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Mashpee Land Stewards Newsletter 7/09



Upcoming Events

- **9/1/09: Land Stewardship Meeting; Guest Speaker Micheal Talbot: Invasive Species**
- **Nature walks with Renee Fudala: Contact the Mashpee Conservation office or our website (www.ci.mashpee.ma.us) for times and locations**

Photo Contest!

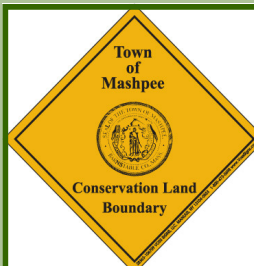


The Mashpee Land Stewardship Program is having a nature photo contest. Subjects can cover flora and/or fauna or general scenes of nature here in Mashpee.

The steward with the winning photo will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Siena Restaurant in Mashpee Commons. The Mashpee Conservation Commission will review the submitted photos and vote to pick a winner. Additionally, the winning photo will be featured in the October edition of the Mashpee Land Stewards Newsletter, The Osprey.

The submission deadline is Tuesday, September 22nd by 4:30 p.m. Photos may be submitted as e-mail attachments (send to amcmanus@ci.mashpee.ma.us), or mailed in to Mashpee Conservation at 16 Great Neck Rd North, Mashpee, MA. or dropped off by hand. Now grab your cameras and get out there!

Progress Report



We now have 500 boundary marker signs to be posted on our properties throughout town. Some have been put up on parcels that currently have no steward assignments. If you would like to volunteer in assisting the Mashpee Conservation Dept in putting up these boundary markers, please call us at 508-539-1400 and we'll get you started.



Additionally, we now have 25 high grade aluminum signs to be posted on our properties for the purposes of identifying ownership of the parcel and stipulating no dumping and no motorized vehicle usage. These signs come with steel posts and tamper proof mounting hardware.

Santuit Pond Conservation Area



The David G. Sharpe Conservation Area (otherwise known as the Santuit Pond Conservation Area) recently received some touching up courtesy of the Mashpee Dept of Public Works. Overgrown vegetation was pruned back to make the sign more prominent and the strip by the roadside was mowed. Boulders will be placed at the bottom of the hill where the field meets the woods to prevent vehicular access. A gate has been ordered to block vehicle access at the entrance off Santuit Pond Rd. This parcel has seen it's fair share of abuses over the years ranging from dumping to illegal fires and 4 wheel drive vandalism; however, with increased monitoring, signage and vehicle access restrictions, this parcel will once again be a place for the community and visitors alike to enjoy it's natural beauty.

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