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## Coverts Create a New Trail in Colebrook

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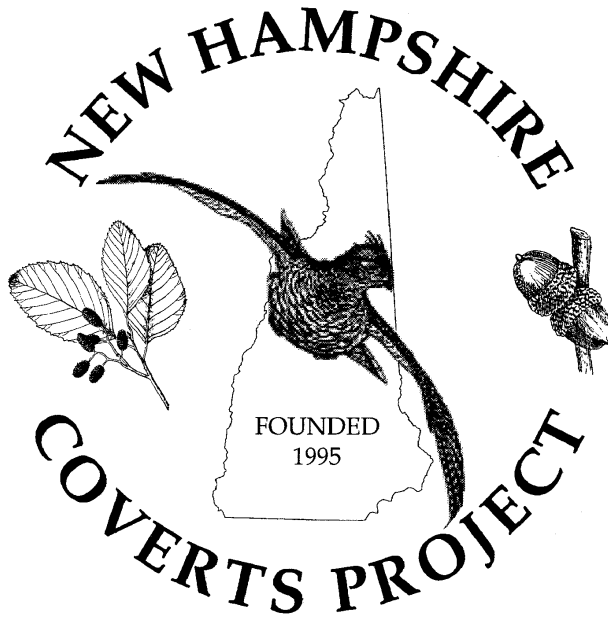
Coverts Cooperators in the Colebrook area have been hard at work during the past year, building a recreational trail system across a series of different landowners' properties. The project required cooperation of the different landowners, hard work by lots of neighbors, and the enthusiasm of several Coverts Cooperators.

The trail, called the Lyman Forbes Memorial/Hydesville Trail, got started in late winter of 2000 when Ginger Jannenga (CC99) and her neighbor, Barry Graham, got talking about the possibility of a nature trail in their neighborhood. Barry had recently purchased Maplewoods Campground on L. Forbes Road in East Colebrook, and the two of them thought a wooded section that surrounds Reed Brook looked promising for a trail. Ginger contacted fellow Coverts Cooperator Dick Mallion (CC99) of Whitefield, and in early spring he and Barry walked through the area. Building on his experience in trail-building, Dick thought it looked like a good site for a trail and thought building it would be do-able. Dick, Barry and Ginger contacted the other adjacent landowners, and everyone agreed to the new trail crossing their properties.



Dick Mallion (CC99, at right) and Coos County Forester Sam Stoddard in January, reviewing and mapping (and skiing) the Lyman Forbes Memorial/Hydesville Trail in Colebrook.

Throughout the summer, Dick and Ginger whacked away at brush, while Barry and his son Barry Jr. did some of the heavier chain saw work. By late fall, they had created a pretty good route. Once snow fell, one of the neighbors, Dennis Hyde, decided he could "groom" part of the trail for cross-country skiing. Dennis and his son have been grooming cross-country trails in other parts of the neighborhood for several years because Dennis' wife, Michelle, and their kids, April and Denny, like to ski. One section of the new trail wasn't accessible to Dennis' grooming by



snowmobile, so that part remains "groomed" only by Ginger's snowshoes and skis – and they have decided to keep it that way!

This year, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, Ginger, Dick, and Coos County Forester Sam Stoddard had a rendezvous at the new trail. Taking advantage of a gorgeous day, they reviewed the trail, took pictures, trimmed a little brush, and enjoyed lunch at Maplewoods. The trail had been groomed the night before by Dennis, so Sam could see which was the groomed vs. ungroomed parts of the trail. During their trek, they witnessed lots of wildlife tracks in the fresh snow, and heard some Crossbills in the trees overhead.

The main loop of the trail is 1.2 miles long, and has another third of a mile of additional sections. The trail passes through upland fields frequented by Northern Harriers, Bobolink, Meadowlark, and other open land species. The upland fields of East Colebrook are well known for their importance as habitat for the Northern Harrier, and this region has been designated a high priority area of the Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The trail then passes down through spruce-fir forestland into a small, secluded brook valley where woodland wildlife abound. The trail parallels the brook for a short distance and then passes through mixed forest and eventually passes by a small pond back to the Maplewood Campgrounds.

The new trail crosses four different property owners' lands, and Dennis has made a connection from there to the trails he has been grooming for several years across Reed Brook. Diane Graham of Maplewoods Campground recently reported that several of their guests had gone down on the trail with skis and found it "awesome." Although at this point the trail is known only to local residents, the trail is open year-round to the public, and the neighbors hope others will come to experience a beautiful and peaceful retreat.

To get to the trail, which starts and ends at Maplewoods Campground on L. Forbes Road, take Route 26 east out of Colebrook for 3 miles and turn left on East Colebrook Road for less than 1 mile, then left on L. Forbes Road for about a half mile.

## Welcome to Darrel Covell, New Extension Wildlife Specialist



Darrel Covell is no stranger to New Hampshire and its natural resources. He was most recently employed as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation and is a native of Pittsburg, New Hampshire. Darrel is also familiar with Extension, having worked as the Extension Wildlife Outreach Specialist at the University of Wisconsin for seven years, where, among other things, he coordinated the Wisconsin Coverts Program. Darrel received his Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from the University of New Hampshire and his Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin. He likes to hike, fish, hunt, bird-watch, cross-country ski and mountain bike—most any form of outdoor recreation. He resides in Canterbury, New Hampshire with his wife, Amy, and their two young sons, Ian and Graham.

## Tim Davis Hosts a Woodlot & Wildlife Tour

On November 4, 2000, a collection of Coverts Cooperators and friends took advantage of a beautiful Saturday morning for a tour of Tim Davis (CC99) and his wife Lorraine's Tree Farm in North Sutton. Along with County Forester Tim Fleury and certified private forester Brooks McCandlish, Tim showed off the results of a 1998 timber harvest, several large wildlife openings, areas cleared for aspen and alder regeneration, and some woods roads improved for wildlife. Other Coverts faces in the crowd included Barbara Fales (CC98), Meg Fearnley (CC98), Andy Powell (CC95), and Coverts Coordinator Malin Ely Clyde (CC98).



Andy Powell (CC95), Merrimack County Forester Tim Fleury, and woodlot owner Tim Davis (CC99) at the Davis property in North Sutton.

## NH Farm & Forest Expo

Seven Coverts Cooperators pitched in to help staff a booth at the NH Farm & Forest Expo on February 2 and 3 in Manchester. UNH Cooperative Extension set up their Forestry & Wildlife Program display that featured a buzzer board, several animal pelts and photos representing various aspects of the Forestry & Wildlife program, including the Coverts Project. Nancy Cowan (CC'98) and her husband Jim drew a crowd on Friday morning with their birds, a Prairie Falcon and a Harris' Hawk. Throughout the weekend the exhibit was staffed by Coverts Cooperators, Tree Steward volunteers and Cooperative Extension staff. Bruce Montville (CC'00) and fellow volunteer Nancy Marden brought a watershed model that they take into schools through the Lifewise project. Thank you to all the other Coverts Cooperators who helped staff the booth: Anna Boudreau (CC95), Helen Evans (CC95), Bill Rhode (CC97), Tanya Tellman (CC95), and Becky Whitmeyer (CC2000).

# HAPPENINGS

**Omer Ahern** (CC95) reports that there will be a new recreational multi-use trail from the Laconia/Belmont town line to the Belmont/Tilton town line. The trail will connect to a proposed trail from Franklin to Tilton and will feature great wildlife viewing along the shore of Lake Winnisquam, even an Osprey nest at Ephrom's Cove and Bald Eagles in the winter. Help is needed! If you would like more information, to volunteer your time, or to make a donation to the trail effort, you can contact Ron Mitchell at 528-4345 or David Nielsen at 267-8351.

**Carolyn Baldwin** (CC99) writes to say that "the Gilmanton Land Trust is working with the Gilmanton Conservation Commission and private parties to preserve a significant tract of land on Cogswell Mountain—I think it is around 300 acres plus or minus. Views from the height of land (and its well-maintained trails) overlook Crystal Lake. I don't know what's there for animals or birds, but I'm sure it is good habitat and it includes a major beaver pond."

**Lee Baker** (CC2000) says "I have been leading "Senior Focus" hikes (a local seniors group) once a month. The hikes are short and pretty easy. The people are fun and they enjoy my leadership. I am taking February and part of March off to recuperate from knee surgery. My knee is getting better and I am looking forward to summer hiking."

**Peter Baker** (CC99) sent in a report of discussions the Hollis Conservation Commission has had on protecting brook trout in the town. They brought up issues such as fishing pressure and habitat damage and degradation of water quality due to nearby roads, silt runoff, timber sales, and potential development along trout-bearing streams. In response to these concerns, Peter hopes to create a small subcommittee of the Commission to formally research the issue and develop recommendations for what actions Hollis may need to take to protect the brook trout.

**Bruce Barlow** (CC2000) reports, "I am a pretty serious photographer, and I have decided to take a portion of my 40-hour volunteer time to produce a photography exhibit titled 'Finding the Soul of a Place.' I will give a set of the photographs and the text (in other words, the exhibit) to the Coverts program, as well as arrange for at least one showing locally. It is intended to promote conservation and the Coverts program." He also sent in the draft text of the exhibit which will be posted on the new Coverts listserv for other's ideas and comments.

**Ed Berry** (CC96) has been busy as the chair of the Rockingham Extension Advisory Council. He reports, "I have had the opportunity to work on creating a new educator position here in the county. Last spring, we as a group saw the need for a Land and Water Conservation Educator because of the explosive growth here in this county. We felt because land was being gobbled up so fast by developers, we were in great danger of losing the chance to preserve our land and water quality... the County Commissioners agreed to fund the position, and... the Legislative Budget Committee agreed to sign off on a budget increase. This still has to pass the Legislative Executive Committee, but we have hope that with the budget vote in early spring, we will have a new position and a great resource here in the county to provide a central resource from which to get reliable

information... It is very exciting to be part of the team that brought this plan to fruition and to actively participate in the process from start to finish." [Ed. Note: The Rockingham County Land and Water Conservation Educator position was passed by the Legislative Budget Executive Committee. Congratulations, Ed!]

As the newly-elected President of the Rockingham County Woodland Owners Association, **Roscoe Blaisdell** (CC97-VT) writes, "We do woodland tours and other forestry-related events. I have also had great success with my remote cameras this past season. In addition to photos of over 80 deer, I have gotten photos of fox, coyote, moose, fisher, bobcat, rabbit, mink and people!"

**Roger Brown** (CC95) writes in, "Santa brought a wood duck box complete with installation to "Coverts Corner." Aside from that, I'm chipping away at my current WHIP project, aspen regeneration, and waiting for Coverts Cohorts to come for a tour."

**Colin Cabot** (CC2000) writes, "The Coverts Program has pushed me off the dime; I recently formalized a Forest Management Plan for our forest in Loudon and began the process of becoming a Tree Farm. I attended the organizational meeting of the Suncook River Watershed Greenway Group in Barnstead, and a meeting of the Central New Hampshire Regional Resource Conservation Committee in Warner. I also recently filed a preliminary LCHIP application for a working farm... on behalf of the Loudon Conservation Commission. I continue to serve on the Land Protection Committee of the SPNHF. Most importantly I am involved with drafting language for a Federal Forest Legacy Program Conservation Easement to be held by the State of NH (DRED) for a large parcel of land in the Ossipee Mountains... For the record, I am firmly in the 'forever forestry' camp except where science dictates 'forever wild.' On the home front I have filed applications with DES (dam reconstruction) and DRED (Dredge and Fill) to begin repairs on the 1830s saw mill dam... Sanborn Mills Inc. is the name of the new non-profit corporation we have started to save the grist mill, saw mill, blacksmith shop, and ice house. Come see us. Don't worry, you won't be asked for a contribution!"

**Peter Doyle** (CC97) writes, "The good news is that on December 15, 2000 we placed 665 acres of woodland, field, and watercourse under a conservation easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests—all in West Keene and Westmoreland. Besides this, I am working on next winter's woodpile."

**Bill Elliot** (CC98) has been very busy lately: "I have been serving on the Mt. Monadnock Master Plan Steering Committee, and am now the Chair of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission. I recently gave a slide show presentation on conservation in the Monadnock region to 54 sixth graders of the South Meadow School in Peterborough in October, 2000." Bill's efforts were also recently recognized by the town of Jaffrey who named him "Outstanding Volunteer" of the year. Bill's extraordinary efforts, on everything from open space protection to town clean-ups to wellhead protection, as well as on many other activities, amounted to over 500 hours of volunteer time for Jaffrey.

**Fred Ernst** (CC2000) reports that he has been cruising his property with consulting forester Wayne Young in order to develop a management plan. He also met with the Acworth Conservation Commission, two snowmobiling clubs and an ATV club.

**Diane Fitzpatrick** (CC99) writes, "Working through the local Conservation Commission I have managed to acquire by purchase, trade or outright gift, three miles of abandoned railway corridor. I negotiated a permanent trail easement through private property to by-pass a trailer park that was built over a section of the corridor... I am presently working on two more landowners to add another half mile bringing the trail to the town center. There will be a grand opening event with a slide show presented by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy with some slides of the Milford trail added. The event is scheduled for April 20th with a guided tour on Saturday morning, April 21st. The trail connects directly with protected land in the next town south, Brookline. I am expecting this to be a popular getaway into the woods and wetlands for all types of folks. The walking is easy, as railroad grades are never steep. There are a few maintenance jobs still to be completed. Volunteers will be solicited at the slide show to 'Adopt-a-Trail' or at least sections of the trail. The trail has been named the Granite Town Rail-Trail."

**Bruce Hamel** (CC2000) reports on an effort to get Coverts signs made. He has been working with a local sign company to produce NH Coverts Project signs for his property. The sign is similar to the cover of the Coverts binder. They can be made in heavy aluminum in a size 12" x 18" for \$44 each with a purchase of six or more. Plastic corrugated board would cost \$33. If you are interested in ordering signs, you can call Stacey at Vinyl Sign Design in Belmont, or call or email Bruce with any additional questions. More information will be posted on the listserv.

**Dennis Huber** (CC97), Supervisor of Grounds at Phillips Exeter Academy reports that 3 patch cuts and a shelterwood thinning were complete in March, though the patch cuts may not provide the early successional habitat hoped for due to the heavy deer (and moose) browsing. Also thinned 5 acres of a white pine plantation, patch cut 5 acres, and selectively thinned 55 acres of white pine and mixed hardwood at the old Colby Farm in Kensington. They used a feller-buncher and conventional equipment for this area in November. While the majority of trees were chipped or sold for fuel wood, the small revenue from some saw logs will hopefully offset the cost of the patch cutting. Last spring they also created an 8-acre 'tall grass' habitat area by 'mowing' the brush and small trees with a Brontosaurus. The area will be mowed only late in the season to provide habitat for wildlife—Bobolinks and Meadowlarks were nesting in the area this summer. Finally, SPNHF and The Nature Conservancy have been helping to get a major portion of the Academy's undeveloped land under permanent protection.

**Marge and Bill Jahoda** (CC96) write, "We have entered into a 10-year "Cooperator in Fish & Game Program" agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, to work on wildlife enhancement projects on our Johnson Memorial Forest in Pittsburg. Hopefully some funding will be made available to complete wildlife enhancement projects in our 2001-2005 Forest Management Plan."

# HELP WANTED

◆ Want to get outside in early April? Need some Coverts volunteer hours? Help is needed mulching a series of new wildlife plantings (to enhance turkey habitat) at the Strafford County Farm Park in Dover. Anna Boudreau (CC95) helped County Forester Don Black plant 40 seedlings in the fall, but now the plants need mulch to help them through their first summer. Don needs 3-10 people who don't mind a little hard work (the more people come, the faster it will go!) to mulch the plants on **Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** If you have a pick-up truck to help load mulch, that would also be appreciated! If you can help (for all or part of the day) or have questions, please call Don Black, Strafford County Forester, at 749-4445 or email him at don.black@unh.edu. Thank you!

◆ UNH Cooperative Extension is partnering with NH Space Grant to assist in a statewide landcover classification project. Nancy Lambert, UNH Cooperative Extension Specialist in Natural Resources, is looking for volunteers interested in collecting field data in the North Country. Several Coverts Cooperators currently work on this project in the southwest part of the state and are doing a great job. Field work for the North Country project will begin early spring/late winter. Volunteers will receive training to work with natural resources professionals to perform the following tasks: navigate using a Global Positioning System, use a prism to measure basal area, record tree species, measure tree diameter at breast height. If you are interested in participating in this project, or

would like more information, please contact Nancy at nancy.lambert@unh.edu or call her at 862-4343.

◆ Evening speakers are needed at campgrounds on the White Mountain National Forest this summer. If you would like to share your knowledge of forests, wildlife, and natural resources with campground visitors this summer (programs will be held Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.), please contact Phyllis Bellavance at 536-1315 for more information. Speakers will receive a free campsite for Saturday night.

# HAPPENINGS

In response to an email notice about training meetings for the Land & Community Heritage Investment Program, **Kathleen Johnson** (CC97) reports that she is in the process of getting an LCHIP grant ready for 200 acres in Hollis.

**Maureen Lein** (CC98) was elected Chair of the Chester Conservation Commission, and continues work on Chester's Strategic Land Protection Committee. She also recently met with the Candia Conservation Commission to discuss land protection strategies. Using the "fur kit" provided by Fish & Game, she staffed a booth at the Town Fair to teach about wildlife habitat. Along with **Cam Lockwood** (CC98) and the Chester Conservation Commission, she is working to protect 100 acres in the town, and, in her own backyard, her 5-acre lot was certified as a backyard habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

**Bruce Montville** (CC2000), has been offering educational programs through his advocacy group, "LifeWise Community Projects," and would like other CC's to spread the word about a presentation on safe drinking water offered for students and the public. The 40-minute demonstration features a glass-encapsulated Groundwater Model which allows him to visually simulate groundwater movement and contamination flow. If you know of any schools or groups that would like a free demonstration, please call Bruce at LifeWise, 926-6712.

**Kathryn Nelson** (CC2000) writes, "I organized site work in late fall with Matt Tarr and Jon Nute on a parcel of land that the Nashua Conservation Commission is trying to protect. The City has submitted a grant request to DES and has preliminary approval from Aldermen to purchase the 250-acre site adjacent to Pennichuck Pond. Also, I've contacted the owner of an apple orchard in Nashua and received written commitment from the landowner to sell the development rights to the City. We'll be pursuing state grant and city funding for this project."

**Bob Odell** (CC96) was recently elected as a new State Representative from Lempster. He writes, "I am very appreciative to the Speaker for appointing me to the Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee. This committee is involved in many issues affecting wildlife habitat in New Hampshire."

In December, 2000, **William Pinney** (CC96) received recertification of his land as a Certified Tree Farm for the next five years. As he says, "I guess we are doing something right."

**Bob Potter** (CC2000) writes in, "I've led the charge in the Rte. 2 hearings for eliminating highway right of way fences which severely impede wildlife crossings. I identified wildlife corridors and proposed wildlife overpasses similar to those in British Columbia. I am continuing to work on the National Forest planning process to keep OHRVs out of the National Forest. I am also continuing towards a conservation easement on 100 acres of prime wildlife habitat in Randolph and Gorham. I will be an advocate for HB 539 for increasing DRED funding which calls for 5 more rangers and other positions, plus funding to maintain UNH Cooperative Extension at current levels. In addition, I am supporting the 10,000 acre Randolph Town Forest acquisition through donation and as a member of the Conservation Commission. Finally, I've been feeding 7 wild turkeys in Randolph this

winter, and I cleaned out Wood Duck nest boxes and put in another one. One of the nests was a 'dump' nest with about 15 Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser eggs in it!"

We are very happy to announce that **Christine Lofgren** and **Don Richard** (both CC99), who met at the Coverts Training in 1999, were married on September 16, 2000. They say, "Thanks for introducing us!" Congratulations!

**Nan & Pat Russell** (CC 97) write, "With the assistance of a forester from Forest Land Improvement, we have thinned a 4-acre stand of white pine and performed a biomass operation on an additional 78 acres. In the 42 acres of fully-stocked white pine overtopping northern hardwoods, ground scarification will be required to prepare the seed bed during a white pine seed year. In the remaining 36 acres managed for hardwood saw logs, a combination group selection and individual selection cutting methods have been employed. Several new cross-country ski trails have been opened up and a small pond will be created. Come enjoy our trails for walking, snow-shoeing, and cross-country skiing."

It was an award-filled autumn for **Tom Thompson** (CC96) who received the Outstanding Achievements in Sustainable Forestry Award by the American Forest Foundation and BASF Corporation on September 15, during the 2000 National Tree Farmer Convention in Missoula, Montana. In addition, Tom was awarded the 2000 Forestry Activist Award by the Forest Resources Association on October 6 in Quebec City, Canada. Accepting this award, Tom urged the audience to get more involved and stay involved in educating the public, especially school children and their teachers, about the benefits of forest management. He also encouraged the forest industry to continue educating the public about good forestry: "For if we don't tell our story, others will tell it for us." Congratulations, Tom! Finally, Tom worked on George W. Bush's campaign last fall (see photo), and discussed important issues with Bush including sustainable forests, roadless areas, Tree Farmers, the Death Tax, and the EPA's TMDL rule change.



*Tom Thompson (CC96) and son Stacey working to convince President Bush to turn the White House grounds into a Tree Farm...*

**John Severance** (CC2000) sent in a description of several projects he's been involved in this fall. He received partial funding for a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project (WHIP) grant through NRCS for a section of his land. He will plant a total of 2,500 white cedar seedlings to eventually provide feed and cover for wintering deer as 50 acres of thick softwood stands are nearby. He also applied for a small grant

through the NH Fish and Wildlife Program this fall and was awarded one day's worth of brush/tree clearing with the John Brown Co.'s Brontosaurus equipment. Six acres of 100-foot strips were cleared in areas of poplar and alder for regeneration of these two species to promote early successional growth for ruffed grouse and woodcock. Also, a small clearing is to be bush-hogged every year with plans of crab apple tree plantings for mast. As Chair of the Whitefield Conservation Commission, John received a grant from NH-DES Source Protection Program to fund a new computer system and Global Positioning System (GPS) location of town surface waters and other features in the town. In addition, John and **Elise Lawson** (CC98) have recently formed a corporation named Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. which provides consulting services related to land and ecosystem management. You can visit their website at [www.watershedtowildlife.com](http://www.watershedtowildlife.com) for more information.

**Dave Tellman** (CC96) has been appointed to the New Hampshire Current Use Board as a landowner representative. In addition, Dave and **Tanya Tellman** (95) have used a WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program) grant from NRCS to reclaim former farm fields and release apple trees. They have also used a Private Lands Habitat Conservation Small Grants Program grant from NH Fish & Game to brushhog rapidly-overgrowing hayfields and to cut back their edges to the original lines with chainsaw and chipper. Both of these programs help share restoration costs. Call the Tellmans if you want more details on the programs: 837-9764.

**Gerry Tilley** (CC95) writes in, "Halloween Tradition at the Rocks presented me with 325 kids and adults to create peeper, wood frog, green frog and bull frog choruses with. We sounded great! Conserving habitat for wildlife was the moral of the story - so we can always hear the peeps, quacks, glunks, and brrrums of the frogs each spring. The message was well received. Thanks to **Debbie Mitchell** (CC97) and **Nigel Manley** (CC96) for the opportunity."

**Rebecca Todd** (CC2000) writes, "Held a popular public meeting on Preserving Open Space. Have begun conversations with half a dozen landowners about conservation easements for their land. Trying to convince the Planning Board to add zoning overlays for important resource lands. Picked up trash several times along a 4-mile section of adopted highway. Trying to convert some Class VI roads to Class A hiking trails in town. Hoping that the town will vote to approve an annual deposit to a Conservation Fund for the Conservation Commission... Also, I've been working to appropriately scale a proposed \$66 million highway bypass project around Keene. Hired a renowned British traffic engineer who opined that modern roundabouts would save at least \$25 million, 30 acres of wetlands, and could be built in one year rather than 10. Roundabouts are also safer, more aesthetic, and give far fewer traffic delays farther into the future than the current proposed plan."

**Edith Tucker** (CC99) reports, "I am thrilled to have won the Fred E. Beane Memorial Award for fair, accurate and unbiased reporting on agricultural and forestry issues. Coverts training certainly has been a great addition to my ability to report on a variety of issues."

## RESOURCES

- ◆ To see what Ellen's been up to lately, check out a brand new publication on protecting New Hampshire's wildlife habitats. *Identifying and Protecting New Hampshire's Significant Wildlife Habitat: A Guide for Towns and Conservation Groups* by John Kanter, Rebecca Suomala and Ellen Snyder. The 143-page book will help planners integrate wildlife considerations into land use planning and undertake their own conservation efforts. Local governments (planning boards, conservation commissions, etc.) can order one copy each at a discounted price by calling the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions at 603-224-7867. Individuals can order copies (\$13.95 each, with a \$5 shipping charge) by calling the Nongame Program at 603-271-2461, or by sending a check payable to NH Fish and Game Dept., 2 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 (include your name, address and publication you are ordering).

- ◆ Color infrared aerial photos (flown in 1999) are available at all County Extension offices and DRED in Concord. They are very detailed, and show natural resource features very clearly. They may also be purchased for \$12.00 each from the ISDA Aerial Photography Field Office at 222 W. 2300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84119. Order forms are online at [www.fsa.gov/dam/apfo/airfto.htm](http://www.fsa.gov/dam/apfo/airfto.htm), County Extension offices and DRED.
- ◆ *Discover the Forests of New Hampshire* by the North Country and Southern NH Resources Conservation and Development Councils is a non-technical pamphlet that is packed with forest facts and fun activities. This free publication is available from the UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Information Center at 1-800-444-8978; Room 211 Nesmith Hall, 131 Main St, Durham, NH 03824; [kathy.barrett@unh.edu](mailto:kathy.barrett@unh.edu).

## REMINDERS

- ◆ The 2001 Coverts Training is scheduled for September 5-8, again at Sargent Camp in Hancock, NH. If you know of friends or neighbors who would make good Coverts Cooperators, please contact Malin (862-2166, [malin.clyde@unh.edu](mailto:malin.clyde@unh.edu)) to have a brochure sent to them.
- ◆ An informal discussion among Coverts Cooperators is taking place on the internet, using a "listserve" forum. So far, discussion topics have included wintering bluebirds, unhealthy elm trees, and some volunteer project announcements. Please email Malin ([malin.clyde@unh.edu](mailto:malin.clyde@unh.edu)) if you are interested in signing up for the listserve. For those not participating in this forum, Coverts Project announcements will continue to be sent out over regular email and mail channels.

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## CALENDAR

- April 5** **Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration**, Shieling State Forest, Peterborough, NH  
 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Learn to prune your fruit trees correctly. Sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information contact Jon Nute at 673-2510 or email at jonathan.nute@unh.edu. Fee: \$5 per person
- April 6** **Assessing and Protecting Community Open Space**  
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., UNH Continuing Education, Portsmouth, NH  
 This workshop for municipal planners, conservation commission members and others interested in community planning issues looks at assessing and protecting open space, especially in light of recent NH state laws establishing the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. Fee: \$95, lunch included. For more information on credits available or to register contact UNH Continuing Education at 862-2015 or register on the web at [www.learn.unh.edu](http://www.learn.unh.edu).
- April 28** **Take a Walk in the Woods**  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Marvell Tree Farm, New Boston, NH  
 Take an easy walk through an award winning Tree Farm owned by **Ken Marvell** (CC96) and learn about wildlife, trees, and forest history. The Marvell's well-maintained trails take us through the forest, field and wetland habitats. Tour will be held rain or shine, please dress for weather. Sponsors: UNH Cooperative Extension, Sunset Tree Farm. Free. For more information contact UNH Cooperative Extension, Hillsborough County at 673-2510 or email at jonathan.nute@unh.edu.
- May 11** **Planning in the 21st Century: Issues for the Future**  
 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., UNH Continuing Education, Portsmouth, NH  
 This workshop examines some of the key issues facing communities in the 21st century, focusing on the development of a long-term vision for community development, and asks what planners can do to implement this vision. FEE: \$95, lunch included. For more information on credits available or to register contact UNH Continuing Education at 862-2015 or register on the web at [www.learn.unh.edu](http://www.learn.unh.edu).
- May 31** **Community Mapping**  
 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thompson School of Applied Science, Durham, NH  
 May 31, July 5 & 6, July 9 thru 13, July 16 thru 20  
 This 13 day course is designed for educators interested in exploring local natural resources using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. The course will combine learning about natural resources management and planning with developing skills in using ArcView® GIS software. Participants will map natural resources and explore protection strategies for their communities. Sponsored by: UNH Cooperative Extension, UNH Complex Systems Research Center, NH Office of State Planning, Audubon Society of NH, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, US Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation.

## THE LAST WORD



*North Country Workshop in June of 2000*



### Summer 2000 Workshop in the North Country

In all the excitement of reporting on the September Coverts Workshop, the October, 2000 newsletter missed reporting on the great success of the North Country Workshop held on June 9-10, 2000. Fifteen Cooperators (and 4 additional family members) participated in the 2-day workshop, and 16 instructors and hosts provided a diverse series of programs including bird and moose-watching at Pontook Reservoir in Dummer, a tour of 13-Mile Woods in Cambridge and Errol to discuss softwood forest management, a tour of forest and habitat management on the 25,000-acre Dartmouth (2<sup>nd</sup>) College Grant, a presentation on the history of Colebrook area family farms, a birding trip to Little Diamond Pond at Coleman State Park, views of nesting peregrine falcons interpreted by an Audubon Society biologist (at The Balsams Resort), and programs on timber and tourism in the North Country and fisheries management in the Upper Connecticut River Valley.