

FLANDERS "BUZZ"



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our latest news
and happenings!



"Volunteer Voice"



Flanders volunteer, Kyle Turoczi

Volunteers play a crucial role in the day-to-day operation here at Flanders. Each year they contribute countless hours of their time, effort and service. It would be true to say that Flanders wouldn't be where it is today without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers.

Each issue of Flanders "BUZZ" will feature an outstanding volunteer. Someone who has gone above and beyond what we ever anticipated.

KYLE TUROCZI

Today we honor longtime volunteer, Kyle Turoczi. He serves on our land management committee, coordinates Flanders' Forensic Forest education series, assists with the ongoing restoration of the Botany pond, participates as an exhibitor at Farm Day, and assists with various projects as needed. As the owner of Earthtones, a native plant nursery in Woodbury, Kyle sees Flanders as a life-long partner in environmental endeavors. When reflecting about his work at Flanders, he refers to his favorite quote by

Aldo Leopold, "*When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect*". "I'm a devoted supporter of protecting, teaching, observing, enjoying, and following this belief."

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?. There is something for everyone, whether you're interested in event or program planning, land trust, office assistance, or working with children and animals as a part of our education program. There is no task too big or too small. For more information on how to become a volunteer please email us [here](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Trail Run- June 9th. We need help with event set up, registration, and marking trails. For more info please contact event Chair Jodi Wasserstein at jodiwasserstein@yahoo.com

Farm to Table- August 2017 (Date TBD)- We need behind the scenes help with planning logistics, solicitation, event setup and clean up. For more info please contact event Chair

Eileen Reed at eileen@flandersnaturecenter.org

Land Acquisition Committee- SECRETARY- We are looking for a volunteer to become a member of the Land Acquisition Committee and to take notes and create minutes of the meetings which currently number around nine per year.

This is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in conserving land to get an introduction into the mechanics of identifying and vetting lands appropriate for conservation preservation. Please email Sharon Feeley for more info saf475@aol.com

Behind the Scenes of Maple Syrup Season

It's that time of year again. Families and locals across the community are excited to continue the tradition of helping tap, collect, boil and bottle Flanders very own maple syrup.

For many families, it's become a true bonding and memorable experience. We wanted to give you, our friends a little "sneak peak" at what maple syrup season really looks like from beginning to end. New participants are always welcome to join, just be sure to bundle up with your mittens and snow boots! Tapping Day is up at the Sugar House this Saturday, February 4th at 9:30 AM. To register please click [here](#) or call our office at 203-263-3711. Don't forget to enjoy our **pancake breakfast** as well, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th from 8-12 at the Woodbury Emergency Services Building.



Support Flanders through Ion Bank's Community Awards Program

Flanders invites you to participate in the 8th Annual Community Awards Program which will take place now until Friday, March 31, 2017. Please go to ionbank.com to cast your vote! Winners will be announced in May.



If you are a customer of Ion Bank, you can vote for your favorite non-profit organization between this time period. A minimum of \$25 for each vote received will be awarded and Ion Bank will award up to \$60,000 total. If you are an Ion Bank customer please remember to support us and cast your vote!

Save the Date!

Flanders 3rd Annual 5k Field & Forest Trail Run- Friday, June 9, 2017

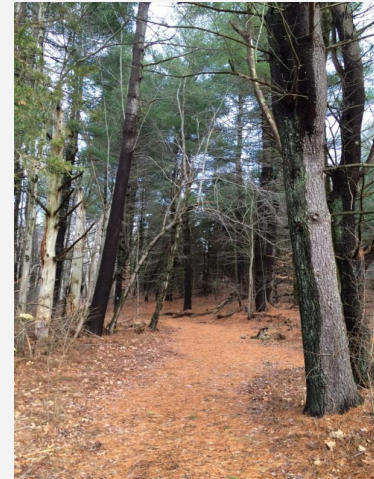
Get your running shoes ready. We are excited to announce that our third annual 5k Field & Forest Trail Run will take place on Friday, June 9, 2017. This has become a popular family event with amazing food trucks, beer, prizes and live music. Mark your calendar, there is a discount if you register early! You sure don't want to miss out. If you're interested in joining the planning committee please email us or call our office at 203-263-3711 ext.14.



GPS Training helps advance Land Monitoring Committee

Members of Flanders Land Monitoring Committee were fortunate to participate in a GPS Training event on January 14th. This was coordinated by Phil Maxwell, one of Flanders Land Monitor coordinators. Phil trained several of our volunteer monitors on how to use the GPS system on our iPhones to locate property boundaries. Flanders monitors more than 2,300 acres of land annually.

Interested in becoming a monitor? Contact Geoff at 203-263-4507 for further information.



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