



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

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W.D. Wetherell
*on the Connecticut
River...*

"Here at the beginning of the 21st century, the Connecticut River has at last reached a mature middle age, and so it's no wonder I identify with its complicated intermingling of freshness and hope, pollution and neglect - those alternations between wild surges of energy and lazier, more introspective driftings.

"'Old Man,' Faulkner called the Mississippi, but it's different on the Connecticut, and if either one of us, river or man, is headed toward old age, I'm the one, and the Connecticut - cherished, protected, and valued as the irreplaceable treasure it is - is on its way toward a well-deserved youth, when it will flourish as the centerpiece of the first region in America that puts aside greed as its only ethic and ugliness as its only aesthetic and recovers this beautiful wonder world that on first try we spoiled."

One River More

King Bird Sanctuary in Bloom

Spring is bursting out all over in the Nan and Allen King Bird Sanctuary in Etna, high on a hill behind the Etna Library. Don't miss the chance to sit on the glacial boulder-turned-bench amid the blooming crabapples of May. This is also the best time of year to enjoy the view over the Mink Brook valley from this high perch.

Pick up a copy of our guide to the wildlife plantings and find native trees and shrubs for your own yard. [More](#)



It's Spring - Time to Renew Your Membership!

Membership support keeps us going here at the Hanover Conservancy, underwriting our free outdoor trips program, our work to conserve and care for special lands, and much more. (No, we are not a public commission and don't have a line in the Hanover town budget.) This year, each new or renewing member will have a chance at these appealing locally-produced gifts at our June 20 drawing:

- \$50 gift certificate from The North Face
- Autographed copy of W.D. Wetherell's *Upland Stream*
- Autographed copy of Mary Holland's *Naturally Curious*
- Jim Block photo of Common Loon, framed and signed
- Framed photo by Bob McQuade (Red Roof Art Gallery)
- Gift certificate from The Chocolate Shop in Hanover
- Locally produced maple syrup.

Thanks to these authors, artists, and businesses for their support. Please [join or renew today](#) to be entered in the drawing.



First Reunion A Success

On April 29, 50 former and current members of our board of directors came together for a first-ever reunion of leaders of the Hanover Conservancy and Hanover Conservation Commission. "I enjoyed everything about it," said Bob Norman, a Council founder and longtime president, "seeing friends both recent and from long ago, good food, and a great review of accomplishments." Here, founder and first president Carolyn Tenney receives a hand-crafted cherry and birds-eye maple Shaker box from current President Nancy Collier.

May Trips Coming Up



**Coming soon to the
King Bird
Sanctuary....**



American cranberry bush



*We appreciate your
support!*

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- **Sat., May 4, 6:30-9am** -Spring birding at South Esker and Pine Knoll Cemetery. Meet at cemetery off S.Main St., Hanover
- **Sun., May 5, 1-3pm** - Vernal Pools at Greensboro Ridge. Great family trip. Meet at top of Velvet Rocks Dr. off Greensboro Rd.
- **Sat., May 11, 2-4m** - Kite Day at Balch Hill. Fun for families. Meet at summit.
- **Sun., May 12, 9-10:30am** - Mother's Day Wildflower Walk, McKinley Tract in NE Hanover. See website for details.
- **Sat., May 18, 6:30-9am** -Spring birding at Balch Hill



Find our full schedule of free outdoor trips [HERE](#). Members' support keeps our popular trips program up and running. If you're not already a member, sign up [here](#).

Spring Cleaning

Don't forget that Green Up Day is set for this Saturday, May 4. Special blue bags are provided. [Details here](#). You can bring your retired electronics for recycling the next weekend on May 11 at the Hanover Public Works facility on Route 120. [Details here](#).

Grab That Garlic Mustard

Join the assault on this aggressive weed that's spreading in our area, crowding out native wildflowers. Look for displays in public spaces and join in "neighborhood pulling parties." The Hanover Conservancy and Youth in Action will be grappling garlic mustard at the Mink Brook Nature Preserve on May 19, and other dates have been set. While more than 25 Hanover neighborhoods are now afflicted with garlic mustard, it is possible to contain this plant. With education and prompt control, we can protect our woodlands and natural spaces. [MORE](#)

Wish List

Boy, do we wish we had a digital projector! We're happy to take one off your hands, or will gladly accept a donation to help us purchase one. Please [get in touch](#) if you have a lead!