



# TREELINES

The Newsletter of the Lewisboro Land Trust . Fall 2009



Join our weekly walking group! See old friends and make new ones! Contact Vi Patek at [vi@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:vi@westchesterlandtrust.org) to sign up for notification of walks or go to [www.westchesterlandtrust.org/lewisboro](http://www.westchesterlandtrust.org/lewisboro) for more information.

## *Pine Croft Meadow: Jewel in Our Crown*

Come and visit Pine Croft Meadow, a tiny jewel in the crown of Lewisboro's preserves. Relax on the bench under the black cherry tree and survey the display of wildflowers in this lovely, gently sloped nine-acre meadow on Mead Street, almost opposite Post Office Road in the hamlet of Waccabuc. Meander along the mown paths and see butterflies, dragonflies, bees, beetles, flowers, trees, birds and many other fascinating plants and creatures. Explore various habitats, including a small clear stream with a little bridge, low wet areas and a dry hill-top - all surrounded by trees and bushes. This is a perfect place for a leisurely stroll.

From 1935-1960 this was a pasture for the Pine Croft Farm herd of dairy cows, owned by Earl and Kathryn Smith, parents of Susan Henry. In 1998 it was donated to Westchester Land Trust by a subsequent owner in memory of Emery Katzenbach. The preserve is one of a number of actively managed meadows in the Eastern Westchester Biotic Corridor, a 22,000 acre area of unusually high biodiversity values. This meadow habitat is maintained and regenerated by

annual mowing in November, thereby providing food for butterflies and insects, allowing wildflowers and grasses to set seed, and birds to build nests.

On August 29th six people, including experts in

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botany and bird identification, stepped into this peaceful, open field under soft rain. They inventoried 140 dif-

ferent plants, insects, birds, trees, shrubs and vines (see page 2). Many more living things can be found in the winter and spring. You will enjoy reading the lists at [www.westchesterlandtrust.org/species-list](http://www.westchesterlandtrust.org/species-list).

This fall, volunteers and experts will organize into teams to remove invasive vines and plants and a pernicious bamboo grove. If you would like to join a team to remove these invasives, please contact [Vi@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:Vi@westchesterlandtrust.org) ●

~ Susan Henry & Vi Patek

Lewisboro Land Trust is a chapter of Westchester Land Trust



Photos at top by William Kuebler and Paul Lewis.

**Save the date for Leon Levy Environmental Weekend Symposium & Winter Wonderland Walk: FEBRUARY 27 - 28, 2010**

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## Pine Croft Meadow Inventory, September 2009

### Herbaceous Plants: 65

Allegheny (Square-stemmed) Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*)  
 Arrow-wood (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
 Bamboo  
 Beggar's Ticks (*Bidens frondosa*)  
 Birdsfoot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)  
 Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)  
 Butter-and-Eggs (*Linaria vulgaris*)  
 Buttercup (*Ranunculus* sp.)  
 Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)  
 Chickory (*Cichorium intybus*)  
 Cinquefoil (*Potentilla* sp.)  
 Climbing False Buckwheat (*Polygonum scandens*)  
 Common (Blue) Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)  
 Common Bullrush (*Scirpus atrovirens*)  
 Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)  
 Common Rush (*Juncus effusus*)  
 Common Smartweed (*Polygonum hydropiper*)  
 Common Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)  
 Curly-leaved Dock (*Rumex crispus*)  
 Dandelion (*Taraxicum officinale*)  
 Deer Tongue Grass (*Dicanthelium clandestinum*)  
 English Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*)  
 Fescue, sp. (*Festuca*, sp.)  
 Fringed Sedge (*Carex crinita*)  
 Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)  
 Gill-over-the-ground -- Ground Ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*)  
 Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.)  
 Grass-leaved Goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*)  
 Heal-all -- Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*)  
 Horse-nettle (*Solanum carolinense*)  
 Horsetail (*Equisetum* sp.)  
 Indian Tobacco (*Lobelia inflata*)  
 Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*)  
 Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)  
 Knapweed (*Centaurea biebersteinii*)  
 Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
 Many-flowered Aster (*Symphotichum ericoides*)  
 Marsh Fern (*Thelypteris palustris*)  
 Meadow Salsify (*Tragopogon pratensis*)  
 Moneywort (*Lysimachia nummularia*)  
 Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*)  
 Nut Sedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)  
 NY Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)  
 Orchard Grass (*Dactylis glomerata*)  
 Pilewort (*Erechites hieracifolius*)  
 Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)  
 Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)  
 Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*)  
 Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)  
 Sensitive Fern (*Oncoclea sensibilis*)  
 Shallow Sedge (*Carex lurida*)  
 Stalked Water Horehound (*Lycopus rubellus*)  
 Stiff Sedge (*Carex stricta*)  
 Straw-colored Flat Sedge (*Cyperus strigosus*)  
 Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)  
 Timothy Grass (*Phleum pratense*)  
 Vetch (*Vicia* sp. -- probably *V. cracca*)  
 Virginia Mountain Mint -- (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)  
 White Vervain (*Verbena urticifolia*)  
 Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*)  
 Wild Geranium (*Geranium pratense*)  
 Wild Madder (bedstraw) (*Galium mollugo*)  
 Willow-herb -- related to fireweed (*Epilobium coloratum*)  
 Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis* sp.)  
 Woolgrass (*Scirpus cyperinus*)  
 Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)  
 Yellow Foxtail (*Setaria glauca*)

### Butterflies: 11

American Copper (*Lycaena phlaeas*)  
 Broad-winged Skipper (*Poanes viator*)  
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 Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*)

Clouded Sulphur (*Colias philodice*)  
 Common Ringlet (*Coenonympha tullia*)  
 Eastern Tailed Blue (*Everses comyntas*)  
 Least Skipper (*Ancyloxypha numitor*)  
 Monarch caterpillar (*Danaus plexippus*)  
 Orange Sulphur (*Colias eurytheme*)  
 Pearl Crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*)  
 Peck's Skipper (*Polites peckius*)  
**Dragonflies and Damselflies: 6**  
 Common Green Darners (*Anax junius*)  
 Eastern Amberwing (*Perithemis tenera*)  
 Halloween Pennant (*Celithemis eponina*)  
 Meadowhawk, sp. (*Sympetrum*, sp.)  
 Mosaic Darner, sp. (*Aeshna*, sp.)  
 Twelve-spotted Skimmer (*Libellula pulchella*)  
**Mammals: 1**  
 White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)  
**Birds: 23**  
 American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchus*)  
 American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*)  
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)  
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)  
 Black-capped Chickadee (*Parus atricapilla*)  
 Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta christata*)  
 Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*)  
 Cedar Waxwing (*Bombocilla cedrorum*)  
 Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)  
 Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperi*)  
 Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)  
 Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)  
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)  
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)  
 House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*)  
 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)  
 House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)  
 Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*)  
 Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)  
 Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)  
 Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)  
 Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*)  
 White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinus*)  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*)  
**Trees: 15**  
 American Elm (*Ulmus americanus*)  
 Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
 Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)  
 Box-Elder (*Acer negundo*)  
 Common Apple (*Malus pumilia*)  
 Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)  
 Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobes*)  
 Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanicus*)  
 Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)  
 Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)  
 Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*)  
 Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)  
 Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)  
 White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*)  
 White Mulberry (*Morus alba*)  
**Shrubs and Vines: 18**  
 Arrow-leaved Tearthumb (*Polygonum sagittatum*)  
 Asiatic Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)  
 Autumn Olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)  
 Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)  
 Black Raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*)  
 Blackberry, sp. (*Rubus*, sp.)  
 Chinese Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)  
 Common Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)  
 Fox Grape (*Vitis labrusca*)  
 Grey-stemmed Dogwood -- northern swamp-dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)  
 Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
 Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)  
 Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)  
 Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)  
 Poison Ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*)  
 Shrubby Honeysuckle, sp. [likely Tatarian] (*Lonicera*, sp.)  
 Silky Dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)  
 Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

## Cara Schwartz Wins 2009 Environmental Award

Cara Schwartz received the 2009 LLT environmental award. Cara is a resident of Brundige Drive, Goldens Bridge, and has participated in science research throughout her high school career. Her focus has been on the coastal environment of Long Island and Maine. Cara entered Cornell University this fall to study the science of natural and environmental systems. ●



### Westchester Land Trust's 8th Annual Photo Show,

"Westchester's Wonders," will be held in January. Please visit [www.westchesterlandtrust.org](http://www.westchesterlandtrust.org) for details.

## Lewisboro Trail Guides

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**\$5 each**

For sale at these locations:

Lewisboro Garden Center  
 Gossett Bros. Nursery  
 Lewisboro Town House  
 South Salem Library  
 Lewisboro Parks & Recreation Office

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Ward Pound Ridge Reservation/Office & Trailside Museum

To order by mail, using your credit card, e-mail Grace Buck at [Grace@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:Grace@westchesterlandtrust.org), or send a check for

\$5 per copy to

WLT, 403 Harris Road, Bedford Hills NY 10507

### New Quest at Westchester Wilderness Walk

If you liked the Quest at the Frederick P. Rose Preserve, we invite you to try out a new one at Westchester Wilderness Walk on Upper Shad Road in Pound Ridge. For more information, go to [www.westchesterlandtrust.org/quests](http://www.westchesterlandtrust.org/quests)



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# Who is the Lewisboro Land Trust Advisory Board?

In their own words, the folks who make our chapter run, educate the public about land preservation, advocate for conservation and keep watch over our preserves, tell why they give their time to this endeavor.

*Susan Henry* (Waccabuc), a founder of Westchester Land Trust, believes that the natural beauty of the landscape along with its indigenous species oblige us to protect them. The sense of place particular to Lewisboro will be lost if we don't pay attention to the planning and development of our town.

*Francesca Jones* (Goldens Bridge) thinks water purity and availability is one of the biggest concerns for our future. Keeping land free from development will help the water supply, as well as preserve the huge trees, meadows and soft hills.

When *MJ Mercurio* (South Salem) was retiring from the practice of medicine, her colleagues urged her to say no to all volunteer activities. However she finds the mission of the Lewisboro Land Trust, to preserve open space, compelling and that her children and future generations will benefit.

*Mark Patek* (Truesdale Lake) thinks Mark Twain's quote "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did..." really applies to saving land and trails. You cannot turn back the clock once undeveloped land has been developed. You cannot be disappointed if you help WLT create a trail or open space that will last much longer than your lifetime.

*Vi Patek* (Truesdale Lake): Hope calls and joy rewards. Hope for the future of our planet calls me to contribute my time. Joy spending time with those who love the world of the outdoors is one of the great rewards. (Vi leads the LLT Walking Group.)

*Mary Ann Petrilena* volunteers at the



*Top row, WLT Executive Director Ben Spinelli, Barbara Brodie, Maureen Maguire, MJ Mercurio, Jim Terleph, Mary Ann Petrilena, LLT Treasurer Mark Patek. Seated, Vi Patek, LLT Chairman Susan Henry, and Francesca Jones.*

Lewisboro and Westchester Land Trusts because their mission, to promote responsible land use and protect open space, is of great interest to her. We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful town and community where so many people appreciate, work together to attain, and understand the benefits of good land use practices and responsible development. It is great fun to be involved with so many committed, talented and hardworking people. Volunteering with the Land Trust is rewarding because our preserved land will be sustained for future generations to use and enjoy the countless trails, preserves and thousands of acres of open space.

*Jim Terleph* (Lake Katonah) feels an intense pleasure in looking at a piece of preserved land, knowing that it will go on in its natural state producing and supporting the life that nature designed it for and that it will thus provide equal enjoyment for those generations that follow ours.

*Dana Ramos* (Waccabuc) believes strongly in land preservation in our community and beyond.

*Kara Hartigan Whelan* (Kitchawan) is a neighbor of the Leon Levy Preserve and loves exploring this beautiful land with her husband and two children. ●



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- I would like to become a member. Enclosed is my \$25 fee payable to LLT.
- I would like information on conservation easements
- I would like to volunteer to help LLT
- I would like to join the LLT Walking Group

Send replies to LLT, P.O. Box 496, South Salem, NY 10590

## Katonah Bellringers perform at Mead Chapel

On Sunday, July 12, the Katonah Bellringers enthralled an attentive audience at Mead Memorial Chapel. They performed selections from Bach, Stephen Foster, and a tune from South Africa. Also included was a fable by the group's director, Eileen Laurence, narrated by Doreen Ineson and accompanied by drum and flute. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and a Dutch butter cake were enjoyed on the shady lawn after the performance. ●



### Calendar 2010

**Volunteer Day at Pinecroft Meadow: Sat. Nov. 14**

**Raindate: Sun. Nov. 15**

**Leon Levy Environmental Symposium & Winter**

**Wonderland Walk Weekend: Feb. 27-28**

**Mother's Day Tour of Waccabuc: May 9**

**Bluegrass Concert at Mead Chapel: Mid-July**

**More info at:**

[www.westchesterlandtrust.org/lewisboro](http://www.westchesterlandtrust.org/lewisboro)

**Many thanks to Katonah Paint & Hardware for donating tools for our volunteer days.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Adults and teenagers are needed to clear trails (clipping, cleaning, marking), and keep Rose Preserve Quest in good shape (replenishing booklets, reporting downed trees, and checking on the clue boxes).

If you could help out, please email [bobbe@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:bobbe@westchesterlandtrust.org) or call 914.241.6346 ext. 22.