



HANOVER CONSERVANCY

Protecting land & water in our community

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December 2012

ALDO LEOPOLD *on December...*

"Pines have earned the reputation of being 'evergreen' by the same device that governments use to achieve the appearance of perpetuity: overlapping terms of office. Each species of pine has its own constitution, which prescribes a term of office for needles appropriate to its way of life. Thus the white pine retains its needles for a year and a half...incoming needles take office in June, and outgoing needles write farewell addresses in October. Then the needles fall, and are filed in the duff to enrich the wisdom of the stand. It is this accumulated wisdom that hushes the footsteps of whoever walks under pines."

A Sand County Almanac
[More on Aldo Leopold](#)

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We appreciate your support!

Annual Meeting Dec. 5

We hope to see you at the Howe Library on Wednesday, Dec. 5 for a celebration of a busy 2012 and a chance to meet Conservancy members, friends, board, and staff. All are welcome.

- Refreshments: 7:00pm
- Business meeting and program: 7:30-8:30pm



Help Us Meet the Balch Hill Fund Challenge!

As of Dec. 3, we are only \$585 away from meeting our challenge - to bring another \$1000 from generous neighbors and friends. Our new Balch Hill Fund will help us care for this, the only open Hanover hilltop accessible to the public. Annual mowing, invasives control, and restoring the views from the summit all have

costs. Balch Hill neighbors and friends are stepping up to help. Please consider [joining them](#).

Winter Trips Coming Up

Our roster of winter outdoor trips will soon be ready. On the list are

- Moonlight snowshoe hike
- Lord's Hill by snowshoe
- Trescott Water Company lands
- XC ski at the Morton Farm
- Tunis Brook snowshoe hike
- more to be announced!



Current Conservancy members will receive a colorful announcement as the year turns. If you're not yet a member and want our winter trip card, [sign up!](#) In 2012, we hosted 22 free trips for a total of 370 people, up from 17 trips drawing 264 in 2011. Find notes and photos [HERE](#).

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