorial Day Parade, Enfield, MA 1902 led by E.H. Moore.

Of the 147 Civil War veterans buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery are familiar names such as Billings (Lorenzo), Gibbs (George H., Henry M., John W., Lyman, William Harrison), Jones (Ira Lyman, Martin Leonard), Ballou, Vaughan, and Hanks (Coleman S.). Each of these Civil War veterans was a member of the General William S. Lincoln Grand Army of the Republic Post 211 in Enfield. Perhaps some of them are in this historic photograph of the 1902 Enfield Memorial Day parade led by the Commander of the G.A.R. Post 211 E.H. Moore that was in the Memorial Day 2015 program prepared by Clif Read, Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The G.A.R. Post 211 in Enfield received their organizational charter on September 24, 1897 and they surrendered their charter in 1920 either due to loss of membership on their rolls from member deaths or moving out of the valley during preparation of the reservoir project. The G.A.R. Post 211 in Enfield was the only G.A.R. post in the former Swift River Valley. There were other G.A.R. posts in abutting towns: one in Belchertown, three in Athol, and one in Ware.

Part of the annual ceremony is the presentation of a wreath commemorating those buried in the Quabbin Park Cemetery from the original towns of Enfield, Dana, Prescott, and Greenwich. Earl Cooley and his wife Lois placed the wreath for the former town of Dana. Earl Cooley, a WW2 Army Air Corps veteran, was proudly wearing his Army Air Corps flight cap. The Cooley family are outstanding hosts at the annual Dana reunion and picnic.



Earl and Lois Cooley placing the wreath at the Dana memorial.



*Cote, Theroux, Wilder and Berard in front of Enfield Memorial*

Next year will be the bicentennial of the founding of the former town of Enfield. The Enfield wreath was laid at the memorial by descendants of Ira Jones, Gene Theroux and my first cousin Vic Berard. Vic is the son on my late mom’s sister Marion Parker Berard, who was unable to attend. Both Vic and I are grandsons of former Enfield resident Francis Charles Parker, a WW I veteran who had spent almost two years in France. Francis C. Parker Sr. was a direct descendant of Giles Rider, an American Revolutionary war veteran who lived in the former Swift River Valley and is buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery. Both Vic and I were honored to be accompanied by former Enfield resident Robert W. Wilder, a Korean War veteran who proudly wears his U.S. Marine Corps uniform and his



*Edward Parker for Greenwich*



*The Richard Hickland family for Prescott*

SSgt (E-5) chevrons. Our condolences to Bob for the recent loss of his lovely bride Nancy.

Edward Parker (no relation to the Parker family of Enfield) placed the wreath for the former town of Greenwich. The Richard Hickland family placed the wreath for the former town of Prescott.

We missed the presence of our good friend and former State Senator Stephen Brewer. Recently elected (and also recently married) State Senator Ann Gobi replaced Senator Brewer and delivered a nice message, including, as she spoke about the residents from the former four towns, “so many wore the uniform of the United States. Some made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our ideals; others shed blood, lost limbs and surely many, many lost their youthfulness.”

Representative Todd Smola delivered a powerful message that was heartfelt and appreciated by this U.S.A.F. Vietnam era veteran. He said, in part, “Remember that you live in the greatest country and that greatness only comes together because they are willing to make that sacrifice and to fight for every one of us. We are lucky. We are a blessed nation and will continue to be because the spirit of America will never die.”

Representative Donald Berthiaume, attending his first Quabbin Park Memorial Day, commented that he wanted to wear his Navy uniform but “that was thirty pounds ago.” Then he got serious, joining with the others in stating that “It’s up to us to remind everyone of all those who served and made this the greatest country.”

Later in the afternoon at the Quabbin Visitor Center, historian and Belchertown resident Cliff McCarthy made a presentation on the “Western Bay State Regiment in the Civil War” which was the 31st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment. If you have an opportunity, attend the future presentation by Cliff on July 31st. He will be describing the wonderful information resource on the Regiment and recent discoveries that he, Larry Lowenthal and others have made and added to the website <https://31massinf.wordpress.com/>. They have recently updated it with four new photographs of the members of the 31st courtesy of the Westfield Athenaeum and information on the G.A.R. Post 41 B.F. Butler, named after the controversial Major General Benjamin Franklin Butler (1818-1893). It was located in Lowell, Massachusetts, received its organizational charter on January 15, 1868 and surrendered it in 1942.

I’d like to thank the DCR staff for the wonderful job in preparing the Quabbin Park Cemetery for the Memorial Day Services with a special thank you to Mr. Clif Read for facilitating the proper cleaning of the bronze plaques on the Civil War Soldier and the Quabbin Park Cemetery Administration building.

Summer is here and I hope you have a safe and rewarding one.



## Memorial Day Ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery May 24, 2015



*(photos by Paul Godfrey, Clif Read and Gene Theroux and montage by Eileen Klockars)*



## The Five Dickinson Daughters Remember their Parents, Harvey Milton & Doris Mae Dickinson

by Gene Theroux

The Belchertown Congregational Church’s Parish Hall on a beautiful spring day was the setting for a celebration of the life of Harvey Milton & Doris Mae Dickinson. Doris had passed away in Fort Meyers, Florida on Friday, February 20, 2015 at the age of 89. Doris was buried at Quabbin Park Cemetery earlier on that day with her late husband Harvey Milton Dickinson who had passed in 2006. Harvey and Doris had been good



Pictured left to right: Mary, Laura, Amy, Sara & Judy (May 30, 2015 — photo by Gene Theroux)



Family of Harvey & Doris Dickinson gather for a photo

friends of the Friends of Quabbin for many years. As active members of the Swift River Valley Historical Society and Belchertown Historical Association, they assisted with our 50th Year of Remembrance Ball and other events through the years.

Harvey had relocated from his former hometown of Greenwich to Belchertown when forced to leave due to the reservoir project. Harvey served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. Doris was a member of the Belchertown Historical Association and found her true passion by partnering with Belchertown Historian Cliff McCarthy in writing/editing a history of Belchertown in two books: *Images of America: Belchertown* (1998) and *Belchertown, Bits of History: Collected Writings of Doris and Harvey Dickinson*, edited by Cliff McCarthy and Doris Dickinson (2007). She had been an acting archivist for the Stone House for many years. Harvey called the Stone House Museum Doris’ second home. Doris and Cliff McCarthy had helped me several years ago when I was researching Eleanor Griswold Schmidt and scanning relevant photographs at the Stone House.

My goal was to create a video by merging the FOQ oral history interview of Eleanor Schmidt and those photographs. Speaking of historic photographs, the Swift River Valley Historical Society had earlier provided me a photograph of the Dickinson Store/Post Office in Greenwich Plains. There were three people on the porch. One of them was my 2nd Great Grandfather, William Jones, who was

a Greenwich mail carrier who brought the mail to and from the railroad station. The other people on that porch were Postmaster Howard Harvey Dickinson (father of Harvey Milton Dickinson) and Nellie Kelly, the store clerk.



Dickinson Store/Post Office in Greenwich Plains



## Interpretive Services Report Summer 2015

By Clif Read

As I reread my article from the Spring, 2015 Quabbin Voices, I was reminded of the significant winter weather that we had experienced during January and February. While those conditions are a distant memory at this point, the impact of the severe weather extended well into the spring. Normally the Quabbin Fishing Season commences the third Saturday of April, although some years it opens on the second Saturday depending on timing and weather conditions. As early April approached, it became apparent that the ice conditions would delay the normal opening date by at least a week. Finally the last remnants of ice disappeared from the reservoir on April 17th, although that is only one criteria used in determining the opening of the boat launch areas. While anglers were able to legally fish from shore in the designated areas beginning on the 18th, the work necessary for preparing the boat launches for full operation required an additional week of time.

Prior to the opening of the boat launch areas, the DCR and MassWildlife conducted fish stocking programs with watershed school groups at each of the three boat launch areas. This program has been running for 15 years and has proved extremely popular among students and teachers alike. In addition to having a hands on experience stocking trout from the McLaughlin Fish Hatchery that weigh approximately one pound each, the students participate in an educational program about the Quabbin watershed, the management of the reservoir, fish ecology and the activity of fishing. Among the three areas this year, students helped release some of the 5,000 rainbow trout put into the reservoir.

After a 19 year hiatus, the Massachusetts Envirothon returned to Quabbin Reservoir for its annual environmental competition on May 14th. In 1996 the Envirothon approached the Metropolitan District Commission (DCR's predecessor) with a request to hold the program's Ninth Annual Competition at Quabbin. Since it was a program consistent with the MDC's philosophy, the Quabbin Section accepted the proposal and the event that year was a huge success. While many things have changed over the intervening two decades (including our agency's name!), the passion and commitment on the part of students, coaches and the Envirothon Committee remains a constant. May 14th this year turned out to be a picture perfect day with temperatures in the low 70s, bright sunshine and calm conditions. Approximately 500 persons were in atten-



*Envirothon Participants*

dance including Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matt Beaton, DCR Commissioner Carol Sanchez, Fish and Game Commissioner George Peterson, and a host of representatives from state and federal agencies, higher education, environmental organizations and businesses.

In addition to the standard topics of soils, water, forests and wildlife, the current environmental issue for this year was “Local Response to Climate Change”. Newton North High School took home top prize this year and will travel to Missouri to represent Massachusetts in the North American Envirothon in late July. The event at Quabbin was a huge success and we received rave reviews from participants and



*SCA work crew improving trails.*

the Envirothon Committee for a job well done. Justin Gonsor has been the Quabbin Section staff member serving on the Envirothon Committee and put in a huge amount of work to ensure the success of this event.

The Quabbin Section was approved for two different trail projects for the Student Conservation Association this spring and had a most successful trail season working with the SCA crews. In order to address some of the rampant and uncontrolled access of off trail mountain bike use on DCR lands in the Ware River Watershed, a 10 day project was developed to address this issue. Most of the focus was on closure of illegal trails that had sprung up across the watershed, although the crews also helped map many miles of these unauthorized paths. In late May and early June another SCA crew was stationed at Quabbin working on improvements along the Visitor Center Loop Trail. Although they were not able to complete the entire length of terraces from the Power Station Rotary below

Winsor Dam down to the Swift River Discharge Channel, the crew completed approximately 2/3 of the length of trail. The remaining portion will be part of next summer’s SCA work crew project.

During three weeks in May the Quabbin Section hosted two Peruvian participants in the Professional Fellows Environmental Sustainability Program sponsored by the Institute for Training and Development in Amherst. Arturo Tacilla and Elizabeth Loyola were part of the group of 18 environmental professionals from Peru, Uruguay and Mexico who spent a month and a half in the United States learning, listening and sharing experiences with different environmental organizations. From school programs to water quality sampling, timber lot review and engineering readings, the pair was kept busy for their entire stay at Quabbin as they partnered up with Section staff to experience our multidimensional watershed management program. They also had the opportunity to travel to Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. where they met with 200 other participants from 30 countries in the Professional Fellows Congress.



*SCA work crew*

This year’s Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery were especially meaningful with the observance of the end of the Civil War’s inclusion in the ceremonies. Thanks to the efforts of many individuals including Keith Poulin from the Belchertown Veterans’ Council and its associated organizations, Mike Bauer and the talented members of the Belchertown Community Band, and the local historical societies which participate in this important event each year. Thank you all for carrying on the tradition and for making this such a special event.

## Watershed Rangers

People sometimes run into or see others in difficulty while enjoying the Quabbin area. Or they spot something in violation of the watershed rules. They might be tempted to call 911 or the State Police, but there is a better way that is prepared for all the possibilities you might encounter in the watershed. It is the **Watershed Rangers**. Their phone number is **617-828-2452**. Put the number on your cell phone if you’re a frequent Quabbin visitor.

## ***How Do They Mow That Slope?***

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To overcome these inherent challenges and dangers, DCR and its predecessors have employed numerous tools and equipment over the years, including the use of manual scythes, conventional farm tractors, and specialized slope tilting mowers. Annual Reports made between 1939 and 1945 also make reference to an experimental sheep grazing program that was employed at the Dike.

The experimental sheep grazing program was begun on May 13th, 1940 with 10 sheep “delivered from the Middlesex Fells Division of the Metropolitan District Commission and pastured below Quabbin Dike...” It appears that this was an attempt to bring in some additional income, as the notes from the Annual Reports mention how much the flock increased and how much wool was sheared each year. For example, the Annual Report for 1946 states that the flock had grown from 50 in 1945 to 66. It concludes with: “The Commissioners experiment with this flock during the last 6 years had definitely indicated no economy in its maintenance. Accordingly on June 24, the entire flock was disposed of by sale to the Gardner State Hospital. 320 pounds of wool was sheared during the year.”

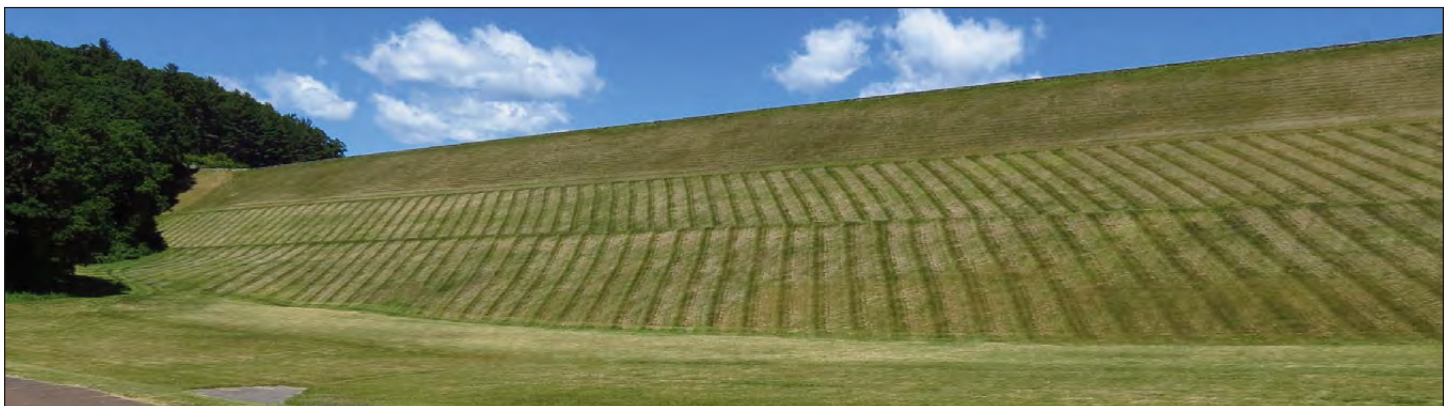
Today, DCR utilizes a specialized, dual-tired slope mower that offers a low center of gravity and built-in weight transfer system specifically designed to improve stability and traction on steep slopes.

Nancy Huntington went to the source for additional information, Mike Ciejka, DCR Laborer whose job it is to mow those lawns! According to Mike, it takes a full work week each to mow the dam and the dike: one day for the uppermost slope, which has the steepest pitch and is the most challenging; one day for the 2nd and 3rd slopes; and three full days for the fields below. The dam and dike are each mowed every other week, one per week. The busy mowing season is from June through August. It slows down as the weather gets colder and the grass grows slower, and eventually dies down for the winter. The mowing usually ends around November, but it is entirely weather dependent.

A job like this has to have an element of personal creativity and Mike adds his. The pattern changes every time, except for the top slope, which can only be mowed straight across and in one direction for safety. The lower slopes and the fields are cut in sections, based on Mike’s assessment at the time. The most common pattern is, “to go around the outside like a clock, then across at an angle, kind of like a pie graph”. At what point he starts cutting across varies. He has also done wavy patterns around the drainage grates, or made a crescent moon shape, but he doesn’t think anyone has noticed when he’s done that! Nancy asked him if he’s ever thought about cutting a Red Sox logo into it, or made patterns like they do at Fenway—he hasn’t ... yet. But you never know! The next time you’re out for a walk along the dam or dike, look over the side—maybe you’ll be able to figure out which pattern Mike used that week! Let us know if you spot Mike’s artistry.



*Mike Ciejka mowing in 2015. Get his chiropractor's name!*



*Mike Ciejka's mowing artistry.*



## Meetings & Events

### Tuesday Teas

Let's you think Tuesday Teas are dull, dusty, sullen opportunities to rehash old memories, let me adjust your thoughts. A better description would be lively, diverse, humorous, sensitive,



Deanna Krusiewicz, Eugene Carney & Stanley Boyko contemplating another goodie.

thought-evoking, food-filled, and surprising exchanges between people of diverse ages and backgrounds. The Visitor Center is often filled nearly to the brim with attendees. In the past year, a writer's group and two school groups have greatly livened things, but things never get dull. Sometimes, there's a video, perhaps one of Gene Theroux's special creations from oral histories and our photo archives or another from the stash maintained at the Visitor Center. Perhaps, it's a favorite food recipe that one of our regulars brings to share. Whatever, lots of people come and stay late; all go away eager for the next one.

As an example, the April meeting, occurring as it did during the interminable cold of this spring, still brought out the core group. And they brought lots of food. All of it was tasty but one selection had an intriguing name: War Cake. Deanna Krusiewicz made this from a recipe she found online (foreground of the picture in the tin) and the group validated its tastiness. It was popular during WWII shortages but, for today, its claim is to be nearly fatless.



Eagle Hill School students listening to Earl Cooley

(<http://www.food.com/recipe/ww2-war-cake-1881>) describes it as "An eggless, almost fatless, milkless cake, very aptly named — it was popular during wartime shortages. It is dense and delicious un-iced. For those who yearn for a good cake, but must resist fat, this will do it."

In April, we had a visit from Nym Cooke's Eagle Hill School class. They come every year and they come loaded with questions. Our Dana veteran, Earl Cooley, fielded many of the questions this time. They led to reminiscences such as Maypole dancing and including a particularly poignant description of the difficulties that occurred with leaving the Quabbin. His family was one of the last to leave the valley. Unfortunately, they waited until the 1938 hurricane struck (they didn't have the advantage of modern weather forecasting and satellites and had no warning). Then they found their way barred by fallen trees and there were almost no people left to help clear the way. It took quite a while for them to get out of Dana.



Earl Cooley describing life in Dana in the 1950s

In May, another school group visited: the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley. They also brought questions. This time Robert Wilder fielded the majority and in the process described, very touchingly, the very difficult times created for the non-property owners, i.e. tenant farmers, during the depression and the relocation caused by the construction of Quabbin. There were no safety nets such as unemployment, social security, welfare, etc. that we have now. His family moved from empty house to empty house staying just ahead of the destruction crew. Families were broken up with children rented out to more affluent people for child labor. Fathers left home for work. The school group got a very somber dose of what people lived through in the creation of the Quabbin and a deeper understanding of why the Friends of Quabbin focuses so much energy on the history of the valley and its people.



Robert Wilder describing the difficulties with the last years in Quabbin Valley.

These monthly sessions are not to be missed. Each one is a surprise, even to the regulars. Visit with us on the first Tuesday of each month. The next dates are August 4th, September 1st, October 6th and November 3rd at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Bring your questions, your pictures, your favorite munchy, but at least bring yourself. And speaking of surprises, we're working on a surprise for the October meeting. Something to do with

**Meetings & Events continued...**



foliage, visiting hard to access parts of the Quabbin watershed, picnics and who knows what else. Plans are just starting so become a regular and find out (even suggest) more. We'll tell you more at the Hank's Place Picnic, August 25th, 2015. (See announcement below)

*A couple of Tuesday Tea regulars: Stanley Boyko and Robert Wilder*

**You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual Tuesday Tea  
Picnic**

**at the Hanks Place Picnic Area**

**Tuesday August 25, 2015  
Noon – 3:00 pm  
Rain date September 2**

Bring your picnic basket filled with old-fashioned goodies, and Valley memories to share. Boat rides for former residents will be available that day. Please call for reservations.

**Questions answered & reservations: 413-323-7221**

**Photo Club Meetings**

**The Quabbin Photo Group** (<http://www.quabbinphotogroup.org>) meetings are on the 4th Monday at the Quabbin Visitor Center beginning at 7:00 pm. **The Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists** (<http://www.pvphotoartists.org/>) meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Visitor Center. Check their websites for more information.

**Swift River Valley Historical Society**

**Hike:** Sunday, October 18th, hike to Indian Kitchen and plane crash site. Meet at gate 40 at 11:00 am.

**Bus Trip:** Sunday, October 4th, Prescott bus trip. Depart from SRVHS at 11:00 am.

*Space is limited so contact the office immediately by phone (978-544-6882) or email at [megansrvhs@gmail.com](mailto:megansrvhs@gmail.com). Hikes are free although a donation to offset expenses is appreciated. A \$25 per person donation is asked for bus trips and space must be reserved in advance. Send checks for bus trips to: Swift River Valley Historical Society (SRVHS) at P.O. Box 22, New Salem, MA 01355.*

*Poet's Corner*

**Ode to the Quabbin River**

**by Barbara Kerrigan**

The waters of my rivers run deep  
don't waste your tears on me.

I have known great beauty, and lived in abundance in my hills, valleys and streams.

Nature and wildlife have flourished for generations in my care, and I have seen ways of life change throughout the course of my existence.

I have traveled this land  
since waters first came to the earth.

I knew no boundaries and gave my wealth  
to all who would seek it.  
My rivers and streams were full with fish and drink.

I am changed but not changed.  
My bounty will forever flow with life giving waters for all.

I am grateful I will not be buried beneath concrete and metal and cast into a time of remembrance.

I will continue to care and be cared for  
by those who have shaped my destiny.

Wash away your tears in the beauty of my streams.

I have survived, and in this world we know today  
that is a wonderful thing.

**Quabbin Islands**

**by Anne Ely**

What is it about an island that makes one want to explore?  
Was it always an island, or was it once a part of the shore?  
Was the air once filled with laughter and the sounds of  
chopping wood?

I wonder what treasures I would find there, if explore it  
I could.

A piece of someone's treasured cup, or the sole of an  
old shoe.

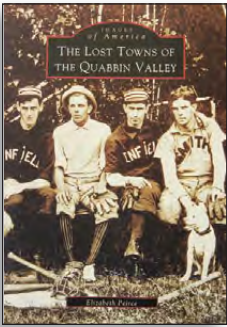
Or maybe nothing at all, just trees still wet with the  
morning dew.

Trees towering o'er the crisscrossing paths of many  
creatures small

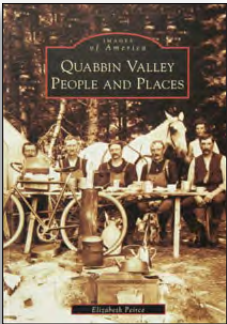
And sheltering high the nest of eagles who oversee it all,  
But no matter what the reality of it all may be,

I will still dream about exploring every new island I see.

# VISITOR CENTER STORE



The three volumes on Quabbin Valley by Elizabeth Peirce contain many of the pictures in the large photo collection of the Swift River Valley Historical Society with captions that provide valuable insight to nearly all aspects of life in the valley before the creation of Quabbin Reservoir. J.R. Greene's Rabbit Railroad volumes are the definitive source for this critical and cute aspect of life in the Swift River Valley.

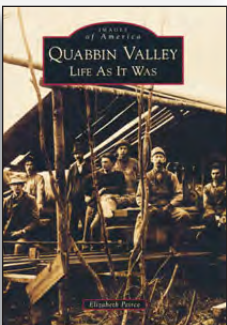


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The Lost Towns of the Quabbin Valley**

**Elizabeth Peirce**  
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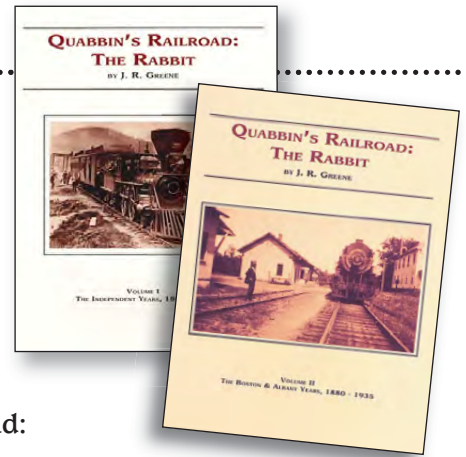
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Quabbin Valley: People and Places**

**Elizabeth Peirce**  
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**Volume 3  
Quabbin Valley: Life As It Was**

**Elizabeth Peirce**  
non-members: \$23.35 members: \$21.02



**Volume 1  
Quabbin's Railroad:  
The Rabbit**  
non-members:  
\$21.30, members:  
\$19.17

**Volume 2  
Quabbin's Railroad:  
The Rabbit**  
non-members: \$26.30, members: \$23.94

**Large Pewter Pins**

(various animals)  
non-members: \$5.30  
members: \$4.77



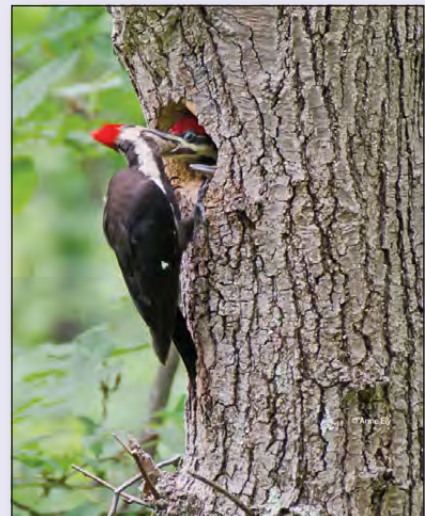
**Small Pewter Pins**

(various animals)  
non-members: \$2.15  
members: \$1.94



## Quabbin Babies

*It is the season for multiplying and nature has been busy in the Quabbin watershed. Anne Ely caught a few for us to see.*



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## Call for Member Submissions

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