

Quabbin Voices

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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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The Enfield Bicentennial Celebration

by Paul Godfrey, Gene Theroux, Clif Read and Cindi LaBombard

August 13, 2016, Hanks Meadow

The Enfield Bicentennial represented the effort of many as described below. Likewise, this summary also represents the efforts of many. Three writers contributed text (and hopefully your editor has made the combination seamless) and six photographers provided pictures. That, added to the dozens of people involved in the planning and implementation of the Bicentennial made the effort substantial, but the occasion was well worth it. As follows, you can track the event through all its stages and from several perspectives [editor].

The idea of an Enfield Bicentennial Observance was hatched by Nancy Huntington, DCR Visitors Services Supervisor, as she watched the WCVB TV Chronicle program for the umpteenth time. The program (produced more than a decade ago) describes life in the town of Enfield and shares some rare video footage from the Donald Howe collection of the Enfield Centennial Celebration in 1916. It states that there will never be a Bicentennial event. Nancy thought—why not? So she proposed the idea to the DCR. Quabbin/Ware River Section threw its full support behind the Enfield Bicentennial, devoting staff and resources to the effort with the strong endorsement from DCR—Division of Water Supply Protection Director Jonathan Yeo and Quabbin Regional Director Bill Pula. Nancy Huntington and Clif Read served on the Enfield Bicentennial Planning Committee (EBPC) and coordinated the host logistics with other Section employees.

It seemed natural to collaborate with the Friends of Quabbin and the Swift River Valley

Historical Society, as well as other Quabbin area historical organizations. Both the FOQ and the SRVHS boards strongly endorsed the concept, appointing members to serve on the planning committee. This committee included Gene Theroux, Cindi LaBombard, Paul Godfrey and Julie Bullock from FOQ, Betty Sharpe and Karen Jennings from SRVHS and Nancy Huntington and Clif Read from DCR. Monthly meetings beginning nearly a year ago turned into bi-weekly meetings by early summer as the planning accelerated and the complexity of the event grew. Tasks were split between assembling the logistics, inviting the participants and inviting the guests. Each of the members of the planning committee brought special experience and connections to parts of these elements. Most of the physical logistics such as tents, benches, and landscape work were coordinated by DCR. Gene handled contact with veteran groups and the old-time base ball teams. Cindi and Julie tackled inviting most of the dignitaries, historical groups, politicians, re-enactors and others (Cindi brought her experience in similar tasks for the FOQ musical and Remembrance Ball of a few years past). Paul took on the financial side, writing several proposals to possible donors. Betty and Karen brought the resources of the Swift River Historical Society to bear, particularly the fire truck but also their contacts, and supplies and materials from events they have organized.

The site chosen was Hanks Meadow overlooking the former town of Enfield (now under water). Hanks Meadow was once the location of Cora and Harry Hanks' farmhouse and farm. The committee sought to replicate as much as possible of the *continued on page 3*



Gene Theroux

President's Message

Fall 2016

Happy Birthday to Raymond E. Cook

Former Smiths Village Raymond E. Cook was surprised with a birthday party and cake on his 92nd birthday by the Cook and Crowther family at the Enfield Bicentennial Observance.



Ray Cook's birthday cake

Raymond is the son of Bertha Cook and Joshua H. Crowther who lived in Smiths Village on the road to Enfield. Joshua H. Crowther was Enfield's Road Superintendent and served on Enfield's Centennial Planning Committee along with his brother George C. Crowther.

Raymond is a decorated combat veteran in WW II as a United States Army Ranger in the First Special Service Force, later transferred to the 474th Infantry Regiment. The past two years has been notable for Raymond as he has received numerous awards and recognition for his service during WWII including a trip to Washington DC to receive the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for valor, as were the other living members of the First Special Service Force, also known as "The Devils Brigade."

The First Special Service Force was an elite American-Canadian commando unit during the Anzio invasion where Raymond was wounded and awarded his first Purple Heart. The modern American and Canadian special operations units trace their roots to the First Special Service Force. In December 1944, the First Special Service Force was deactivated and Raymond Cook was reassigned to the 474th Infantry Regiment in Norway.

The 474th Infantry Regiment took part in the liberation of Norway in 1945. The Royal Norwegian Embassy is honoring the many allied soldiers, including many from the USA, such as members of the 474th Infantry. We were pleased to be able to provide the venue for Raymond to receive the Norwegian Defense Medal and the Government of Norway Commemorative Medal during the opening ceremonies of the Enfield Bicentennial Observance. The Defense Medal is the award given to those military and civilian personnel who participated in the fight against the German invasion and occupation of Norway between 1940 and 1945. The Government of Norway, Commemorative Medal is the award given to Norwegian/Foreign military and civilian personnel in respect of their contribution during World War II. David Mottor, Raymond's grandson, made the presentation of the medals. Mottor, who retired from the USAF after twenty-five years of service and a veteran of the first Gulf War, was a member of Easthampton American Legion Post 224. He assisted me, a Past Commander of American Legion Post 124, in presenting Raymond E. Cook with the American Legion's Certificate of Honor in recognition and grateful appreciation for serving in the United States Armed Forces. It was a personal honor for me to help recognize a true American hero from the Quabbin/Swift River Valley on his 92nd birthday.



James R. Cook, Raymond Cook, David Mottor & Gene Theroux displaying Ray Cook's awards: The Norway Defense Medal, Commemorative Medal, and American Legion Certificate of Honor

Enfield Bicentennial continued...

1916 Centennial event. In 1916, the main events were on Monday July 3 and Tuesday July 4.

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| Sunday, July 2 | | Tuesday, July 4 | |
| 10.30 A. M. Anniversary Service. | | 9.30 A. M. Parade. Floats, Automobiles, Horribles, etc. | |
| 5.00 P. M. Vesper Service. | | 2 to 5 P. M. Athletic Field Sports. | |
| Monday, July 3 | | 3 P. M. Oration. (Orator to be announced later.) | |
| 9 to 10 A. M. Band Concert. | | 7 P. M. Band Concert. | |
| 10 to 12 A. M. Base Ball Game. | | 8 P. M. Fireworks. | |
| 1.30 to 3 P. M. Dedication of Soldiers' Monument. Address by A. S. ROE, Worcester, Mass. | | MUSIC FURNISHED BY GREENFIELD MILITARY BRASS BAND HENSCHEL MALE QUARTETTE of Springfield, Mass. | |
| 3.30 P. M. Base Ball Game. | | | |
| 7.30 P. M. Old Home Gathering in Town Hall. MUSIC and REFRESHMENTS | | | |

As the committee reviewed the original program, it was remembered that Nancy Huntington had mentioned having an old-time baseball game at a Tuesday Tea some two years ago. Gene thought that he could get the Westfield Wheelmen involved. The idea was quickly incorporated. For other ideas, the original 1916 two-day centennial celebration was again consulted and additional elements added to the one day bicentennial plans to closely copy the centennial program, at least in the elements if not the scheduling.

As summer came, actual preparations began. The DCR preparations included site work with mowing of the large field at Hanks Picnic Area where most of the activities took place, and the large adjacent field that was used as the primary parking area. Civil Engineers designed a site parking plan and then laid

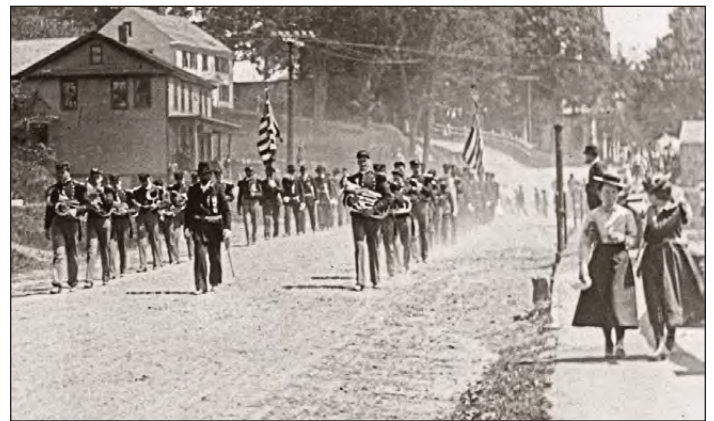


out the field with stakes and flagging to assist in the orderly parking arrangement at the event. They also assisted with the event map used as the centerpiece of the program. Watershed maintenance crews pruned trees, moved boulders, relocated picnic tables, and collected and staged equipment. Assistance was provided by the two crews from Erving State Forest and

Borderland State Park to help erect the two large tents that were generously loaned from those DCR facilities. The Quabbin carpentry staff built team benches and the hay bale backstop for the vintage baseball game. Signs were produced by the Quabbin Section sign maker to direct traffic and provide information on the event day.

The entire DCR staff jumped into site preparations enthusiastically and all of the hard work paid off. On the 13th, there was a large contingent of Watershed Rangers on hand to assist with traffic, provide basic medical help, answer questions and help with event logistics. Watershed maintenance staff helped with set up, parking, generator operation, bottled water distribution and breaking down the site at the end of the event. DCR Special Events staff traveled from Boston that day to provide the sound system for the speaking program, the parade music, the pre-baseball game activities and finally the introduction to vintage baseball rules, the National Anthem, and the two most important words at the beginning of any game—"Play Ball!"

The annual Memorial Day Memorial Celebration and Gene provided the committee with lots of contacts with veterans' groups. These were contacted for the planned parade, again replicating the 1916 event.



1916 parade

Karen Jennings of SRVHS raided her considerable stock of materials to loan the event all sorts of items, saving significant costs of renting or purchasing. She also readied the 1929 Dana firetruck for transportation to Hanks Meadow. It had to run in the parade!

From the start of planning, the Friends of Quabbin assumed financial responsibility for the Enfield Bicentennial Observance. Paul, Cindi and J.R. Greene of the Friends obtained funding from other sources. These were the Athol Credit Union (via the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts), Country Bank, Mill Valley Splicing, Swift River Valley Historical Society, several donations by Friends members, and mostly small donations to defray the cost of bottled

water. Supplies and services were donated and/or loaned by Karen Jennings, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Big Y, Stop & Shop, and Amherst Copy & Design Works. In the end, it was the sponsorship of the Friends of Quabbin that was the largest and most critical.

Six photographers donated their services to capture this once-in-a-lifetime event: Paul Godfrey, Kevin Kopchinski, Laurie Godfrey, Clif Read, Alberta Martin, and Anne Ely.

Did the event measure up to all this work? The best judges are those who attended on that very hot day that threatened thunderstorms in the afternoon. But, for those who couldn't make

it, the following will provide a sense of the day in words and pictures.

The day began hot and sunny like so many of the summer's days had been. Temperatures were in the 90s. Cars began to trickle into the designated parking areas under the guidance of DCR Rangers. Backup parking and a shuttle were available. Just before 11 a.m. all the participants began to assemble on Webster Road, directly opposite Hanks Meadow. At 11 a.m. the honor guard stepped off in the lead with other veterans' groups behind, followed by the historical societies: Ware Historical Society, Hardwick Historical Society, Pelham Historical Society, Petersham Historical Society, Shutesbury Historical

Commission, Swift River Valley Historical Society and Friends of Quabbin, with their respective banners. Next were the re-enacting groups: the Nipmuc Youth Council and Raven Angel Nighthawk, 35th Regiment of Foot, Peter's Corp, the Gallant 10th Mass with the 1929 Ford fire engine from Dana driven by Karen Jennings and co-piloted by Nancy Huntington bringing up the rear. The parade marched down Quabbin Hill Road to the north end of Hanks Meadow, veered west across the meadow and toward the tents, allowing



all a good view of the parade. At the tents, participants split off to their demonstration areas and the fire engine went to its own tent near the parking lot.



Guests and participants moved into the big tent for the Opening Ceremony. Master of Ceremony, Gene Theroux, welcomed the assembled, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, provided an extensive historical overview of the bicentennial history and development, and introduced the many invited participants: former residents, veterans' groups, re-enactors and historical groups. He also introduced the speakers for the ceremony:

Matthew Sisk, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; Marty Howe, amateur historian and Board Member of the Friends of Quabbin and Swift River Valley Historical Society; and Cindi LaBombard, vice-president of the Friends of Quabbin.



Matthew Sisk spoke about the honor of being invited to the bicentennial. He described the sacrifice of Enfield residents in the creation of Quabbin Reservoir, recognized at the time as an engineering marvel and, since its creation, a critical water and environmental resource for the state. He also mentioned how important Quabbin was to him personally.

Gene then asked the former residents to identify themselves. For many, Gene provided a synopsis of the individual resident's connection to the valley.



Marty Howe began his speech by reminding those attending and sweating in the heat and humidity that 1916 was the "year of no summer" when every month had frost and crops were failures. He recounted many personal reflections and humorous bits about his family's life in the valley and how he got involved in the history of the Swift River Valley.



Cindi LaBombard read excerpts from poignant recollections by former residents penned for the 75th Remembrance Ball.

Gene introduced the young



Hicklands who were to be the base ball game bat boys. He then introduced the final part of the ceremony: the recognition and award presentation to Raymond Cook. Gene has made a description of this in his Pr esident's Message for this issue. Gene concluded by inviting the bicentennial attendees to visit the other tent with the exhibits by the historical groups and to watch the various re-enactor groups.

The odyssey of any historic observance lies in the evocation in our hearts and minds of those times before, during, and after Quabbin was created. In the Bicentennial, we



brought to life those who lived in the valley before the settlers, the Nipmuc, those who fought and died at pivotal times in

the development of the nation, the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War and Civil War, and a stalwart figure of the Town of Enfield during much of its existence, Dr. Willard Segur. Four re-enacting groups: Nipmuc Youth Council with Raven Angel Nighthawk, the 35th Regiment of Foot, Peters' Corp and the Gallant 10th Mass brought elements of their part in the history of the Swift River Valley to the guests through recreations of ceremonies, musket firing, period costumes, and period artifacts. Dr. Segur was portrayed by John Zienowicz.

Quabbin, a Nipmuc Native American name for 'Land of Many Waters,' honors those who were among the area's first inhabitants. Angel Raven Nighthawk, a descendant, came in full regalia to represent his people. In accompaniment were the young maidens of the Nipmuc Youth Council who provided traditional dance—complete with a story of its meaning.

Alan Whitney's 35th Regiment of Foot depicted the soldiers of the French and

military uniforms and sleep in canvas tents while cooking over open fires and making delicious butter.

Peters' Corp, the Queen's Loyal Rangers depicted 18th century local militia. In May 1777, a leading American refugee, John Peters of Vermont, was selected by General John Burgoyne to raise a regiment of rangers to serve with his army in the invasion which was about to start. One month later, Peters was appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and his regiment, officially known as the Queen's Loyal Rangers, was ordered to join the army at St. Johns. In less than one month, over 300 refugees had enlisted. Most American loyalists were used in rear areas, but it was a mark of the high regard in which Colonel Peters was held that the Rangers were assigned to serve with General Fraser's Advance Corps, together with the British Light Infantry, and Brunswick Jaegers. But for the Bicentennial the Peters' Corp re-enactors represented both the American Patriots and Loyalists.



The mission of the Gallant 10th Mass is to make the public aware of the history of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment since its inception in Springfield in 1861



Indian War, specifically from 1756 through 1763. They use reproduction black powder muskets, wear period wool





at the beginning of the Civil War to the present 104th Infantry Regiment of the Massachusetts National Guard. The Gallant 10th played an important part in the protection of the western part of Massachusetts and the preservation of the Union during the Civil War.

The historical groups of the Swift River Valley had displays in the second tent: Pelham,



Friends of Quabbin, and her interns recreated a one room school house similar to the one her mother taught in Ware.

Around 2 p.m. the vintage base ball game (two words in those days) began with an introduction to the old rules by Dan Genovese of the Westfield Wheelmen and a demonstration of the cooking mitt size glove



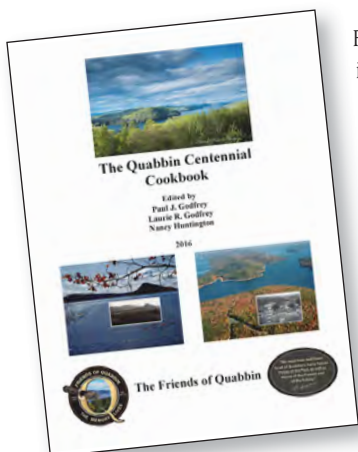
used by the catcher. The Shave and Haircut Barbershop Quartet, that had strolled the Bicentennial grounds singing old time tunes, officially began the game with the National Anthem. The first balls were thrown out by former Senator Stephen Brewer and current Senator Ann Gobi. Both were strikes!



Shutesbury, Hardwick, Ware, Swift River Valley, and Friends of Quabbin.

Julie Bullock, Ware Historical Society and

A planned concert by the Belchertown Community Band was cancelled by threatening thunderstorms, but the day was a great success.



For the centennial celebration in 1916, the Womans' Club of Enfield produced a cookbook compiled from recipes of its members. One copy of this cookbook was obtained by the Friends of Quabbin from the daughter of one of the club members and reproduced. It has been on sale at the Visitor Center since then but is notorious for having recipes that assume the modern cook knows what those of the time

knew from childhood by watching their mothers—such instructions as “cook in hot oven” or no information at all. A typical recipe is that of Lillian Han for Bran Bread:

“2 cups graham flour, 1 cup wheat flour, 1 cup bran, 2 tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, ½ cup molasses, butter of sour milk to make stiff.”

That's it!

To mark the Enfield Bicentennial and 100th year since the original cookbook, the planning committee thought it a good idea to produce a new cookbook—the *Quabbin Centennial Cookbook*. That task fell to the most improbable cookbook writer: Paul Godfrey. But lacking much in the way of culinary skills, he asked the members of the Friends, Tuesday Tea regulars and DCR staff to contribute their recipes, and he

beefed up his editorial staff with Laurie, his wife, and Nancy Huntington of DCR. Recipes poured in. Combining them with personal anecdotes from the contributors, pithy quotes and many pictures from the original cookbooks' time, the 93 page *Quabbin Centennial Cookbook* went on sale at the Bicentennial. It is international in “flavor” and recipes have more than sufficient detail for anyone to use to make a delicious meal. It has a clear plastic protective cover and is spiral bound to lie open flat at your desired recipe. It is available at the Visitor Center for \$15.00.



The new Friends T-shirt was also available at the Centennial. It is available in



medium blue, turquoise blue, yellow, and green in the usual sizes for \$20.00.

Unlike past versions, the back has the first line of

the quote from Les Campbell that appears on the left side of the first page of every newsletter. It succinctly and beautifully states what the Friends of Quabbin is about.

Friends of Quabbin Annual Holiday Party

The Board of Directors cordially invites you to join them for an early celebration of the holiday season at the **Friends of Quabbin Annual Holiday Party**:

**Sunday, December 4
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at the Quabbin Visitor Center**

Refreshments will be served; many will be from recipes in the new *Quabbin Centennial Cookbook*. There will be a video consisting of photos of all the parts of the celebration and audio from the opening ceremony of the Enfield Bicentennial.





Interpretive Services Report

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by Clif Read

Besides the Enfield Bicentennial, the other big story from this summer is the ongoing drought that has been afflicting the Northeast to varying degrees. Massachusetts has been particularly affected by these extended dry conditions with portions of the central and eastern part of the state declared as drought warnings areas, the second highest drought classification. While the Connecticut River valley and more westerly parts of the states have not been impacted quite as severely as their eastern counterparts, the effect of the drought is being felt by area farmers, homeowners, firefighters, boaters and by public water suppliers who have begun to institute water restrictions and bans. Surprisingly, the Quabbin water level is still within the normal operating range for this time of year (September), albeit barely. But given the continued downward trend of Quabbin's water level, the ongoing drought conditions and the low levels of the groundwater in the watershed, the likelihood of the reservoir dropping to a below average level is looking increasingly likely this fall.

Droughts are nothing new and this area has periodically experienced them over the years. The last time the reservoir was this low (9.5' below capacity, 82.7% full) was in March of 2003 as the area was emerging from drought conditions that included a very hot and very dry summer the previous year. Since 1946 this represents one of the 25 years in which the reservoir has been 9' or more below its capacity. So while it is uncommon, it is not unprecedented.

Last winter's warmer temperatures and drier conditions resulted in a precipitation deficit that has only grown with each successive month. As I write this article in late September, the Quabbin weather station has received 1.6" of rain for the month which falls well below the 77 year average of 3.9" for the corresponding time frame. Since January the station has measured 23.5" of water equivalent (snow and ice are collected and melted down to water, which is then measured), running a deficit of 11.3" so far this year. At this time last year the calendar year water totals for 2015 were only an inch and a half below average, but for the remainder of the fall the deficit grew, compounding this year's problems.

While the reservoir seems very low, this does not approach the low levels in 1989 when the reservoir dropped 18.5' below capacity (68% full), nor the all time low of 34.5' below capacity (45% full) in March of 1967. But with the long term predictions of drought conditions persisting at least through the end of 2016, it is important to conserve and protect our water resources regardless of the origin of the water whether it is a private well, a stressed public water supply, or one which has not yet placed restrictions on use.



Quabbin Reservoir drought level on October 13, 1966

Below left—water level October 1966; below right—water level November 1971



Meetings & Events

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Tea meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next one will be November 1st. Then they will be



December 6th, January 3rd, and February 7th. Despite the heat and the occurrence in that time period when many are vacationing, the September Tuesday Tea was a well

Irene Bishop and Carol Armitage

attended and lively affair. Best of all we had quite a few new guests—former residents and their children (well, hardly children now). They had just learned of our monthly gather-



Laura Hall and Margaret (Hunt) Carney



Shelly and Deanna Krusiewicz



Howard Frost

ings and came to “check it out.” They shared some family photos and also saw many photos of the old homestead and neighborhood that we have on file. DCR staff, Nancy and Maria, and our resident historian, Gene, were busy finding new material our guests had never seen before.

As always, our veterans brought good things to eat. Deanna Krusiewicz can always be counted to add a delicious snack to those brought by others. She came with her granddaughter. This Tuesday Tea was entertaining as Nancy Huntington, DCR, proved as she and Ann Hurlburt shared an old newspaper about the 1955 flood. Perhaps, it was the photographer in this instance.



Nancy Huntington and Ann Hurlburt behind newspaper story on 1955 flood

Photo Club Meetings

The Quabbin Photo Group (<http://www.quabbinphotogroup.org>) meetings are on the 4th Monday at the Quabbin Visitor Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Meetings alternate between guest speakers and member’s nights where members and guests can bring 10–15 images for sharing, either in digital or 35mm slide format.

Guest speaker for October: Fred LeBlanc will be giving a program on getting started with Photoshop: Photoshop Camera Raw Post Processing. For November, an Amherst photographer, Keith Carver, will be giving a program. Check the web site for a title of the presentation.

The Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists (<http://www.pvphotoartists.org/>) meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Visitor Center. October 27th’s theme is “Stone, Rock and Nature.” The annual meeting is in January. Check their website for more information.

DCR Program

Sunday afternoons 2–3 p.m. at the Quabbin Visitor Center

- 1/29 Amphibians and Reptiles of the Connecticut River Valley**
Michael T. Jones, Ph.D., State Herpetologist, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
- 2/12 The Influence of Weather Patterns, Forest Ecosystems, and Human Use on Water Supplies**
Dr. Paul Barten, Professor of Forestry and Hydrology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2/19 The Construction of the Winsor Dam**
Maria Beiter-Tucker, DCR Interpretive Services
- 3/5 Wildlife of Quabbin**
Dale Monette
- 3/12 The Lost Apples of the Quabbin Project**
Alan Sax
- 3/19 Quabbin Forest Management and the Continuous Forest Inventory**
Brian Keevan, DCR Natural Resource Analyst
- 3/26 Quabbin Reservoir and Aquatic Invasives**
Paula Packard, DCR Aquatic Biologist

Friends of Quabbin Book Donation Program



From left to right:
 Maryanne Antonellis, Director of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library;
 Cathy Hilton, widow of Bob Creed and resident of Shutesbury;
 Clif Read, DCR–Quabbin Supervisor of Interpretive Services

The Friends of Quabbin Book Donation Program continues to provide Quabbin-related books to

libraries and schools. This summer on July 1st a donation was made to the Town of Shutesbury M.N. Spear Memorial Library in Bob Creed’s memory.

The rules are pretty simple. Groups:

1. Must have some connection to Quabbin—historically or environmentally.
2. Must be a non-profit or public entity. If they do not have such a formal status, they must provide evidence that no individual will have monetary gain (example, re-selling the books).
3. Must have as a written or implied goal the increased knowledge and understanding of some aspect of Quabbin.
4. Group or organization must be resident in Massachusetts.

A one to five page application suffices; brevity is appreciated. The limits on gifts are at least \$50 and no more than \$100 per applicant per year. Decisions will be made expeditiously by a small subcommittee of the Board. The books must be selected from those for sale at the Visitor Center. The book cost used will be the cost paid by FOQ, not the Visitor Center price (roughly 60% of the listed price). Books may be selected by visiting the Friends of Quabbin web site: www.friendsofquabbin.org (links & resources link) or requesting a book listing from Paul Godfrey (godfrey@tei.umass.edu). We suggest that books requested be listed in priority and number needed. The Friends will provide as many on the list as possible for the required amount. The request can be accomplished via e-mail by submitting to Paul Godfrey at the address listed above or via the mail to the Friends of Quabbin (attention: Paul Godfrey), 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

Naturalists’ Corner



Photo by Anne Ely

Anne’s description of the events surrounding this photograph: “I was sitting in my car in the dirt parking lot near the Goodnough Dike and this fawn came wandering out of the woods. It wandered around browsing for a good hour, occasionally looking up at my car and sometimes sniffing the air, but not paying any attention to the clicking of my camera. I was even able to get out of my car and take a few steps to get a better camera angle. At one point it came to just the other side of the boulders that are along the edge of the parking lot, as close as 15 feet from me. I don’t know where Mom was. Since it stayed so long out by itself, I wonder if Mom grounded it when it got home.”

A Unique Shrub

Anne Ely and Paul Godfrey had a little “competition” to see who could get a picture of the flowering shrub with the unlikely name of Hercules Club that Anne pointed out to Paul in early August. With numerous trips to Hank’s Meadow, about 100 yards further down Quabbin Road than the Hercules Club, the shrub got a lot of attention as planning for



Hercules Club in flower



Hercules Club flower close-up



Hercules Club berries

the Enfield Bicentennial heated up. The two will share credit with Paul showing the flower and Anne the berry.

Send your best photos from the Quabbin. They may get shown in a future newsletter.

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Call for Member Submissions

This is your newsletter. We invite members to submit stories, articles, or reminiscences about the human or natural history of the Swift River Valley and Quabbin Reservoir.

Please send e-mail to Paul Godfrey at godfrey@tei.umass.edu, or mail items to: The Friends of Quabbin
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