



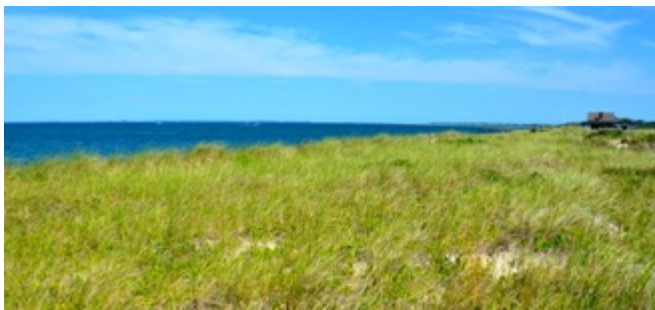
# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

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## Kava Family Property

The Kava family has owned the property at 4 Great Hills Road for generations. The 2.75 acre bay-front property is adjacent to the family's summer residence. One can only imagine the memories of family and friends associated with their home and this land. Several years ago the family protected the vacant parcel with a Conservation Restriction (CR) held by the Trust; they wanted to ensure that it would be preserved and protected as conservation land.



To that end, the family decided in 2015 to undo the CR and donate the land outright, with a transfer of the deed, to the Trust. The multiple-step process is complete and the land, now owned by the Trust, will be protected in perpetuity. We thank the Kava family for this donation and their support for land conservation. We will protect it as they would have. The photo is taken from the property looking out to Cape Cod Bay.

## Edgewood Farm

Over the last two years, we have reported on the Trust's project to purchase two of the four lots known as Edgewood Farm from the Meldahl family. Lots 3 and 4, approximately 4 acres of pristine forest, are now owned by the Trust and lots 1 and 2 are owned by the Center for the Arts at Castle Hill. Although sold by the family at below market value, this was the largest purchase in the long history of the Trust.

The two lots are adjacent to a larger conservation lot owned by the Town. The Trust and the Town are now in the process of completing connecting public-access trails across the combined land. After hiking up a modest hill, the trail opens up at a bench where a hiker will be rewarded with a marvelous view over Seashore land to the ocean. See page 4 for a map of the new trails. The portion of the trails owned by the Trust has been named the "Kuechle Trail" in memory of David Kuechle, a past Trustee, whose bequest several years ago was used to purchase the lots. Funds remain from the bequest for another future land purchase. *Continued on page 4*

## Joyce Johnson House and Land

Once again, you have read about the Trust's joint project with Joyce Johnson's estate and the Center for the Arts at Castle Hill to protect the approximate one acre of land and to convert the house to an artists' studio for classes, artist's space, and exhibits. An agreement has been reached that includes a Conservation Restriction on the land surrounding the house while enabling the use of the land for passive artistic events. Similar to the Edgewood Farm project, this is an example of two local non-profit organizations working together for common good. The photo shows the house and land. Work will commence this year to convert the



house and open up the land for its intended purposes – the synergy of art and conservation.

## Signs of the Future

The Trustees have debated long and hard over the years to determine whether to place signs on some appropriate properties to identify them as Truro Conservation Trust land. It was agreed that minimalist signs placed on a very limited number of properties could promote conservation and the Trust's efforts to protect and preserve the land. Signs were produced and, over the last couple of weeks, several have been placed on select properties. More locations are under consideration. The simple signs include only the Trust name and logo. Three of our Trustees are largely responsible for the success of this project: Tony Hodgin, Susan Travers, and Bill Worthington. The photo shows the sign recently placed on the Morea property on Route 6.



The Annual Meeting of the Truro Conservation Trust will be held at 10 AM on July 23, 2016 at the Council on Aging, 7 Standish Way, North Truro. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to present a report to members on the status of the Trust, and to hold the election of Trustees. The Nominating Committee recommends the re-election of Trustees Amanda Reed and Meg Royka for 5 year terms and the election of each of the following to a five year term on the Board of Trustees: Tom Bow, Guillermo Chang, Valerie Falk, and Lisa Maria Tobia. Any member of the Trust, however, may submit a petition signed by ten (10) members of the Trust nominating a candidate or candidates. Refreshments will be served.

## Edgewood Farm continued

The photo is taken at the base of the trail looking up the hill towards the bench and viewpoint.



## Stewardship

Trail maintenance is always a spring priority in preparation for the summer hiking season. In addition to the development of new trails at Edgewood Farm, we have refurbished the Keezer Trail and cleared invasive species from an overgrown lot near Corn Hill Beach. We could not have accomplished all this trail work without the assistance of AmeriCorp staff and volunteers. This photo is of a number of the AmeriCorps personnel at the Keezer Trail on Francis Farm Road.



## Trail Map





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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Last summer, in recognition of her long standing dedication and many years of outstanding service to the Trust, Carol Green was named Trustee Emeritus and “retired” from active participation on our board. In the fall, Guillermo Chang and Lisa Maria Tobia joined the board, bringing additional enthusiasm and talents. Both are year round Truro residents. Guillermo Chang has a keen interest in the natural environment and the conservation of land and open space. Lisa Maria Tobia, a real estate broker and manager, serves as chair of the town’s Planning Board and part-time dispatcher for the Police and Fire Departments. We welcome these new Trustees.

As you can see by the articles in this Newsletter, your Trustees have had a busy and productive winter and spring. We continue to acquire and protect new land both through acquisition and donation. We also constantly maintain and improve the land already under our conservation management. All this is possible because of our active and involved Trustees and your continuing support. We look forward to a wonderful summer on the Cape and hope that you will be joining us in Truro.

See you in Town,

Fred Gaechter  
Chairman