

# Problems with Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases

Massachusetts and New England are among the areas in the U.S. that have the highest incidence of tick-borne Lyme disease. And there are approximately 300,000 cases of Lyme disease nationwide each year. Sandra Bonzagni will share her journey with tick-borne diseases by telling about the difficulties in testing for them, in getting a diagnosis and in being treated, plus the controversy surrounding them. Information will be given about co-infections, such as Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis. Personal and property protection for you and your family will be discussed, as well as deer management. There will be time for a question and answer session and handouts will be available.



Sandra Bonzagni collaborates with the Acton Health Department and the Acton Schools on tick-borne disease education. In 2010 she developed a Lyme Disease exhibit for a Massachusetts flower show and won a Blue Ribbon, the Best Educational Exhibit Award, as well as the Laura Wetmore Conservation Award. Her exhibit was displayed at a Tower Hill Flower Show and at the Boston Flower Show in 2014. She is a member of the Middlesex Tick Task Force which developed a tick survey and received a grant for free tick testing for Lyme, Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis for 3 counties or 32 towns in Massachusetts.

**Tuesday, March 24, 7:00PM,  
Southborough Public Library**

Presented by the Southborough Open Land Foundation (SOLF) with the co-sponsorship of the Southborough Board of Health. The Southborough Library is located at 25 Main Street, at the corner of Rte 30 and Rte 85 in Southborough. The program is free and open to the public.