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Maya Servis, daughter of Nelson House Caretakers Leah and Aaron, seen here with her father at the 2nd Annual Cape Cod Wildlife Event. Maya is wearing the butterfly visor, a popular item given by Liz Lewis and Diane Salomone of Orenda.

New wildlife habitat project for Orenda Wildlife Land Trust in 2012!

Orenda will be a supporter of the Dennis Conservation Trust campaign to secure 11.4 acres.

This property provides a buffer to the globally rare habitat of two coastal plain ponds, known as the Grassy Pond and the Clay Pond.

To protect the quality of public drinking water supply, to prevent the development of a 10-lot subdivision and to increase public passive recreation opportunities, including walking trails through the woodlands, are important reasons to preserve the property.

Some of the believed species that enjoy this vital habitat are the Prairie Warblers, Eastern Box Turtle, Osprey, Barrens Bluet damselfly, fox and deer.

It has also been proven that there are Plymouth Gentian present, a rare plant species. High and low bush blueberry, bayberry and New England Boneset thrive in this important link to 250 acres protected by the State, the Dennis Water District and the town of Dennis.

Please read the enclosed letter for further details on how you can assist us with this project!!



The Grassy Pond, a globally rare coastal plain pond.

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Smith's Dock Sanctuary walk with the Barnstable Land Trust

On a perfect sunny day in June, a lively and informative lecture was given by Ryan Mann, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator for the Harwich Conservation Trust, on Orenda's Smith's Dock Sanctuary. Established in 1998 from a donation made by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries Wyman, this five-acre Great Marsh property is also a link to 50 acres of conservation land.

The sanctuary is one of only 17 areas in the state of Massachusetts that provide habitat for restoration and protection for the threatened Northern Diamondback Terrapin Turtle.

Eighty years ago the turtles were hunted to near extinction as they were considered a delicacy. Barrels filled with turtles were taken from the Great Marsh and shipped to the gourmet food trade.

Located at the end of Meadow Lane in West Barnstable, the sanctuary offers panoramic view of the dunes of Sandy Neck, Cape Cod Bay and beyond.



Ryan Mann speaking at Smith's Dock Sanctuary.

Vandalism at Red Brook Sanctuary

When Orenda's Land Stewardship Committee conducted the annual inspection for the sanctuary, they found vandalism in the form of many cedar trees felled to construct a large platform high above the ground.

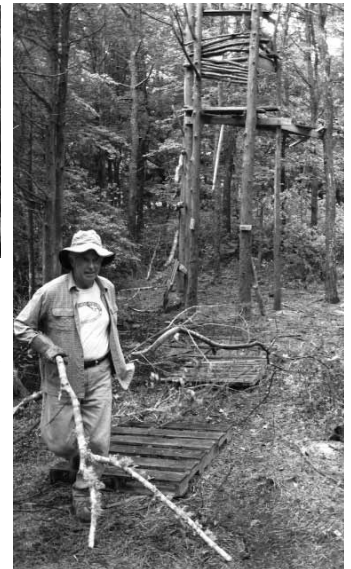
Orenda's signs had also been severely damaged. There was also evidence of a camp fire and debris was found in the pond. With the aid of the folks at Americorps, Tricia Devine (a Red

Brook sanctuary neighbor), Orenda member Brad Butman, volunteer Jessie Shepard, Land Stewardship chair Dick Boyden, Farley Lewis, Liz Lewis and Orenda President Dave Tately, the sanctuary was returned to a proper habitat for wildlife.

Red Brook is one of Orenda's smaller sanctuaries. Established in 2004, it has almost an acre of land with wetland surrounded by cedar trees.



Orenda board members and volunteers gather after a successful debris clean-up at the Red Brook Sanctuary. They are, from left, Brad Butman, Orenda member; Jessie Shepard, volunteer; Farley Lewis, Orenda clerk; Dave Tately, Orenda president; Tricia Devine, Sanctuary neighbor; Dick Boyden, Orenda Land Steward chair.



Orenda and the Cape Wildlife Center join forces to host eco-friendly and cruelty-free fashion show

Held at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth, the fashion show featured 100 or so eco-fashionistas gathered for a fashion show, organic wine tasting and bar provided by Grape and Vine, with a silent auction to raise funds for the Wildlife Center and Orenda.

The clothing and silent auction items were provided by the following local designers: Fisherman's Daughter of Chatham, Shift Conscious Clothing of Hyannis, Bانشii Organic Apparel of Dennis and Marie Pace

Designs of Provincetown.

This successful event was held in July and raised several thousand dollars to help the Wildlife Center and Orenda heal, sustain and protect wildlife on the Cape.

The Cape Wildlife Center, a division of the Humane Society of United States, provides a clinic and rehabilitation for wildlife to return them to the wild. Staffed by licensed rehabbers and volunteers, the Center is open 365 days a year.



Orenda Participates in Second Annual Cape Wildlife Festival

On Saturday, September 17th, Orenda, along with other wildlife organizations from across Cape Cod, came together at the second annual Cape Wildlife Festival. Hosted by the Audubon Society's Long Pasture Sanctuary on Bone Hill Road in West Barnstable, the festival was not only a celebration of Cape Cod's wildlife but also aimed to raise awareness about local organizations involved in wildlife rescue, education and protection through family friendly exhibits and games.

Representatives from Humane Society of United States's Cape Wildlife Center, Barnstable Land Trust, IFAW Marine Mammal Rescue and Research, National Marine Life Center, Thornton Burgess Society, Three Bays Preservation, Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, along with 300 festival attendees, were present.

Beautiful weather and the pristine habitat surrounding the sanctuary made a perfect environment for the release of a red tailed hawk that had been rehabilitated by the HSUS's Cape Wildlife Center. Soaring away over the heads of a delighted crowd, the



Leah Servis and Diane Salomone work the Orenda display and bean bag toss game at the 2nd Annual Cape Cod Wildlife Event. *photo by Liz Lewis*

hawk made its way to a nearby tree top where it paused momentarily before disappearing from view.

Exhibits ranged from live rabbits, turtles and snakes brought by the Green Briar Nature Center to instructions on how to

use your very own wild animal rescue kit provided by the Cape Wildlife Center. In addition to providing information about our sanctuaries and their benefit to local wildlife, Orenda provided ample entertainment for the children with a bean bag toss and face painting booth.

Orenda Celebrates 25th Anniversary with the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trust

More than 100 Cape Cod Land Trust board members and friends attended the 25th annual meeting of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts on August 5 at The Beach Club in Centerville.

Orenda's founders, Charles and Barbara Birdsey, were our hosts and provided the venue for The Compact and Orenda to celebrate 25 years of protecting open space and wildlife habitat on Cape Cod.

Mark Robinson, Executive Director of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, and his very capable staff of Paula Pariseau, Michael Lach and Ryan Mann were on hand for the celebration. Orenda was represented by President Dave Tately, Vice President Dan Morast, Treasurer Kenneth Burnes, Land Steward Chair Dick Boyden, Diane Salomone, Leah and Aaron Servis Nelson House Stewards and Liz Lewis Administrator.

We were honored to have remarks by Fred O'Regan, CEO of the International Fund for Animal Welfare, as well as from Ansel Chaplin, founding president of The Compact in 1986.

John Cullity of Sandwich was also presented the Ansel B. Chaplin Award for Excellence in Open Space Protection. Orendalandtrust.org

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