



# HANOVER CONSERVANCY

*Protecting land & water in our community*

## **October 2013**

### **Aldo Leopold** *on "Red Lanterns of October"*

"One way to hunt partridge is to make a plan, based on logic and probabilities, of the terrain to be hunted. This will take you over the ground where the birds ought to be.

"Another way is to wander, quite aimlessly, from one red lantern to the other. This will likely take you where the birds actually are. The lanterns are blackberry leaves, red in October sun.

"Red lanterns have lighted my way on many a pleasant hunt in many a region, but I think that blackberries must first have learned how to glow in the sand counties of central Wisconsin.

"Along the little boggy streams of these friendly wastes, called poor by those whose own lights barely flicker, the blackberries burn richly red on every sunny day from the first frost to the last day of the season. Every woodcock and partridge has his private solarium under these briars."



### **Sunday: Balch Hill Restoration Celebration**

Join us at the summit this Sunday, Sept. 29 from 2-4pm to celebrate this year's restoration of habitat and views at the [Balch Hill Natural Area](#). Festivities include a forester-led tour, refreshments, and some good story-telling! Above, two of our founders enjoy a picnic with friends a half century ago.

### **Fall Trips Coming Up**

Come along as we explore the fields and forests - and forgotten places - of Hanover this fall. All trips are free and open to all. [DETAILS here.](#)

- **CONNECTICUT RIVER CLEAN-UP** - Sat., Oct. 5, 9-11am- We'll paddle and patrol the Connecticut River shoreline for the Connecticut River Watershed Council's annual [Source to Sea](#) clean-up and talk about river issues.
- **A WALK BACK IN TIME: The Secrets of Cellar Holes** - Sun., Oct. 20, 1-3:30pm - Hanover is full of reminders of past lives: stone walls, old foundations. After an indoor program, we will explore cellar holes on the Trescott Water Company lands.
- **DARTMOUTH ORGANIC FARM** - Sun., Nov. 3, 1-3pm- Tour the

- *A Sand County  
Almanac*

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Farm for an inside look at how it figures in a sustainable future.

## Hanover History - On Line!

Find a quiet moment to savor the past with two videos to view through the [Hanover Historical Society's website](#). The opening scene of "Living History of Hanover" is a water view - reminding us that the history of our town, both before and after the arrival of EuroAmerican settlers, is anchored in its natural resources and especially its wealth of water. Indeed, it was the offer of land surrounding a likely mill site on Mink Brook that convinced Eleazer Wheelock to set his college here. Today, that land is part of the Mink Brook Nature Preserve.



## Mink Brook Fund Needs Your Help

We are in the final stretches of a multi-year invasive plant control project at the [Mink Brook Nature Preserve](#). You might recall when this former grazing land was overrun with ugly, invasive buckthorn and other undesirable. We've now replanted with 2000 native trees and shrubs - but the cost, even with an NRCS grant, has put pressure on our budget. Please consider a gift to the [Mink Brook Fund](#).

## News from our Partners

The Hanover Lions Club has been a great Conservancy partner - donating funds for the kiosk at Balch Hill's Grasse Trail and manning the shovels for our plantings at Mink Brook. The club's [Upper Valley Oktoberfest](#) on Oct. 4 is a great chance to support their work.

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