



# SOUTHBOROUGH OPEN LAND FOUNDATION

*Preserving and protecting open land and rural character in the Town of Southborough*

## Catching Up On SOLF News

December 2022

### BIGELOW WILDLIFE PRESERVE

SOLF Trustee Lawrence Spezzano continues to spearhead efforts to combat invasive plants at the entrance to Bigelow Wildlife Preserve and along the trail to the viewing platform. With help from the town DPW, several large granite slabs were rearranged and native pollinator plants have been planted to create a more attractive entrance area. On November 28th, a group of volunteers from SWCA Environmental Consultants helped spread wood chips and pull up invasive honeysuckle along the trail.

Thanks to SWCA Environmental Consultants!



### CUB SCOUTS HELP CLEAN-UP

On Sunday, November 20th, Southborough Open Land Foundation hosted a Cub Scout Pack 1 service project. Members of the pack worked at Beals Preserve and Templeman Woods. Thank you to the Scouts and parents who stepped up to help out! We are so grateful for the work they did.



## ART ON THE TRAILS

Southborough Open Land Foundation and Art on the Trails <https://artonthetrails.com/> Program Director Catherine Weber are pleased to announce the return of Art on the Trails for the 7th year. This popular event is made possible with the generous support of the Southborough Community Fund. SOLF trustee Sally Watters, AOT Program Director Catherine Weber, and SOLF President Whitney Beals accepted the check from the Southborough Community Fund.



## NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN AT BEALS PRESERVE

SOLF continues to work with the Southborough Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC) to create a native plant pollinator garden in The Main Street Field section of Beals Preserve. A devoted group of volunteers worked to prepare the area for the garden, and then to plant the plants. Throughout the summer, several volunteers faithfully watered the garden. Many thanks to Freddie Gillespie, Chair of the OSPC, for overseeing this project.

## HISTORY WALK AT BEALS PRESERVE

In October, Whitney Beals, President of SOLF led a walk at The Elaine and Philip Beals Preserve. It was a wonderful combination of the history and the nature of this precious land in Southborough that is open to all.



## BEALS PRESERVE PARKING AREA

We are happy to announce that there is now a small parking area at the Beals Preserve Main Street Field on Route 30. The entrance to the parking area is on the south side of Main Street, between two stone pillars, east of Northborough Road and west of Chestnut Hill Road. Pull into the fenced area and park perpendicular to the road at the stone wall, to the right of the sign post. Walk down through the field from the opening in the fence and then across the bridge over the Wachusett channel.

## STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Volunteers have continued to work on stewardship projects at Clark Grove, Beals Preserve, and Big Oak Woods. For more info including programs and volunteer opportunities go to [www.SOLF.org](http://www.SOLF.org)

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