



FRIENDS OF WHITEHALL

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Preserving the Past, Protecting the Future

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Dear Friends,

Friends of Whitehall (FOW) is pleased to announce the successful completion of its 12th year as an organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing Whitehall State Park and Whitehall Conservation Area. In 2017, after working with DCR for many months and with the added support of our State Representative Carolyn Dykema, FOW was successful in getting the boat launch parking lot on Wood Street repaved! It is now a safe and clean area to use and a wonderful enhancement to the park. FOW continues to hold twice-a-year trail and lake cleanups and to conduct lake water testing. We are also mentoring several area Boy Scouts who are working towards completion of their Eagle Scout badges on projects that will benefit Whitehall State Park.

In 2017, FOW again offered several educational programs. At our annual meeting we invited guest speaker Joy Marzolf, educator/naturalist at MA Audubon to give a presentation on wildlife photography. FOW member and MA Audubon educator/naturalist Kathleen Regan offered three outdoor educational programs: 1) Animal Tracking, 2) Nocturnal Owl Prowl, and 3) Kayak Exploration of Beaver Habitats. In 2018, FOW will be planning more exciting educational programs!

FOW membership numbers continue to increase every year and we appreciate the fact that our success depends on the support of our membership. Please consider renewing your membership and/or volunteering your time on our many projects. Enclosed is the New/Renewal Membership form for 2018. If you are not yet a member, please consider becoming part of the FOW family by joining today!

Please join us on April 3rd at 7:30pm for the FOW Annual Meeting and Program, to be held at the Woodville Baptist Church, 249 Wood Street, Hopkinton. Meeting announcements along with other FOW news can be found on the web at <http://www.friendsofwhitehall.org> and on Facebook.

Yours truly,

Stephen Warren, President