

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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Drowned Towns Once Housed Summer Camps for Jewish City Kids

by J.R. Greene

As America began to change from an agrarian society to an urban one, summer camps for America's youth began to explode in number. In 1900, there were fewer than 100 summer camps in the nation; by 1918, there were more than 1,000; now there are 12,000. While camps in the Catskills may be more familiar to the reader, Quabbin was also a notable destination for youth. In this article, those summer

developed two camps in the drowned town of Greenwich. Camp Pomeroy, on the shore of Warner Pond in the north part of town, served girls, with fourteen bungalows for campers, two halls, and a residence for counselors. The property included a 140-acre farm. Camp Quabbin on the shore of Quabbin Lake served boys and had a hotel, the former Quabbin Inn, twelve bungalows, ten tentalows (structures

with a roof and floor, but retractable canvas walls), a playhouse, and an office along with fifty acres of land. Haupt reported in the 1921 camp yearbook that he "put forth every endeavor to give you a camp that left nothing to be desired." This included tennis and basketball courts, and a baseball field.

Among the activities for campers: were hikes to Ware, Enfield, and the Boy Scout camp in North Dana,

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Camp Quabbin staff and campers, Quabbin Review, 1925

camps specifically planned to attract Jewish youth are discussed.

Three summer camps for Jewish youth were located in the Swift River Valley of west central Massachusetts and were mostly inundated by the Quabbin Reservoir in the 1930s and 1940s.

George Haupt of Brooklyn, New York,



Camp Quabbin from Quabbin Review, 1925



Gene Theroux

President's Message

Fall 2017

It's been a busy summer around the Quabbin. In addition to the annual Dana Reunion and the Tuesday Tea picnic, many board members and members of the Friends of Quabbin

spent a significant amount of time at the Quabbin Park Cemetery "QPC" on multiple occasions. One of those activities included a site survey by Cindi LaBombard, Paul Godfrey, Alberta and Francis Martin and Gene Theroux at QPC to consider flowers to be planted at two locations: one at the Friends of Quabbin Time Capsule and the second around the little traffic island on Quabbin Road near the Civil War soldier and cannons. The goal of this small effort is to have an attractive living flower display that will bloom at the time of the Memorial Day remembrance and for most of the summer. The Friends would provide any additional maintenance required beyond that normally provided by DCR.



Friends of Quabbin Vice President Cindi Labombard standing by the Friends of Quabbin Time Capsule, one of the locations for plantings of flowers to be maintained by the Friends.

For the past year, I have been trying to get the help of DCR in finding and repairing a family headstone that was in QPC. As a result of this effort, I have become very familiar with the state of much of the QPC. My concerns were stated in the last *Quabbin Voices*. These concerns have led me and another director, John Zebb, to spend some time documenting the status of headstones at QPC. The survey of headstones recorded if headstones were either broken in two pieces, broken in multiple pieces, leaning, or only the remains of a headstone, usually the base or a stub; these statistics were recorded by cemetery section. In addition, a considerable amount of time was spent photographing



The above island is the second location of plantings of flowers to be maintained by the Friends of Quabbin.

headstones and identifying them. The combination is our first attempt at documenting the current state of the Quabbin Cemetery. I also spent some frustrating time trying to find out what records were available at DCR on QPC burials. These efforts led to the President's Message in the last *Quabbin Voices*. And that led to a meeting of President Gene Theroux and Treasurer Paul Godfrey with the appropriate Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation officials, John M. Scannell, Regional Director, Division of Water Supply Protection and Lisa C. Gustavsen of DCR-DWSP (Office of Watershed Management Quabbin Reservoir) at Quabbin Park Cemetery on Thursday, September 7, 2017. We did a walking tour of the cemetery and discussed the constraints, responsibilities and recent efforts by DCR in the cemetery. Generally, it was a friendly and productive 1 ½ hour meeting with both sides getting a better understanding of our mutual and separate responsibilities and goals for the QPC. We hope we have forged a long-lasting partnership with DCR on the preservation of Quabbin Park Cemetery. This meeting was a good first step towards that end. There is a lot of work yet to be accomplished and difficulties to be overcome, but the Friends of Quabbin is committed to partnering with DCR and working towards a long-term plan that will ensure the conservation and preservation of Quabbin Park Cemetery.

As a result of these efforts, the Friends has been communicating with TaMara Conde of Historic Gravestone Preservation of New Salem, Massachusetts for assistance. Ms. Conde was invited to attend the September 14, 2017 Friends of Quabbin Board of Directors meeting. At the Directors meeting she answered a number of questions, provided the Board of Directors with suggestions to go forward, and offered to assist the Friends of Quabbin with free training to our volunteers. The training provided by TaMara will consist of reading, documenting, and cleaning the stones at QPC. Participants should bring pen or pencil, writing pad, and digital camera or smartphone with good camera.

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The Friends of Quabbin meet with the DCR Management at Quabbin Park Cemetery. Pictured left to right: Gene Theroux, Lisa Gustavsen, John Scannell and Paul Godfrey.

The surveying of the cemetery is the first step in working towards completion of objectives that include a plan for the preservation of QPC. The Friends of Quabbin is seeking volunteers to attend the training and to assist in surveying the cemetery. Volunteers will be asked to undertake a section of the cemetery and to accomplish the survey and complete the documentation within a reasonable timeline. **A free two-hour training opportunity for our volunteers will occur on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Quabbin Park Cemetery beginning at 2 p.m. Volunteers should be at the Quabbin Park Cemetery administration building for 1:45 p.m. and we welcome all volunteers.**

The Friends of Quabbin has established the Quabbin Park Cemetery Preservation Fund (see page 4) to defray the costs of this and other efforts at restoring QPC by the Friends. A couple of donations have already been received. The Friends of Quabbin website has been updated to provide an opportunity to donate to the Quabbin Park Cemetery Preservation Fund. The Friends of Quabbin will also be looking to partner with other organizations for adding the Quabbin Park Cemetery to the List of National Historic Places.

In the Friends of Quabbin Oral History Project, a total of 26 Oral History Interviews have been made available to the public on the Friends of Quabbin website that include life as it was in the valley from former residents who once lived in the former towns and villages, former state kids, former students of the Hillside School, and the construction of the reservoir. Each interview is contained in a separate folder with an index file that indicates the subject being discussed at what time during the interview it's being discussed. Those interested in the construction of the reservoir will find the two interviews of Walter King and Ken Cross by Lois Barnes. In one of these interviews, they spoke for four minutes on the working conditions/pressure problems in the caissons. In the second interview, they relate a story about the tipping of an outhouse over while someone was inside it and of their work on the two baffle dams. The Friends of Quabbin Oral History Collection is available on the Friends of Quabbin website: www.foquabbin.org, then select "Special Feature". Additional interviews from the Friends of Quabbin Oral History Collection and corresponding index sheets will be added to the website in the near future.

The Friends of Quabbin holiday party (see box on page 9) will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 1 p.m. and complimentary light refreshments will be served. Dale Monette of North Quabbin Photography will be in attendance and available to sign his new book, *Secret Lives of the*



Photo of compression chamber. Was used for workers that worked in the caissons both at the dam and at the dike. Workers could only work for a period of 55 minutes in the caissons due to pressure.

Quabbin Watershed, available for purchase at the Quabbin Visitor Center. Dale will be providing a continuously running slideshow of his photographs taken over the four seasons of the Quabbin Watershed. We look forward to seeing you at the holiday party.

Lastly, another reminder to assist with surveying the Quabbin Park Cemetery—if you're interested and available, please consider attending the training on Sunday, October 22, 2017 beginning at 2 p.m. at the QPC Administration Building.

Quabbin Park Cemetery Preservation Fund

by Paul Godfrey, Treasurer

Following the recent work of the President and officers of the Friends of Quabbin to learn more about the state of the Quabbin Park Cemetery, both physically and its information data base, we were both stunned and appalled by how much needs to be done to meet the goal of bringing the site up to the level that is appropriate for the memories enshrined and for our newly-developing effort to make it a National Historic Place. It is apparent that what is needed will take some serious effort on the part of volunteers and some serious fund raising to undertake other aspects of restoration. We cannot assume that all of this is solely the responsibility of DCR, although they share the responsibility. Legal liability is very clouded; historical promises are hard to pin down, etc. That course has little chance of success. It is up to the Friends to foster an ongoing cooperative effort between FOQ and DCR, possibly others such as the Swift River Historical Society and local historical societies to all pitch in as best we can. In Gene Theroux's message, he elicits the help of volunteers to clean and document the headstones. Here we seek the help of any and all to contribute to a fund to further the goal of restoring the Quabbin Park Cemetery and making it a National Historic Place. Additionally, there is a state matching grant for such donations that may multiply any donations. Send donations to the Friends of Quabbin with a note describing the donation's purpose and we will see that they are properly used.



Interpretive Services Report

Fall 2017
by Clif Read

The Interpretive Services staffing structure has changed recently with the hiring of Nancy Huntington to a full time Visitor Services Supervisor position. For more than a decade our work unit has added a part time seasonal position to bolster the staff during the busier times of year. Over time, we were able to steadily expand the length of service from the original six months to an 11+ month position. The challenges of a



Nancy Huntington wearing an FOQ t-shirt

Photo: Paul Godfrey

summer and a winter seasonal roster coupled with the timing for the layoffs and the cumbersome process of rehiring Nancy at the beginning of each season were compelling reasons to convert the position from a seasonal position to full time. The competitive hiring process within the DCR attracted many strong candidates for the position, but in the end it was clear that Nancy's varied background and experience working at Quabbin since 2010 separated her from the rest of the applicants. Nancy has become so integrated into the Interpretive Program that the transition from seasonal to full time employee that occurred in September was a seamless one.

On July 13th the Gate 8 Boat Launch Area was officially dedicated and officially named The William E. Pula Fishing Area in honor of Bill who was the longest serving Quabbin Superintendent/Regional Director at 24 years. The event was well attended by politicians, members of the Quabbin and Ware River Watershed Advisory Committees, staff from the DCR and the MWRA, friends and family, and members of the general public. This completes the naming of all three fishing areas with the Robert Wetmore Fishing Area (Gate 31) and the Steven M. Brewer Fishing Area (Gate 43) having been dedicated previously.

As part of its operating directive the DCR Division of Water Supply Protection is required to develop a series of management plans for its watershed lands every ten years. Although the development and release of these is usually staggered, this year the timing on the Land Management Plan and the Quabbin Public Access Management Plan both coincided with their completion in late summer. As part of the process, both plans were presented to the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee in separate meetings this fall. Electronic versions were available on the DCR web site for public review and



Bill Pula (r) and former MA State Senator Steve Brewer (l) unveil the new sign at the recently renamed "William E. Pula Fishing Area". Also present were (left to right) Representative Susannah Whipps-Lee, Senator Ann Gobi, DCR Division of Water Supply Protection Director Jonathan Yeo and North Worcester County Quabbin Anglers Association Tony Brighenti.

The bald eagle population continues to thrive at Quabbin Reservoir and in the state as a whole. This past summer saw eight active nests at Quabbin fledge a total of 11 young eagles, part of the statewide population that had more than 60 active nests. The reintroduction program which began at the reservoir in 1982, raised and released 41 young eagles into the wild over the seven years of the program. As these young birds matured and reached breeding age as adults at five years of age, they began to establish themselves at Quabbin and other bodies of water such as the Connecticut River. As areas reached their carrying capacity for eagle nests, the offspring from these birds from the original reintroduction project spilled over to other water bodies in the state...and beyond. Sightings of Massachusetts born chicks have been recorded in states throughout the northeast. While the sightings of eagles in Massachusetts are much more common these days, the thrill from these observations never gets old.

comment through the latter part of October. The Land Management Plan for all four DCR Division of Water Supply Management plans for watershed protection have now been combined into a single plan. Due to the differences with access and policies, the four watersheds each retain their individual access plans, with the Quabbin Reservoir Public Access Plan being the most recent update. While there was very little change in the policies for the DCR, new activities that have emerged since the release of the last plan a decade ago. These include use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, commonly referred to as drones, and geocaching. The DCR follows the same policy as the National Park Service which also prohibits UAV's at its facilities.



Floating loon nest platform

Photo: Dale Monette



Adult and chick Bald Eagle

Photo: Dale Monette

Although they were never part of a reintroduction program in the state, the Common Loon is another special nesting species found at Quabbin. Nine chicks are hatched and fledged at the reservoir this year. While not a record number, the number represents a solid number for a species that is anything but common in the state. The DCR and MassWildlife have cooperated to bolster the nesting success of loons including the use of floating nesting platforms that are not subject to the issues of fluctuating water levels in the reservoir and the protection of loons from boaters who intentionally or inadvertently approach too close to these beautiful birds. Please remember that it is illegal to harass these federally protected birds.

Jewish Summer Camps...

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Camp Quabbin, Greenwich, MA (DCR photo)



Camp Pomeroy from Quabbin Review, 1925

as well as, up Mount Pomeroy. The camp baseball team played matches with the town team of Enfield, another drowned town. Rabbi Price was on hand to conduct daily and Saturday worship services.

The camp yearbook included the usual advertisements in back from the campers' home area, but some ads did not originate with New York businesses. H. Stuart, the Greenwich contractor who built camp facilities, had an ad, as did clothier Ansel Ward of Athol, the Athol National Bank, three Greenwich businessmen, and a candy maker and two kosher delicatessens in Springfield.

The 1925 yearbook combines both camps into one publication. For Camp Pomeroy, according to the yearbook, girls had access to the same team sports as the Camp Quabbin boys, including riflery and track. The yearbook cites an article from the *United Synagogue Recorder* regarding religious observances at the camps, which could “pride themselves on having demonstrated to American Jewry the possibility of conducting children’s camps in strict conformity with the Jewish law, without interfering with the activities of the campers or sacrificing their pleasures.”

Among new advertisers in the 1925 yearbook are Healy Brothers’ Insurance Company of Barre and the Ware Laundry, which “by special appointment were launderers to Camp Quabbin and Camp Pomeroy.”

Haupt sold both of the camp properties to the water commission that built the Quabbin Reservoir in 1934, receiving \$200,000, according to documents in the Quabbin records. Town reports show the property once assessed at less than \$50,000. It was one of the largest property settlements made for the reservoir project.

The other Jewish camp in Swift River Valley was located on Pottapaug Pond in the southeast part of Dana, another drowned town. This Camp Dana for boys was built around 1926 by Sarah Feinberg of Ware on the old Blackmer farm of fifty acres with fourteen cottages, a mess hall, and a social hall. Little is known about the camp, as it operated only for five years before being sold to the water commission in 1931.

Phillipston’s Queen Lake Camp, a Jewish camp for girls mostly from the New York and Boston areas, operated from 1921 to the early 1970s under the direction of the Schlosberg family.

All these camps provided some economic benefit to the communities where they were located, which included hiring local contractors to build them and obtaining some food and supplies from local stores. While a little known and nearly forgotten part of local history, the camps deserve to be remembered as part of the history of the old Swift River Valley.

J.R. Greene, a lifelong resident of Athol, is the author of twenty books, sixteen of which relate to the history of Quabbin Reservoir and the towns destroyed to build it.

This article first appeared in the January-April 2017 issue of “Uniquely Quabbin” magazine and is reprinted with minor modifications with the permission of the author. Pictures of the camps appear in J.R. Greene’s *Quabbin History Calendar* publications as follows: July, 2011, Camp Quabbin; July, 2010, Camp Pomeroy; July, 2017, Camp Dana.



Quabbin Review, 1925

Observer's Corner

QUABBIN PORCUPINE

by Anne Ely

I am a Quabbin porcupine,
 Therefore, I can claim this limb as mine.
 Its contours fit me perfectly.
 I can sleep here all day comfortably.
 Ear plugs would come in handy, though;
 There's often lots of noise from below.
 The road goes right beneath this tree,
 It's often filled with paparazzi,
 And here comes one now, I think
 I'll wait 'til she's ready, then I'll blink.
 I suppose I'm one of the few
 Whose day is night, but what can I do.
 I'll close my eyes; hope for the best.
 Looking forward to a good day's rest.



Photo: Anne Ely



**From Dale Monette's book,
*Secret Lives of the Quabbin
 Watershed*
 (see the New Books section).**



Dana Reunion

by Gene Theroux



Deanna Krusiewicz, was the last child born in the former town of Dana and friend enjoy a picnic lunch on Dana Common.

The annual Dana Reunion was held on Sunday July 16, 2017 on a beautiful summer day. The Dana Reunion invited guests included former residents, their families and friends of not just Dana, but of Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott and their small villages. The villages of the four towns included Doubleday Village in Dana and Packardville and Bobbin Hollow in Pelham, Cooleyville and Puppyville and Millington of New Salem, Smith Village of Enfield, Niche waug of Petersham, and Southworth Mills of Hardwick. None of the four towns nor their hamlets should be forgotten and be lost to



Former residents of Dana, left to right: Douglas Cooley, Dwight Cooley, Dot Waid and Earl Cooley who is proudly wearing his "Dana is my hometown" ball cap.

history; they were home to many former residents and hold rich family history and memories.

The attendees were asked to bring a lunch, chairs and stories to share. It's an enjoyable event each year. Visiting with the former residents is a treasurable moment that you will not forget. The former residents of Dana vowed never to forget and they have long instilled a sense of pride of their heritage. Earl Cooley said "he would move back to Dana Common tomorrow if he could."



Karen Jennings of the Swift River Valley Historical Society drove Dana's 1929 Ford Firetruck to the Dana Reunion.

Marty Howe, a long-time member of the Friends of Quabbin and a Quabbin historian provided a guided tour to the former location of Moses Marcelle's home to Alfred Marcelle and his wife. Alfred is a direct descendant of Moses Marcelle and a first time attendee of the Dana Reunion.

Congratulations to Suzanne Martin, daughter of Earl and Lois Cooley who was nominated and elected to be the President of the Dana Reunion Committee during the town meeting. Dana was incorporated in 1801 and disincorporated on April 27, 1938. Dana Common was added to the list of National Historic Places in 2013. There were numerous visitors who hiked or rode their bikes on the 1½-mile road to Dana Common from Gate 40. There was a ranger working gate 40 who let those guests attending the Dana Reunion drive their vehicle to Dana Common.

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** on Sunday, December 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Quabbin Visitor Center

Refreshments will be served; if you can, bring one of your own of one from the new *Quabbin Centennial Cookbook*.

There will be a slide show of photos by Dale Monette.

(see New Books and Observer’s Corner in this issue).



*HAPPY
Holidays!*



Left to right:
Marty Howe,
Mrs. & Mr.
Alfred Marcelle

Despite the efforts of the Dana Reunion Committee to make the event perfect, there were problems.

The cellar holes have not been cleared of brush and saplings for several years. Attendees of the Dana Reunion noted the broken signs posts that were vandalized in 2016 that had not been repaired as of the Dana Reunion. This issue was discussed at the September 14, 2017 Friends of Quabbin Board of Directors Meeting.



Cellar hole of the former Eagle Hotel on Dana Common.

As a culture we are fast losing our intimate sense of community, our sense of place. The residents of the former Quabbin/Swift River Valley still strongly have that sense and it motivates their gathering at the annual Dana Reunion to share their memories about the towns and villages of Quabbin. The Dana Reunion is held on the third Sunday in July each year. To be reminded of the Dana Reunion, it’s important to be on the mailing list of the Dana Reunion Committee (183 Ridge Road, Athol, MA 01331) and please consider a donation to cover the expense of mailing.

Meetings & Events

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next one will be November 7. Then they will be on December 5 and January 2. At Tuesday Teas, Gene or Paul will scan your photos (or if you have many, borrow them for a bit to scan later); bring your photos!



The Tuesday Tea Group has decided that its fall Tuesday Tea Trek will be to Gate 11 (Pelham Hollow) on Tuesday, the 24th of October 2017. Those interested should meet at the Quabbin Visitor Center at 10 a.m. This invitation is for members of the Tuesday Tea Group and for members of the Friends of Quabbin. Those individuals interested will need to RSVP to Nancy Huntington of the Quabbin Visitor Center by calling her at (413) 323-7221.

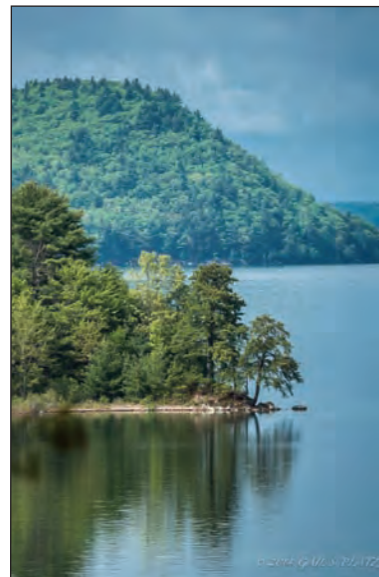


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Photo Club Meetings

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.

Monday, October 23—Doug James: Bears, Birds and Beauty in Alaska!

Monday, November 27 —Joe Oliverio
No meeting in December.

Monday, January 22, 2018 Members Night, where we share images; the public is always welcome.

Monday, Feb. 26 will be a program on learning the basic functions of your DSLR; March 26 will be the snow date.

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. The annual meeting is in January. Check their website for more information.

DCR Program

Nothing scheduled until after the winter holidays

Swift River Valley Historical Society

Sunday, October 22

FALL HIKE into Gate 21 in New Salem

Meet at the New Salem Common at 11a.m.

Other Area Events

The Brookfield Institute is supporting a new play, “Welcome Home” by Sam Farnsworth, based on a story by J.S. Hobbs. It explores the experience of serving in our military and coming home. Funny, poignant and filled with true stories from veterans of Central and Western Massachusetts, the play, *Care for the Troops, MA* has transformed raw stories from veterans into a production that will affirm the veterans in the audience and educate and move all viewers. Performances will be in Monson Memorial Hall on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12. Tickets are \$15.00 (veterans \$10.00) and are available at www.careforthe-troops-ma.org or by calling 413-967-3887. There will be a special performance at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield on Monday, November 13 at 7:30. Price is the same. Call 413-747-7797 for this performance.

Photo credit: Gail Platz



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Visitor Center Store

New Books

Secret Lives of the Quabbin Watershed by Dale Monette

\$32.00 including sales tax



The Visitor Center is now carrying a new book: *Secret Lives of the Quabbin Watershed*, a 132-page, wide-format collection of original photographs by Dale Monette.

“I did this book,” Monette said, “because a lot of books are written about Quabbin history, but there’s no full-out book about wildlife that lives on the Quabbin watershed. I want to share experiences that many people can’t get in person.”

Monette, a retired employee of the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation and familiar to past visitors to the Visitor Center, spends five mornings a week observing and photographing wildlife in the Quabbin reservation or nearby wetlands and forests. His book includes photos of eagles, moose, loons, great blue herons, beavers, coyotes, foxes, small birds, amphibians, insects, and more in their accustomed habitat. *Secret Lives of the Quabbin Watershed* also includes Monette’s photos of landscapes from every season.

“For me,” writes Lee Attix in the book’s foreword, “and I think I can speak for Dale as well, life has taught us that special moments are often linked to patience, paying attention to sensory detail we see, taking a breath, and allowing life to unfold before us. That’s how the mesmerizing photographs in this book came to be.”

Quabbie: The Great White Duck, Guardian and Protector of the Quabbin Reservoir by Nancy Huntington

\$15.00 (not yet available)

Another Visitor Center familiar face is Nancy Huntington. This is her first book and was about 15 years in the making. We’re not yet sure that the book can be carried at the Visitor Center because Nancy is a current employee at DCR at



the Visitor Center but it is available at some local venues and on Amazon. We hope we can carry it because where else would you go to meet the author first hand, ask about the book and maybe even get an autographed copy. The book is illustrated with superb watercolors by Carley Winn. It is our second children’s book

and aimed at somewhat younger children than Jane Yolán’s *Letting Swift River Go*. Both are must reads for adults, too!

Quabbie is a headstrong, little duck who refuses to leave his home when it is flooded to create a clean water supply for Boston, Massachusetts. As Quabbie learns to navigate the many rules of the Quabbin Reservoir, he grows to love his new habitat and becomes a staunch protector of the reservoir and the other animals who inhabit it.

Quabbie: The Great White Duck is an educational children’s book, which was written to inform families of the unique history of the Quabbin Reservoir as well as to instruct children of the rules they must follow when visiting the park.



The Editor’s Trials:

**Don’t leave stamp coils
anywhere near puppies
while preparing to mail
the newsletter.**

We want you to see the newsletter in color!

If you have an email address and are not currently receiving a color copy of this newsletter as email, in addition to the black and white mailed copy, please send the editor (godfrey@tei.umass.edu) your email address. In many cases, we think you’ll find the color photographs worth it. Send your email address to Paul Godfrey: godfrey@tei.umass.edu.

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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, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007



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