

Quabbin Voices

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—Les Campbell

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Big Happenings at the DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center

by Paul Godfrey, Annie Tiberio, Anne Ely and Mark Lindhult

The spring newsletter is a little late this year, but that's because we wanted to wait until we could tell you the news about progress on the renaming since the winter newsletter. Some of it, you already know if you're a regular newsletter reader, though those of us who spearheaded the effort can't tell you enough times. The two-year long effort to rename the Quabbin Visitor Center officially succeeded just before the new year. But that's not the end of it. We are now in phase two, the implementation of the name change.

The first part of that is well underway. Over the past weeks, we have photographed all of the signs that bear the "Visitor Center" and discussed if a change was needed, what the

priorities were and how to make the change. Below, we show some of them as they were.

Discussions have been within our group, within the Friends' Board and with Quabbin Visitor Center staff. Some changes have already been made and others are underway with a completion date of late spring.

Some of the changes are: a new and bigger sign at the west entrance to the Quabbin, a new sign outside the door to the Administration Building and some smaller signs in that vicinity, and a new sign over the door to the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center. *(continued page 4)*





Gene Theroux

President's Message

Spring 2023

As the nation prepares for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Friends of Quabbin has been an active partner in the planning of the **2024** Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery (QPC) to be held on **May 26, 2024**. The 2024 Memorial Day Services at Quabbin



Above left to right: Charlotte V. Drinkwater, Mary Drinkwater Warren, (below) Hillside School boys

Park Cemetery is a scheduled event as part of the America 250 events in communities across the nation and around the world. There are now two Daughters of the American Revolutionary (DAR) chapters that are partnering with the stakeholders of the 2024 Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery. The Duxbury DAR chapter (Duxbury, MA) has joined the Betty Allen chapter (Northampton, MA) as sponsors to honor the thirty-six Patriots of the American Revolution interred in Quabbin Park Cemetery. These two DAR chapters were approved to

receive America 250 grants to purchase DAR Revolutionary War grave commemoratives for the thirty-six Patriots interred at QPC. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Seth Pomeroy chapter will also be partnering with the DAR for the 2024 event at QPC. Both the DAR and SAR are Educational, Historic, and Patriotic organizations whose missions are to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people. Representatives from both the Betty Allen and Duxbury chapters of the DAR will be attending the 2023 Memorial Day Services program at QPC. Additional information on the America 250 celebration can be found at: NSDAR site on the 250th: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/america-250>

What I found interesting about the Massachusetts Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution when I reviewed their website: <https://www.massdar.org/about.html> is their support of the Hillside School. The DAR has established a partnership with the Hillside School and there is an annually scheduled DAR day at Hillside School. The DAR has a museum and a library at the Hillside School. It's interesting that since 1925 Hillside has been the recipient of generous support from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Over the period of 2009 through 2016 the DAR has donated over half a million dollars to Hillside, not counting the donations sent by chapters and states for scholarships. Source: <https://blog.dar.org/dar-school-tour-hillside-school>.

Why did that connection between the DAR and Hillside School catch my eye? Hillside School was originally located in the former town of Greenwich as a self-sustaining school for boys in grades 4 through 9. Somewhat ironically, the school was founded and operated by two very independent women, the Drinkwater sisters—Charlotte Drinkwater and Mary



Drinkwater Warren in 1901. Both Charlotte and Mary Drinkwater had graduated from Westfield Normal School. At that time in American history (ca: 1859), it was unusual for girls from rural areas to attend college. From its founding in 1901 until its incorporation in 1907, Hillside School was completely dependent upon the Drinkwater sisters for the total management of the school. The elderly ladies not only taught, cooked the meals, laundered, sewed the boys' clothing, and oversaw the operation.

Practicality and compassion drove the genesis, along with a commitment to providing a structured, supportive, and challenging academic environment. Hillside's diverse offerings and character education have contributed to the development of superbly well-rounded young men for over one hundred and twenty-two years. Basic tenets such as determination, compassion, and tolerance guided Hillside students in 1901, just as they do today. Hillside students, then and now, are encouraged to take risks with the knowledge that sometimes they will fail, but the support of the school community will never waiver. The relevance of Hillside's founding principles remains, and these values continue to shape the school community. So, it is easier to see why the DAR would be interested in supporting such a school and why I would also be interested.

A fire in 1925 while Mr. J. Frederick Zappey (Hillside School Superintendent) and Mrs. Marian Louisa Thayer Zappey were on their honeymoon burnt down the administration building and the apartment they were scheduled to occupy. This incident brought about the transfer of the school to Marlborough for an October 1927 opening. This was somewhat earlier than originally planned, but it was increasingly clear that the property would soon have to be sold to the State. Hence, the building was not reconstructed, and the change to Marlborough resulted a few years before it was actually intended.

ground. The school is currently building a new barn as well as an educational structure that will serve as a day school for grades K-3. The barn will continue as a part of the agricultural program that includes vegetable gardens and small animal husbandry. Hillside is receiving funds from their insurance policy, but the shortfall between insurance and building expense is about \$2M.

The State Regent of the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution has recognized this opportunity from the fire to make a foundational campaign contribution to the Hillside School to help raise the barn. To date, Mrs. B. Carolyn Nutt (Massachusetts DAR Regent) has raised \$15,000 for the project through sales of her "We remember" Jewelry, stationary, and other themed items. There is an opportunity for individuals to donate to the State Regent of the DAR's Project by writing a check payable to the Betty Allen DAR Treasurer in MEMO section write "SR Project Hillside Barn". Mail your check to: Betty Allen DAR Chapter, Inc. 148 South Street, Northampton, MA 01060. Your generous donation will be matched by the Boston Tea Party Chapter's 250th Anniversary matching contribution. I have previously donated to the Hillside School Raising the Roof campaign.

Friends of Quabbin first President Les Campbell had contributed to the Hillside School Centennial book with photos of



In 2021, another fire greatly impacted the school; the historic barn at the Hillside School in Marlborough was burned to the

Charlotte and Mary Drinkwater and photos from the Burt V. Brooks collection of the Hillside School. As in so many other cases, the construction of Quabbin Reservoir initially disrupted and disbanded a small, tight but isolated community of towns and people, they overcame that adversity to create a totality that is much stronger and tighter than originally and

reaching out to many aspects of life in the 21st century.

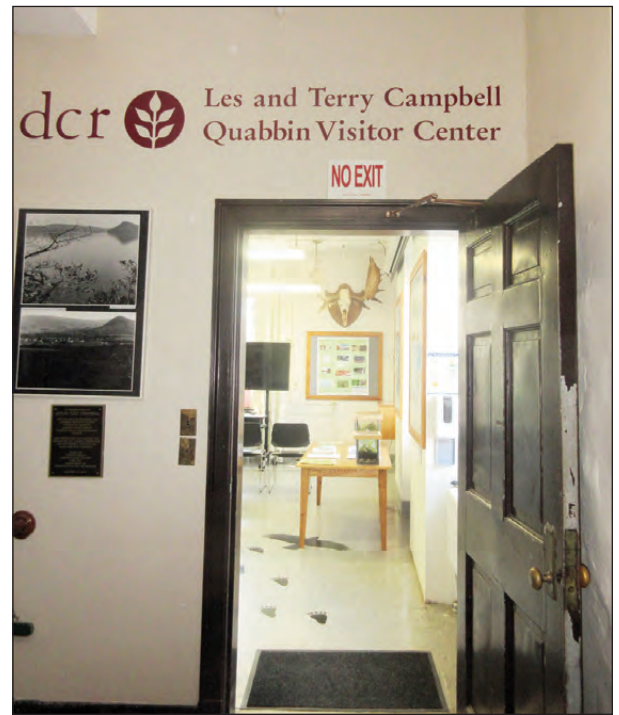
Inside, there will be a large poster (3' x 4'), designed by Mark Lindhult, describing the involvement of the Campbells in Quabbin and the key roles they played in the creation of the Visitor Center. The upper part has pictures of Les and Terry while the bottom part has a few of Les' many pictures of Quabbin. The text in the center around a picture of Les with camera has a quote from William Geary, Commissioner of MDC when the Visitor Center was created. Below is a mini-biography of Les and Terry.



Design by Mark Lindhult

“...we are blessed with two individuals who have developed a national reputation for conducting sensitive, artistic, and meaningful nature programs. The talent and devotion which Les and Terry Campbell possess for the Quabbin is only exceeded by their love for sharing that knowledge with everyone.”

Commissioner William Geary, MDC
Opening of the Quabbin Visitor Center, October 10, 1984



The second part of the implementation phase and a most important one, is to give everyone who has been involved in this effort the opportunity to make it official with a ceremony. When we started, it seemed like it was so obvious that it would be easy. It was obvious to everyone at all familiar with the Visitor Center history, but it wasn't easy. We persisted, we asked all of you to help and, with that combined effort, we succeeded. It's now our chance to come together and celebrate the renaming and, most importantly, the lives of the two people who made a Visitor Center possible and "built" it to last — Les and Terry.

DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center Naming Ceremony will be on June 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM. If you wish to attend, you must register by April 30th (next page).

We have been working closely with Visitor Center staff on all the details. We believe it will be in a tent near the Quabbin Administration Building because the Visitor Center cannot safely hold the number of people expected. At this time, most of the details are not determined.

We do know there will be speakers and videos about the Campbells. The ceremony will last approximately one hour.

To register, complete the online form: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8813b059a7d6416dad1cf461453a55c1> or use the form on the next page and send an email or mail to Paul Godfrey at godfrey@umass.edu or 47 Harkness Road, Pelham, MA 01002. Alternatively call the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center (413-323-7221). Tell us your name, address, telephone number and email (if you have one) so that we can let you know if there are any changes. Tell us how many people will be coming with you.

“Mr. Quabbin”

“Where silence speaks - space envelopes - history touches - nature informs - beauty inspires” - Les Campbell

Les Campbell worked in the Water Quality Laboratory at Quabbin for 44 years, starting after high school and retiring as department head. He was a visionary who saw the need for a Visitors Center to help people understand what was given up for the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir and what was gained by its creation. After years of effort he gained the support of State Senator Robert Wetmore and MDC Commissioner William Geary to create the Quabbin Visitors Center in 1984 and Les and Terry formed its supporting organization, the Friends of Quabbin.

The operation of the Visitors Center fell to volunteers, most notably Les’s wife, Terry. It was Terry who foresaw the need for a discussion group of former Swift River Valley residents and so she formed the Tuesday Tea group. Terry started selling books on the Quabbin and became the Visitor Center’s first employee. She made things work and stayed on for 15 years until retiring in 2000.

Les was also a nationally recognized photographer who pioneered many photographic techniques and presentation methods which he demonstrated around the country. He was just the

second person in the U.S. to hold the three highest awards given by the Photographic Society of America. To share his love of photography with others he founded three local and regional photography groups which still exist today.

Les’s photographs of the Quabbin document the watershed’s beauty as you can see below. Les’s property was called “Sky Meadow” where he had a gallery in his barn and a studio. He also curated a large collection of historic photographs documenting the four former towns of the Swift River Valley before they were dismantled and discontinued.

Les wrote eloquently about the Quabbin, penning: “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.”

Terry Campbell passed away in 2007 and Les passed away in 2020 at the age of 95.

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----- Cut here and mail to: -----

Paul Godfrey, 47 Harkness Road, Pelham, MA 01002
or email information to godfrey@umass.edu

I plan to attend the June 4th, Sunday, ceremony at 1:00 PM on the grounds near the Quabbin Administration Building honoring the renaming of the Quabbin Visitor Center as the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center.

Name: _____

Number of people coming with me: _____

Special needs of any of the people in your group: _____

Your Mailing Address:

Street: _____

Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone – Home: _____ Mobil: _____

Email: _____

Why Were There Tools Deep in the Woods?

by Susan Johnson

This essay first appeared as a Commentary on NPR Morning Edition, March 21, 2023 [nepm.org] and is printed with their permission.

When I was a kid, I'd find all sorts of tools in the woods. It always seemed strange. Why would a farmer leave behind a rake in the forest?

It wasn't until I was older that I understood that tools I found in the woods had been left behind from when the land had been a field—that where I was standing had once been devoid of trees and could be again.

In the 1800s western Massachusetts was mostly fields. Forests had been cleared for pasture, turned into lumber and firewood. A neighbor once showed me a painting of her farm from that time. Instead of hills with mixed hardwoods, they were bald as a baby bird.

All this makes me want to know more about the people who farmed the land—and more about the land. What else is buried here that I can't see?



Pliny Moody's doorstep (New England Today)

It also makes me realize that I'm part of this constantly changing landscape. The forest continues to grow as I stride through it and I am part of that growth. What is it that I'm leaving behind? Carbon? Plastic micro-beads?

In 1790, in South Hadley, Pliny Moody came across dinosaur prints while plowing a field. I can imagine him asking: Who left these behind? Some giant bird? Some think

Moody used that dinosaur printed stone as a doorstep.

Once, walking around Quabbin Reservoir, I came upon a large smooth slab framed by flowers—in the middle of a grove of beech and birch. It looked like the front step of a



Amherst as seen from Pelham before 1836 (History of Pelham, MA from 1738 to 1898, including the early history of Prescott)

farm house and probably was.

Quabbin is full of remnants of past lives before the towns were drowned and the forest took over. Actually, it's really us who took over, damming Swift River to create the reservoir.

I think my favorite things to find while walking in the woods are erratics—the big boulders left behind when the glaciers retreated. They look like pre-historic eggs laid by one of Pliny Moody's imaginary birds. I love how they seem so out of place when actually they are solidly in place as trees figure out how to grow around them.

It's we with our changing ways who are the erratics.



Quabbin remnants of previous settlement (photo from Friends of Quabbin archives)

Quabbin Interpretive Services Report

Spring 2023

by Maria Beiter-Tucker

Our Winter Series started off very strong with over 120 people tuned in to our first presentation “Myths and Mysteries of Quabbin Reservation and the Ware River Watershed.” We recorded it and the link is available on the DCR Youtube channel at this link: <https://youtu.be/TcE4rOE5dUQ> We are recording all the remote programs and have the links on the page of our website dedicated to education <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/quabbin-reservoir-watershed-education-programs#videos---quabbin-visitor-center-presentations->

We also offered our first hike of 2023 on January 18. Justin Gonsor led about 15 people on the Goodnough Dike trail. This will be an ongoing series on the third Saturdays of each month. During February Vacation we had planned to offer two Winter Wildlife programs designed for families and children. The first, our Dana Common hike went off on a cloudy but milder February day, but as happens so often in New England the weather changed overnight and a messy winter mix required us to cancel our second Winter Wildlife program.

Our educational program schedule for both schools and community groups have seen small but steady growth over the winter. We have provided remote programs to schools in Waltham, Wellesley, Everett and Quincy. It has been exciting to connect with students in the Greater Boston area to provide them with the history of the Quabbin Valley and a better

understanding of how their drinking water is protected. We are looking forward to the Spring when our friends from schools visit us to learn more about the history and management of the Quabbin and Ware River Watershed management.

We also have continued to make changes to the Visitor Center to create an atmosphere that is welcoming to all. We appreciate the support from the Friends as we create areas that provide some more interest to our youngest visitors.



Kiddy corner

As well, we are beginning to transition to the new name of Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center. You will see it on flyers and brochures first, followed by the website and eventually a new sign at the entrance of the building and a replacement sign at the driveway entrance.



Movable displays

The Quabbin Interpretive Service staff have planned a full schedule of outdoor hikes and programs for the Spring. We will continue exploring the gates around the reservoir monthly and, in addition to that, we will have monthly habitat walks on the first Thursday of the month. We are working with our Division of Water Supply Protection colleagues in Forestry and Natural Resources to highlight how the Quabbin and Ware River Watershed forests are managed to increase diversity and maintain forest health.

To get updates about our programs please email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov or visit our events page

https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

If you are interested in joining our email list of programs and events please contact us at QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov.

The House That Wrote a Book

by Paul Godfrey with Elena Palladino

That title sounds pretty implausible, but, in this case, it's true. You may have seen our earlier announcements of Elena Palladino's new book — *Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley*. The genesis of the book lies in the purchase of Elena's house in Ware. She and her husband were house-hunting in 2015 and toured a stately Colonial Revival in Ware. They were charmed by the historic house's character and antique finishes, including an elegant central staircase and Victorian pocket doors with ornate brass pulls. At that time, they didn't know the nature of the "historic character." But after they moved in and met the neighbors, they learned that the house was known as "the Quabbin house." Curious to learn more about the origin of that name, they began to discover more details, learning that the most interesting interior details had once been part of a home that stood in Smith's Village in Enfield.

As their research deepened, they learned more about that house in Smith's Village, its family, and the Quabbin valley. The home's former owner was Marion Andrews Smith, the surviving member of a wealthy family who ran the mill in Smith's Village. In fact, the village was named after them; you might call it a company town.

Marion Smith loved the house and when she found out that everyone would have to leave to make way for the new



Marion Smith's house in Ware, circa 1940.



Lorraine Smith - Enfield - 2/28/30 - #1250

Photo Remington

House of Marion A. Smith in Smith's Village



(inset left) Smith House & Factory in Smith's Village

Smith's Village, 1928





The Palladino house now

reservoir to provide water for Boston, she fought desperately to stay. She would not sell her land to the state and the state was forced to take her land and house by eminent domain. Still the 70-year-old Smith refused to budge until July 1938. She stayed in the house until just the last few months of the town's existence.

Smith wanted to move her house to a new location but that proved impossible. Her house, one of the largest in the town, had to be demolished. Smith took what she could. Workers removed floorboards, moulding, doors, and wainscoting and put them in her new house. Most difficult was moving the wooden staircase in one piece. All went into her new house in Ware, the house that Elena and her husband had just bought.

As they say, the rest is history. Elena was so curious about her house and the parts of it that her research began. As she began exploring all the local sources, one day an unmarked envelope mysteriously appeared in her mailbox containing black and white photos of her new home as it was first built. And she still has no idea who put them there.



Original staircase from the Smith's Village house.

This curious story of how history and historic homes make friends in strange ways serves to point out one of those magical qualities of the Quabbin. Despite all the hardship the construction of Quabbin caused, there are these stories of new beginnings, new friends and new understandings of the link between the past and the present. It is these stories that *Quabbin Voices* wants to find and disseminate because they affirm that no matter how bad things may seem, there is hope and that no matter how different times are now than then, the people have remarkably similar needs and hopes.



Pocket doors with ornate handles from the original Smith's Village house.

As she was doing her historical research, she met Marian Tryon Waydaka, whose parents were Marion Smith's chauffeur and groundskeeper of the house in Ware and named their daughter after their employer. Marian talked with Elena for hours about her memories of the house. When Marian died in 2021, Marian Waydaka's son gave Elena a collection of Marion Smith's books and the piano bench that had been in the house. They are now prominently displayed in the house once again.

From that point, Elena went on to learn about other prominent members of the broader Enfield community. And a book was born.

Meetings & Events

Tuesday Tea

Join us for the next Tuesday Tea on the first Tuesday of each month at the Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, Quabbin Administration Building.

Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists

The Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown, MA.
January 23, 2023 — *Iridescent*

Quabbin Photo Group

The Quabbin Photo Group meetings are on the 4th Monday at the beginning at 7:00 PM. All meetings are via ZOOM.
Mar. 27, 2023 – *Members Night*
April 24, 2023 – Norman Vexler – *A program on Underwater Photography*

DCR Programs

Sunday, May 28, 10 AM – 12 PM

Memorial Day Commemoration at Quabbin Park Cemetery
Refreshments will be offered at 10:00 am. Parade and services begin at 11:00 AM. No registration required.

In 1868, Major General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30th as a special day for honoring the soldiers that had died in the Civil War. Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns. Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for our annual Memorial Day Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery. **(Public is welcome but please no dogs).**



DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center
DCR staff will be offering several free programs this spring. All ages are welcome. *Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed. Space is limited. DCR events listed below require registration.* To register, scan QR code or visit <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>.
Questions? Email: QuabbinVisitorCenter@mass.gov

Sunday, May 28, 2 – 3 PM

"A Scene of Beauty"
The History and Creation of Quabbin Park Cemetery
Easy – uneven ground
"If any burial ground, cemetery, grave or place of human burial is within the area taken in fee by the commission...the

commission shall remove the remains found in any such burial places." Specifically mentioned in the legislative act that created the Quabbin Reservoir, the removal and reburial of graves from the Swift River Valley has always been an area of fascination and misunderstanding for many visitors to the area. Join us to discover the history and the process of how the state removed and reburied over 7,500 known graves from the Quabbin Valley. Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Exploring Quabbin Gates–Saturday Hikes

Saturday, April 15, 11 AM – 1 PM

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 22
4 miles – Moderate

Join us for a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. We will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers 2 miles and drops 180 ft. in elevation. We will then backtrack and head back uphill the way we came. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of New Salem. Please do not block the gate.

<https://goo.gl/maps/SPqd6Si9ixuCOtt18>

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Saturday, May 20, 11 AM – 1 PM

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 26
2.2-miles – Moderate

Join us for a 2.2-mile loop hike on north side of the Quabbin watershed. We will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers just under a mile and drops 200 ft. in elevation. We will then loop back uphill via the forest road to gate 27. Gate 27 is located less than a quarter mile from Gate 26. The parking for Gate 26 is located at the end of East Main Street (Millington Street) in the town of New Salem. You may park along the side of the road, please do not block the gate or the road.

<https://goo.gl/maps/CQv63LcDMTy7sziW7>

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Saturday, June 17, 11 AM – 1:30 PM

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29
2.4 miles – Moderate

Join us for a 2.4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. We will be walking through the forest on a dirt road and ending at the shoreline of the reservoir. Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.2-miles and relatively little change in elevation. We will then backtrack and head out the way we came in. Hike begins at Gate 29. Limited parking at gate. Please do not block the gate. <https://goo.gl/maps/fnAvob41qLygZUCs8>

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Habitat Hikes

First Thursday of the month

Quabbin is an area of immense diversity of habitat, from shady vernal pools to sunny mountaintops. Join us one Thursday each month (weather permitting) to spotlight some of these beautiful landscapes. Hikes will vary in location and intensity and may focus on an individual species or on a more general area. *Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.*

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Wetlands Walk

1.5 miles – Easy

It will begin at the parking area for Goodnough Dike in Quabbin Park. <https://goo.gl/maps/GaqukdAv17TA2wRj7>
This Habitat Hike will visit 2 different types of wetlands. along the Dike Road and back, covering approximately 1.5 miles round trip. Please dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for wet/muddy conditions (wear appropriate footwear). Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands

1.5 miles – Easy

Meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the North of Quabbin Reservation. Parking is limited.

<https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN5Qp8sVv9>

This Habitat Hike will be a short walk down a forest road to a stunning wetland habitat. It is a little over one mile round trip. Those who are feeling adventurous may opt to hike further, up the side of Soapstone Mountain to a spectacular view of the Quabbin, though be advised this portion is difficult and will not be a part of the official hike. Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Thursday, June 1, 2023 11 AM – 1 PM

Tower Trail Habitat Hike

3 miles – Moderate

Meet at the parking area inside the Middle Entrance off Route 9. <https://goo.gl/maps/9K3L4xf44nbVK4bG7>. It is a moderately difficult hike, approximately 3 miles round-trip up Quabbin Hill through woodland and mountain habitat and back. Due to safety issues, we will not be able to go up to the tower itself, as it is currently closed for renovations. Please wear proper footing and dress prepared for ticks/biting insects. Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Water Supply Protection Forestry Walks

Curious how active management of a forest can increase diversity and maintain forest health? This year DCR-DWSP staff will offer several public walks through the Quabbin and Ware River watershed forests focusing on how we manage our forests to promote forest health, new growth, varied wildlife habitat and watershed protection. Join us for some (or all) of these walks to gain a better understanding of how active forest management leads to healthier environment for our region. Space is limited. No dogs are allowed.

Saturday, April 22, 10 AM – 12 PM

Investigating Forest Health: How are various agents (invasive insects and plants, diseases etc.) impacting trees in the Quabbin and Ware River forests?

1 mile – Moderate

Meet at Quabbin Park East Entrance

<https://goo.gl/maps/sW1wiHe4DnRPJL9a7>

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Saturday, June 3, 10 AM – 12 PM

1 mile – Moderate

Establishing Young Forest Habitat in the Ware River Watershed

Meet at: DCR DWSP Oakham Field Office, 578 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

<https://goo.gl/maps/QhLn1AhgaYWs4KF16>

We will carpool to the walk site.

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

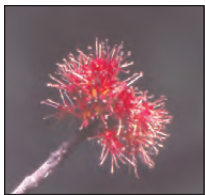
Saturday, July 15, 9 AM – 11 AM

1 mile – Moderate

Barrens Habitat Restoration on Barre Heathland: How can forest management and prescribed fire programs support rare plant and animal habitats?

Meet at the Intersection of Rt. 62 and Barre Road in Hubbardston, MA <https://goo.gl/maps/XgcGPEuf5SP8QK8MA>

Register at: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>



Spring Has Sprung

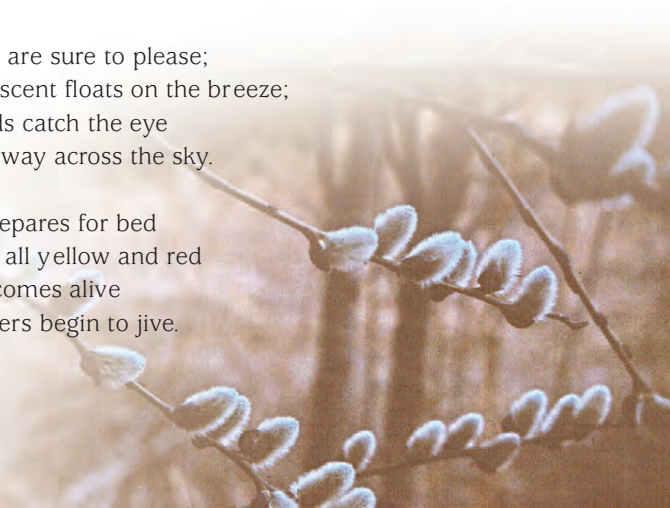
by Anne Ely

Red flowers against a clear blue sky
Swaying in the breeze, they catch my eye;
A maple tree announcing spring;
A welcome sight after winter's fling

The maple's not the only one
Proclaiming that winter's finally done,
The evidence is everywhere
Sprouting from the ground or in the air.

Wildflower blooms are sure to please;
Their lovely sweet scent floats on the breeze;
Returning songbirds catch the eye
As they wing their way across the sky.

Now, as the sun prepares for bed
And paints the sky all yellow and red
A nearby pond becomes alive
As the spring peepers begin to jive.



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